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Personally speaking



Travel necessities

MARIA and I thought we had learned about all there was to learn, on our trip to Honolulu. But that was before we tried to get back home. We were to discover that, even in the jet age, sometimes you still have to swing in by grapevine.

After a two-day visit with relatives in Los Angeles, for the fellowship and food, and to recoup from the four-hour flight from Hilo, Hawaii, that had kept us up all night—leaving Hilo at midnight (2 a.m., California time) and getting to L.A. at 6 a.m.—we were on our way again.

There had been a change of our tickets—by telephone and through American Airlines—to allow us an extra day in L.A. But, of course, we had been assured that we had been cleared all the way, which included not only our flight by American to Dallas, but our continuing flight, by Trans-Texas, on into Little Rock.

The first mistake I made was letting the nice gentleman at the American ticket counter in L.A. tell me that he did not need to put anything on my tickets to change their dates from the previous day. Sure enough, the man at the boarding gate took the day-old ticket with no questions asked.

But in Dallas it was different. The man at the Trans-Texas gate not only took note of the fact that our tickets were dated the day before, but he insisted that there was no space reserved for us on the current plane.

All my efforts to convince him that we had been cleared for his flight were to no avail. We were required to stand aside and see the last two seats taken by stand-by travelers who did not even claim to have reservations!

It was not until American Airlines used their ticker-tape machine to prove that we had been cleared for the outgoing—and now long-gone—Trans-Texas flight, that Trans-Texas discovered their error. Their office in Houston had mis-filed our reservations, they said, and “We are sorry about that!”

“We’ll not have another flight till in the morning,” they explained, now red-faced. “But we will

put you up for the night and provide for your meals.”

[Not being at liberty to use stronger language, we said “Okay” and took off, sans luggage, for our free night’s board and lodging.

Then came the dawn. We found ourselves standing at the Trans-Texas counter as word came that the jet we were about to board would not be going to Little Rock, due to ice and snow.

To make a long story short, we transferred to American, which had not cancelled its 9:20 a.m. flight, and wound up in Memphis, from where we traveled home by friendly Greyhound Bus.

The big lesson this time: If you are going to travel much, you will need patience and endurance more than luggage.

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

EDITOR McDonald, back from a Hawaiian meeting of executive secretaries and editors, tells of the progress of Southern Baptists in the land “located at the end of today in time...yet living at the edge of tomorrow.” Story and pictures, pages 8, 9 and 10.

DR. Ralph Phelps, back from six months with the OEO, is more convinced than ever of the need for Christian education in today’s society. The story is on page 7.

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One true faith

THE only faith that will stand every test is faith in Jesus Christ, President H. Franklin Paschall of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, said in a talk before the Convention's Executive Committee at its February meeting.

"Real faith is not faith in the Bible, good as the Bible is, nor faith in our forefathers . . . nor faith in the church," said Dr. Paschall, "but faith in our Lord Jesus Christ himself."

Paschall warned against leading youth to believe in "our way of life, our beliefs, our manners, and our customs. In later years," he continued, "they will come to see our faults and they will be disillusioned."

He said that if we lead our children to believe in the church and the church is exposed for its spots and wrinkles and blemishes, "they will be disillusioned, they will have no faith and will drop out of church." On the other hand, he said, "real commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ will stand the test of intellectual inquiry, scientific discovery, emotional upheavals, and every kind of trial." People with this faith, he said, "may have

trials, questions, problems, and doubts," but their faith will never fail.

Dr. Paschall sees a need for Southern Baptists to communicate better their faith and concern for people. He said that Baptists, unfortunately, have allowed themselves to be maneuvered into the position of appearing to be unconcerned about people when, really, Baptists are a peoples' church.

"We need to enunciate more clearly our position and manifest clearly the spirit of Jesus Christ" in what we believe and do about people, he said.

Paschall said that as president of the Convention he has tried to bring extreme points of view in our convention to a "respectable synthesis." He said it is bad for us to go in opposite directions—some in the direction of social action to the neglect of personal conversion, and some to go in the direction of personal conversion to the neglect of social action.

Dr. Paschall has provided the type of leadership that has helped Baptists to learn better how to live together and how to live for and with Christ.

Five year plan

THE Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will propose a \$5 million allocation to ten Baptist agencies during the next five years, when the Convention meets in Houston, June 4-7. This amount would be taken from Cooperative Program funds from year to year to apply on capital needs and building construction. The agencies would receive \$800,000 of the capital funds in 1969 and \$1,050,000 each year from 1970 through 1973.

Sharing in the funds would be each of the six Convention-owned seminaries, the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., the Radio and Television Commission, Ft. Worth, the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, and the Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

The \$5 million proposal compares with \$37½ million the 12 agencies had indicated they would need for the five-year period. It was arrived at after the program committee of the Executive Committee had sent investigating teams to each of the agencies to go over their requests and analyze the needs.

"When you are serving one watermelon to a dozen different ones, you can't give everyone a half.

A layman spouts

LAYMEN are being abused more than used.

This seems to be the sentiment of at least one layman—Tom McCord of Decatur, Ga.—as reflected in a talk he made recently to the faculty and students of New Orleans Seminary.

McCord, a construction company owner, said that he sometimes had the feeling that ministers "do not want laymen spouting off any new ideas—they just want us to come to all the services, put some money in the plate, and not criticize the preacher or his program."

"It seems you ministers are resentful and feel we are trying to push you aside and take your place in the pulpit," continued McCord.

"If we could somehow reach the great reservoir of Christian manpower in our churches—somehow mobilize the incalculable energy of the laymen—then we could see a great spiritual awakening," he continued.

Aside from any therapeutic benefit that may accrue to this brother as a result of his own "spouting off," some of what he is saying may get into the blood streams of some of those of us "of the cloth" and actually result in something new and beneficial being developed in our church life and programs.

The Denver check

In the February 22 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* I note the picture of the executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as he presented a \$10,000 check to Rev. Harold McGlamery, evangelism secretary for the Colorado Baptist Convention, as an Arkansas State Convention contribution to be used in the Denver Evangelistic crusade, July 14-28.

It does seem a little strange to me, and no doubt to many other members of Arkansas WMU, that no mention or recognition was given to the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas. It is quite true that this offering could not be considered State Missions, yet the responsibility for raising this \$10,000 for the Denver Crusade was given to the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas and included in the requests of the Dixie Jackson State Missions offering, which is one of the tasks assigned to the Woman's Missionary Union.

As a member of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas I wish to express my regret that the efforts of so many faithful mission-minded women of Arkansas would be so completely ignored.—Mrs. J. E. Stogsdill, 309 Malory Court, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401

REPLY: The contribution was made possible by the liberality of Baptists of Arkansas in their giving to the Dixie Jackson State Mission Offering, and, as you indicate, the prayers and promotional efforts of the WMU were a major consideration. Thanks, and to God be the glory.—ELM

'Brains and eggs'

A news article brought to mind your recent editorial on prejudice against eating hog brains, and other such attitudes.

The article told of a research project involving mice who were trained to work their way through a maze. A part of the mice were fed a potion containing the brains of mice who had previously been trained to work the puzzle, and these mice performed significantly better than those mice without such food. Seems they took on characteristics of those whose brains they ate.

I'm beginning to regret all those hog brains I ate when I was a kid, aren't you?—Bob Holland, Missionary, Little Red River Baptist Assn.

REPLY: Perhaps your epistle throws light on why so many of us "eat like pigs."—ELM

'Committed to all'

This brief letter is prompted by my having read your recent article entitled "Committed to reach all Men" in the February issue of the Baptist Program. I wanted to let you know that it was most encouraging to have the opportunity to read the kind of Christian Fellowship that is being practiced at the Marshall Road Church in Jacksonville, Arkansas.

Having lived in Arkansas for approxi-

mately two years and having been a southerner all my life, I am well aware of the tremendous strides that are exhibited by Christian Fellowships of this type. I appreciate so very much your taking the time to write such a very nice article. I am sure that this will do much to further the cause of Christian Fellowship throughout our nation and particularly in our southland.—William H. Roden, Dean of Students, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Beacon lights of Baptist history

A deacon's witness

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.
PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

Conscientious believers, strong in their opinions, deeply devout, and uncompromising in their convictions will find themselves facing problems due to these traits, but will also find deliverance through the same. Deacon Epa. Norris of Northern Neck, Va., was just such a believer and found such a test of his faith.

When he heard that the British had landed on American soil during the War of 1812 and were marching through the country, he saddled his horse and rode off to observe and to make inquiries. Soon he fell in with a marauding party, was captured as a supposed scout, and was taken on one of the enemy ships lying in the Chesapeake Bay. He was taken before the commanding officer and questioned about the strength and position of the American forces. Forthrightly he said to the officer, "You may kill me, but you cannot make me tell you anything about our army." They did not molest him but kept him aboard the vessel. In time his linen became soiled. One of the officers gave him a ruffled shirt. This he accepted gratefully, but he was careful to conceal the ruffles under his vest.

He seemed to have made a favorable impression upon his captors. He was invited to a dinner aboard the flagship and accepted the invitation. At the close of the feast there were toasts and songs. At length, Mr. Norris was called upon to sing, but declined. The crowd insisted and at length he yielded. He had a fine voice and could sing the familiar hymns of his day in a most plaintive voice. He struck up a solemn tune of Watts, "Sweet is thy work, My God, my King! To praise thy name, give thanks and sing." This tune and song strongly contrasted with what he had been listening to. The remembrance of his home and loved ones, in the midst of his surroundings, brought tears to his eyes. With a softened heart he continued:

"Fools never lift their thoughts so high;
Like brutes they live...like brutes they die;
Like grass they flourish, till they breath
Blasts them in everlasting death." (*)

Before the old man had finished singing all merry-making had ceased and a deep solemnity pervaded the festal party. At the close of the singing the Commodore spoke: "Mr. Norris, you are a good man and you shall be sent home." As soon as arrangements could be made he bade goodbye to the officers, was lowered into a boat and set ashore with a supply of salt, which was very scarce and valuable at that time. He soon reached home and was restored to his distressed family.

*Jeremiah Bell Jeter, *The Recollections of a Long Life*, (Religious Herald Co., Richmond, 1891) p. 194

The bases are loaded

and the Crusade of the Americas is Up
to Bat

BY GERALD E. MARTIN JR.,
PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN
BAPTIST PASTORS'
CONFERENCE

Within the past few days jet planes have carried me from one side of our nation to the other. My heart is thrilled with what I've seen and heard! Since it indicates God is about to answer your prayers for national revival, let me share it with you.

In California my eyes saw the greatest surge of spiritual life ever known in that state.

California Baptists are now in the midst of the greatest evangelistic effort the state has ever known. The enthusiasm of the people is high, their compassion deep. The response is tremendous. In associational evangelism conferences all over the state the attendance has overflowed the largest auditoriums. The Holy Spirit is moving in mighty power upon the people. The Christians are committing themselves personally to witness as never before.

In our state of Tennessee we are not seeing large crowds turn out as in California but we've felt the same moving of God's Spirit. Men are recognizing our spiritual needs as never before. There is expressed concern for revival in our state and nation. Leaders all across Tennessee are disturbed about the small number of baptisms.

In the Union Association (Houston, Tex.) Baptist Pastor's Conference one pastor after another came to express concern for the conditions of today. But with great optimism and outspoken conviction they said, "We are praying that revival will break out during the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and Southern Baptist Convention" in Houston June 3-7. They are leading their churches to this end. The best part of all: revival has already broken out among the pastors. The Holy Spirit is moving with liberty in their gatherings. They are praying for God to

send "showers of blessings" to follow these "mercy drops."

You can speak for your area and the places you've been. God wants to do something great in our midst. "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).

Now, God has called us to go to bat. He has pointed out to us that the bases are loaded. Most of the viewers I talk to figure it to be the "last of the ninth." If we get a hit we can drive in the "runs" which will win the game. In the Holy Spirit we have power available to "clean the bases."

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chron. 7:14)



MR. MARTIN

Piggott pastor honored

Rev. Kenneth Threet, pastor of First Church, Piggott, has been selected for inclusion in the 1968 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*, an annual biographical compilation of approximately 10,000 young men throughout the country. Pastor Threet attended Lead Hill High School, completed his undergraduate work at Arkansas State University, where he was on the honor roll for the two years of study there, and is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.



MR. THREET

He has pastored churches in Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas. He is currently serving as vice-moderator of Gainesville Association, president of the Gainesville-Current River joint boards; secretary of the board of trustees of Southern Baptist College; member of the program committee and nominating committee of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention and second vice president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. He has been selected as one of 200 Americans to attend a conference on civil disorder, in Washington D. C., in March, 1968.

Churches to merge

Two Little Rock Churches—Riverside, located at 110 Riverside Dr., and Plainview, on Stagecoach Rd.—have announced plans to consolidate.

Rev. Bob Cartwright, pastor, will mark the occasion by conducting a special service at Plainview Church at 11 a. m., March 10. All future services will be conducted at Plainview.

The decision to merge was made in order to form a more complete ministry for the membership and the city of Little Rock, to maintain adequate facilities, and to develop a broader church program.

Mrs. Hampton honored

Music department members of First Church, Piggott, along with their husbands and wives, were honored at a banquet Feb. 16, following the conclusion of a week-long School of Music conducted by Hoyt Mulkey, secretary, music department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Special recognition was given to Mrs. Bob Hampton for 15 years of service as church pianist. Mrs. Hampton has missed only four or five services during her 15 years as pianist, including time spent on vacation.

Paul Farmer, director of the adult choir, and Rev. Kenneth Threet, pastor, offered words of appreciation. Mrs. Hampton was presented with a special plaque by Dr. Jerry Muse, chairman of the church music committee.

Miss Griffin presented in voice recital

Miss Judy Ann Griffin, a Louisiana College senior from Little Rock, was presented in a voice recital Feb. 15 in the college's Weathersby Fine Arts Building.

The recital included the following numbers: "Frauenliebe und Leben" by Schumann; "Gretchen am Spinnrade" and "Nachtstuck" by Schubert; "Claire DeLune" by Debussy and "Floods of Spring" by S. Rachmaninoff.

Miss Griffin is a music education major and a member of Delta Omicron, a music sorority. She is a former Miss Louisiana College.

She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Griffin of 505 Sante Fe St., Little Rock. Mr. Griffin is associate secretary in the Training Union Department, Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Deaths

REV. CHARLES LUM, home missionary of the Conservative Baptist Association and pastor of the Chinese Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., for 12 years, Feb. 16, in Portland.

Mr. Lum was a brother of Mrs. Jah-in Y. Chan, whose husband, Dr. Chan, is on the English faculty at Ouachita University.

REV. LEEROY ASHLEY, 76, of Memphis, formerly of Morrilton, Feb. 20. Mr. Ashley was a former pastor of Morrilton's First Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Ingram Ashley; two sons, LeeRoy Jr., Texas, and LeVern, Georgia; a daughter, Mrs. Maurine Pierce, Morrilton; and three sisters.

VERNON YARBROUGH, pastor of First Church, Santa Fe Springs, Calif., Feb. 18.

Before assuming the pastorate of the Santa Fe Springs Church in 1960, Mr. Yarbrough served pastorates in Arkansas and Texas. He was pastor of the First churches of Hartford, Greenwood and Waldron, in Arkansas; Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock, and First Church, Wylie, Tex.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey, of Santa Fe Springs; a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Harberson and three grandchildren of Pasadena, Tex.; his mother, Mrs. Addie Yarbrough, a brother, James, and sister, Mrs. Tommy Fine, all of Tulsa.



MRS. BOB HAMPTON and her award, presented by Dr. Jerry Muse

Little Rock church makes land purchase

Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, recently voted to purchase a five-acre site on West Markham St. for "future use of the church."

The northwest corner of the plot, owned by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, is at Markham and Hughes. The property extends eastward 300 feet along Markham and runs south just over 700 feet deep.

Purchase price was put at \$150,000. The property had been secured by the state convention some time ago with the idea of building a state headquarters building in that location. Since then the executive committee has decided to stay in the downtown area, and reconstruction work is now under way at the old Coca Cola Building on West Capitol.

Rev. Russell Clearman, pastor of Gaines Street, explained that the action "does not mean that the church is moving. That is a decision that the congregation must make at a later date.

"What use the congregation decides to make of the property will come later. I will say, however, it is not being bought as an investment."

The church plant currently occupies a half block on Gaines between W. 16th and W. 17th. Founded in 1956, Gaines Street Church has a membership of over 1,100.

BSU revival speaker

The annual Southern Baptist College BSU Revival will be held on the campus March 10-15 with Rev. Paul McCray, pastor of Central Church, Jonesboro, as the evangelist.

Mr. McCray is a graduate of Miami High School, Miami, Okla., received the B.A. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, and the B.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Mr. McCray has conducted 444 revivals throughout the United States and abroad. He is a frequent speaker at youth groups, camps, civic clubs, high school and college assemblies.

In 1961 he participated in an evangelistic crusade in Scotland, then toured mission fields in Europe and the Middle East. In 1966 he preached his way around the globe, preaching in Africa and the Orient. He directs area crusade meetings in major cities throughout the United States.

To be a better Baptist, read the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

Phelps resigns OEO; may seek governorship

ATLANTA—With plans to return to his former position as president of Ouachita University in Arkadelphia, coupled with possible designs on the governorship of Arkansas, Ralph A. Phelps Jr., has resigned as regional director of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) here.

The well-known Southern Baptist said there is an "outside possibility" that he may run as a Democratic candidate against Republican Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller of Arkansas this year.

He said he has been urged to enter the governor's race, but that there "are no firm plans at this time." The ticket closes March 30.

"So if I'm going to run, I'll have to decide between now and then. The hurdle is getting the financial support one needs to run against a Rockefeller," Phelps said.

He explained when he took the War on Poverty position in September that he expected to stay one year, and had taken a year's leave of absence from the Baptist school where he had been president for 14 years.

Captain Cowley named to OBU post

Capt. Ronald E. Cowley, a 1961 graduate of Ouachita University, has been named assistant professor of military science at that institution, following a 12-month tour of duty as an advisor in South Vietnam. The son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cowley of North Little Rock, Captain Cowley received his B.S. in chemistry and math at Ouachita, and his army commission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps.



CAPTAIN COWLEY
Reserve Officers

Captain Cowley has the Bronze Star and the Vietnam Cross for Gallantry. He is married to the former Billy Sue Waters of Poplar Grove.

At Ouachita Captain Cowley also will serve as supply officer, material readiness officer, and will sponsor the Pershing Rifles and Drill Team.

Hoxie ordains deacons

Hoxie Church, with the pastor, Lowell Jamison, acting as moderator, ordained J. N. Heard and Melburn Sheets

He stayed with the OEO, however, only six months. There had been rumors circulating in Baptist circles for several weeks that Phelps was unhappy and wanted to leave the OEO.

Phelps was quoted by the Atlanta Constitution as saying that "anybody who works in the anti-poverty program feels frustrated." He added that the basic idea of the poverty program—helping people to help themselves—is a good idea. But implementation of that idea has sometimes been somewhat less than "a howling success."

He told the Baptist Press, "After months work with the OEO, I am more convinced than ever before of the importance of Christian education and our church-related college. If a government bureaucracy is the hope of the world," he said, "then the world is without hope, in my judgment.

"Our sick society has no chance of getting well apart from the moral and spiritual values taught by our churches and by a school like Ouachita," he added. "I am eager to resume my work in our Baptist school." (BP)

Ferre invitation out

The administrative officials of Ouachita University, on the request of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the University, have withdrawn an invitation to Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre to be a guest lecturer at Ouachita next summer.

According to Dr. Marvin Green, acting president of the University, the recommendation of the executive committee came as the result of a meeting held on the campus on Feb. 22.

Dr. Green announced the intention of the University administration to comply with the request and to cancel the invitation to Dr. Ferre, in a telephone conversation with the editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine on Wednesday of last week. He declined further comment.

As deacons on Feb. 11. Cyril Miller, pastor of Sedgwick Church, led in questioning the candidates. The ordination sermon was delivered by missionary, Cecil Guthrie, missionary for Black River Association. The candidates were introduced by Gerald Cooper, a deacon in the Hoxie Church. (CB)

Where East meets West

Southern Baptists

BY THE EDITOR

It took a world war and the subsequent closing of missions doors in Japan and China to get Southern Baptist work started in the Hawaiian Islands.

As Edmond Walker, native Arkansan and Ouachita graduate who is executive secretary of the Hawaiian Baptist Convention, pointed out to us at the recent annual meeting of Baptist state secretaries and editors, in Honolulu:

Congregationalists were the first missionaries to go to Hawaii, beginning their work in 1820; Catholics arrived in 1827, were banished, and returned in 1839; Mormons arrived in 1850; Methodists, in 1854; Lutherans, in 1883; and Seventh Day Adventists, in 1885.

The first Baptist work in the Islands was started by the Northern (now American) Baptists, culminating in the organization, in 1930, of Calvary (now First) Baptist Church, Honolulu. There are now four churches, all on the island of Oahu, affiliated with the American Baptist Convention.

While a few Southern Baptist missionaries visited briefly in the Islands in the late 1930's, it was not until 1940, when our missionaries were forced out of China and Japan, that the Foreign Mission Board of SBC planned the opening of work here. On Dec. 12, 1940—less than a year before the bombing of Pearl Harbor—the Hawaiian Mission of the Foreign Mission Board was formally organized.

The Wahiawa Church, on Oahu, was the first to affiliate.

Olivet Church was constituted in Honolulu in 1941, out of work started by a Baptist lawyer, Joseph Tyssowski. Southern Baptist Missionary Victor Koon accepted a call to serve as pastor of the church.

The Olivet Church served as a base of operations for Southern Baptist work, as more and more Southern Baptist missionaries transferred to the new field.

The work soon spread to other islands of the Hawaiian chain. A group of Christians constituting the Missionary Bible Church in Waimea, Kauai, called for assistance, and the Waimea Baptist Church resulted, being established in 1943.

A public school teacher of Kaunakakai, Molokai, who had been converted in Olivet Baptist Church, began a Sunday School in an unused Buddhist temple. The Kaunakakai Baptist Church resulted.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard opened Southern Baptist work in Hilo, Hawaii, and helped to begin Kinoole Baptist Church there.

Southern Baptist churches are now to be found on six

TOP: Former Congressman Catherine Norrell of Arkansas, second from left, an active member of University Avenue Baptist Church, Honolulu, treats Editor and Mrs. McDonald of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine (right) and Charles Higgins of the church staff, to lunch at Fisherman's Wharf, Honolulu.

CENTER: Pastor Haskell L. Morris (in dark suit) and Layman Dutch Robertson, with young ladies from the membership of First Church, Waimanalo, Oahu. Church building and volcanic mountain in background.

BOTTOM: Miss Josephine Harris, director of Baptist Student Center on Hilo campus of University of Hawaii, with the center's new library.



in Hawaii

of the Hawaiian islands. Many of them started from Bible-study groups meeting in such places as school buildings, quonset huts, community halls, Buddhist temples, homes, tents, and store buildings. There are now a total of 28 churches and about the same number of missions.

Christians from the continental United States, stationed in the Hawaiian Islands with the military services, are making no small contribution to the Southern Baptist mission in this "Paradise of the Pacific." The pastor of First Baptist Church, Waimanalo, Oahu, where, incidentally, this editor preached on Feb. 11, is a military man from South Carolina—Haskell L. Morris.

The churches that show up best in the annual statistics are those located near military bases and which attract members from the bases. For the great majority of the people who might be called "natives" are of Oriental background, many of them of the Buddhist faith, and are not easily won to Christianity.

Education is the widest open door, for Hawaiians generally have a high regard for learning. Education, particularly in private schools, constitutes something of a status symbol. There is such a move to private-school education, for the poor as well as the rich, that the public school system in the state is in real difficulty.

This highlights the strategic mission of the Hawaiian Baptist Academy, in Honolulu, which is headed by Arkansan Luther Dorsey and has a number of other former Arkansans and Ouachita graduates on its faculty and staff. In its classes, from first grade through high school, the school now has 450 students, the most of them from Buddhist homes. An enlargement program, including a major fund-raising campaign, is now underway for the school.

Some of the churches, as First Baptist, Pukalani, Maui, where retiree Lewis W. Martin, of the Home Mission Board, is now the busy pastor, operate kindergartens as mission undertakings. Families that could never be reached otherwise are being reached through this program.

But the going is slow and hard. Since Dr. and Mrs. Martin moved on the field last October, they have been able to win only two persons to Christ—two of intermediate age.

Even when those of Oriental background publicly profess faith in Christ, they are slow to become church members. This may be due to the unpopularity of Christianity among the Buddhist relatives and friends of the new Christians, or due to a reluctance of the converts to shoulder the responsibilities of church membership.

The Orientals do not seem to be as inclined as many of us Occidentals are to more or less take church membership for granted, making our public professions of faith, joining the church, and then living as we please.

TOP: Volcano Kilauea, active since last November, now attracts 100,000 tourists monthly.

CENTER: Executive Secretary Harold Sanders of Kentucky Baptist State Convention stands in sea of a previous lava flow.

BOTTOM: Pastor and Mrs. O. W. Efurd, with new building for Kona Mission, Captain Cook, Hawaii, at the brow of the hill.



Founder of the Baptist Student Union work in what is now our 50th state is Arkansan Miss Josephine Harris, who went to the Islands 23 years ago and continues there "on loan from the Foreign Mission Board."

Miss Harris founded BSU work at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu and was there for a number of years. She moved to Hilo, on the island of Hawaii, six years ago, to open the second BSU center, on the Hilo campus of U. of H.

The BSU center continues in Honolulu, where the enrollment runs into the thousands. Henry Webb, state director, was in San Francisco for a national meeting of BSU workers at the time of our visit and we missed seeing him, but we enjoyed a Chinese dinner in the beautiful, new BSU building in Honolulu.

At Hilo, Miss Harris now has a beautiful BSU building, strategically located near the center of the campus. One of her latest achievements is the setting up of a library that is proving to be a strong attraction to the U.H. students.

(It was through a letter from Miss Harris, a regular reader of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, that Mrs. McDonald and I, along with Dr. and Mrs. Whitlow and Dr. and Mrs. Harold Sanders, of the Kentucky Baptist State Convention, paid a visit to Hilo and the Island of Hawaii. And under her direction we visited the O. W. Efurds at Captain

Cook and saw their new church and new home. Mr. Efurd was born in Ft. Smith and Mrs. Efurd, the former Grace Agena, Hawaiian of Japanese background, is a graduate of Ouachita. (The Efurds are to be in Arkansas for speaking engagements under the direction of Miss Nancy Cooper, of

the Woman's Missionary Union, in August.)

The natural wonders of the Hawaiian Islands are phenomenal. We from the North Temperate Zone were amazed to learn that the average, year-round temperature there is in the 70's and that homes and businesses have neither heating nor air-cooling equipment.

Perhaps the highlight of our visit, as far as natural wonders, was standing on the birnk of active volcano Kilauea, on the island of Hawaii, and witnessing its "fire and brimstone." Kilauea has been spitting up molten rock (lava) that looks like flames of fire since last November and is now attracting 100,000 tourists a month. This is as close to hell as any rational person will ever want to be.

Let me close with Dr. Walker's concluding words in his talk to the editors and the secretaries:

"Hawaii is strategically situated at the crossroads of the Pacific, where East and West meet every day. . . Hawaii has been called the melting pot of the world. All ethnic and racial groups live together in unusual harmony, understanding, and aloha.

"Hawaii is at the end of today. When it is 10 p.m. in Hawaii, it is tomorrow all over the world. Located at the end of today in time, yet living on the edge of tomorrow in many ways, Hawaii may be pointing the way for tomorrow in race relations, in understanding, in appreciating each ethnic group, and in living together in harmony.

"Baptists have a great challenge in Hawaii and are determined to make good that challenge. Baptists have a great heritage and reputation and must demonstrate the radiance of a living Christ to their contemporaries in Hawaii."

Baptist beliefs

Passion and politics

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

"Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory" (Mark 10:37).

Jesus had just spoken of His passion which awaited Him in Jerusalem (vv.33-34). Such should have driven the twelve disciples to prayer. Instead it drove them to political lobbying.

James and John came to Jesus asking that He grant whatever they should ask (v.35). Even before they asked! Matthew says that their mother made this request. Evidently all three were involved. They asked for the places of first and second power under Him in His kingdom (v.37). While Jesus was agonizing they were lobbying.

Why should they make this request? The mother of James and John was probably a sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus (Matt. 27:56; Mk. 15:40; Jn. 19:25). If so, then James and John were Jesus' first cousins. This fact could well explain their purpose in making this request of Jesus.

Though at this point they had no true comprehension of the kingdom of God (cf. Acts 1:6), they felt that Jesus soon would establish it in Jerusalem. Each of the Twelve expected a place of prominence and power in it. So may we not see these brothers and their mother trying to secure for them the most desired places? In effect, why not keep the kingdom rule in the family? Jesus as King, and Cousins James and John as first and second ministers under Him.

When the other ten disciples learned of this secret lobbying, they were indignant (v.41). Not that the brothers had made this crass request at so delicate a time. But because they had gotten ahead of them in making it. For all of them wanted the same thing.

We tend to rebel at such a request. But are we any better? For while our Lord continues to agonize over a lost world, we contend for power and glory even in His body, the Church.

Religious focus week

Experts from varied occupations will serve as speakers and consultants during Religious Focus Week at Ouachita University, March 11-15, according to Publicity Chairman Lynette Guy, a Ouachita senior from Ft. Worth.

Program personalities include Dr. Charles Boddie, president of American Baptist Seminary and the first Negro appointed to administrative responsibility on a national board of a Protestant denomination; Leister F. Graffis, president of Bendix Field Engineering Corporation, the company under U. S. government contract to monitor all space exploration; Dr. M. Thomas Starkes, of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, a specialist in world religions and non-evangelical cults.

Dr. Jasper L. McPhail, one of the Outstanding Young Men of America and currently doing research on organ transplantation at the University of Arkansas Medical Center; Dr. Edward Amis, professor of chemistry at the University of Arkansas; Earl Gotcher, missionary to Thailand; John Gardner, minister of music at Springdale; Dr. R. H. Falwell, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Dr. Tom Logue, director of the Arkansas Baptist Student department.



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REFUGEE children of Saigon, Vietnam, at Trinity Church, their temporary home.

The Saigon story

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JAMES F. HUMPHRIES



SOUTHERN Baptist missionary Herman P. Hayes and his nine-year-old daughter, Hope, point out tanks and diving planes across the Pho Tho race-track, immediately in front of their home in Saigon, Vietnam. The hole in-the wall was made by a tank. Hope is now in Bangkok, Thailand, where a number of missionary wives and children have gone to await more stable conditions in Vietnam.

SAIGON, Vietnam, Feb. 14—There are always less than four quiet hours in each 24 in Saigon—midnight to cockcrow. Without warning, the quietness of these hours was disrupted on the morning of Jan. 80 by exploding mortar shells, bursts of machine-gun fire, and the roar of Huey helicopters filling the sky overhead. Flares illuminated sky and earth, attesting to the seriousness of the situation.

Being pinned down in your home for two days is no fun even in more normal conditions. It is especially trying when the safety of your family is at stake, as well as the fate of six of your fellow Southern Baptist missionary families in Saigon and others in other parts of the country where conditions are likewise dangerous.

No lights. No water. No phones. These and many other factors added to our frayed nerves.

The battle for Saigon was in its second day. Refugees by the hundreds streamed by our home, carrying everything they owned on their bent, tired backs. Little children trotted along be-

hind, nervously glancing skyward at the sound of every plane, fearing that planes would again rain fire in their direction at any moment.

Late in the evening of the second day of fighting we learned of the safety of the Herman Hayes family, whose home was in the midst of some of the heaviest fighting. Personal contact, by car and foot, later confirmed their well-being.

Even though sniper fire and allied shelling were heavy, we deemed it necessary to contact the other missionaries in Saigon so we could get word out to their families in the States.

We reached the home of the Bob Davises, where we learned that the Ronald Fullers and the Peyton Moores were all right. However, there was no word from the Jim Gayle and Sam James families in Thuduc, about 10 miles from town. It was not until the fourth day that we learned of their welfare.

During the next few days our movement was limited to emergencies. Sporadic fighting continued in the streets. Smoke from fires ignited by shells could be seen in the distance where entire city blocks were being gutted as troops made a block-by-block, house-to-house search for Vietcong.

The building which houses Grace and Trinity Baptist Churches was filled with refugees from chapel areas, all hard hit.



MAN stands amid the ruins of his business and home in Saigon, Vietnam.

The news that the enemy had killed six Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries at Van Me Thout stunned all of us. Fear mounted for Southern Baptist missionaries in Dalat, Nha-trang, and Danang. Finally, on the sixth day of the fighting, word came that they were all right, though some had been evacuated from their homes.

Fighting continues in Saigon, as small bands of Vietcong roam the streets, making this a story without an

end.

Whether our work as missionaries has been set back five years or, in the providence of God, advanced five years, only time will tell. We stand ready, in Saigon and elsewhere in Vietnam, to face either challenge.

Rev. James F. Humphries (of Decatur, Ga.), Southern Baptist missionary associate, is pastor of English-language Trinity Baptist Church, Saigon.

Missionary families removed from Vietnam

Seven Southern Baptist missionary wives and their children and two missionary journeymen left Vietnam Feb. 19 for Bangkok, Thailand. Two other missionary wives, Mrs. Peyton M. Moore and Mrs. Robert R. Compher, and their children have returned to the States.

Those in Bangkok are Mrs. Robert C. Davis, Jr. (of Hearne, Tex.) and five children; Mrs. Ronald W. Fuller (of Lafayette, Calif.) and three children; Mrs. James M. Gayle (of Freeport, Tex.) and three children; Mrs. Herman P. Hayes (of Bossier City, La.) and two of her three children (the third is in college in the States); Mrs. James F. Humphries (of Decatur, Ga.) and three children; Mrs. Samuel M. James (of Durham, N.C.) and three children; Mrs. Samuel F. Longbottom, Jr. (of Avon Park, Fla.) and five children; and, the journeymen, Mary Kay Johnson (of Groom, Tex.) and James Bobo (of Fort Worth, Tex.).

The missionaries in Bangkok may be addressed, Thailand Baptist Mission, Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand.

Mrs. Moore may be addressed at 4626 Frazier Ave., Ft. Worth, Tex., 76115. Mrs. Compher may be addressed, c/o Paul Compher, 4422 Strathmore Ave., Garrett Park, Md., 27066. The Moore and Compher families are scheduled for furlough this year.

Mr. Fuller accompanied the families to Bangkok to help work out arrangements, but he expected to return to Vietnam. All the other missionary men (except the journeyman) and two families remain in Vietnam.

Southern Baptist datelines

To parade or not to parade—

that's the Crusade question

BY JIM NEWTON

WASHINGTON—Editorials in two Baptist state papers have expressed strong reactions against staging a parade at the nation's capital as part of the Crusade of the Americas Continental Congress here.

[Editors Note: For an editorial favoring the parade, see page 3 of the Feb. 29 Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.]

As a result, the idea could be put "on the back burner," but as for now, plans for the parade are marching on.

An editorial in the Maryland Baptist called the idea "disturbing" and an editorial in the Baptist Courier of South Carolina called it "a tragic mistake."

But Crusade of Americas North American Regional Coordinator Wayne Dehoney of Louisville said that the crusade steering committee has twice spoken in favor of the parade, and unless it says otherwise, the parade will continue.

Dehoney had announced plans for the parade from the Capitol steps down the mall to the Washington Monument during a recent planning session for the Crusade of the Americas Continental Congress, slated here Oct. 12-14.

Dehoney said then such a parade, with Baptists carrying placards proclaiming the Crusade theme, "Christ the Only Hope," would "take the gospel outside the walls of the church and into the streets."

During the meeting here, there was some reaction to the idea, but the strongest reaction has come from editorials in the Baptist state papers, and from another Baptist editor in Washington quoted in The National Observer, a weekly newspaper reporting national events in depth.

"Psychologically, this city is not interested in more parades," James O. Duncan, editor of the Capital Baptist in Washington was quoted in The National Observer. "Most parades here are in terms of protest."

The editor of the Maryland Baptist, Gene Puckett, put it in stronger, more detailed terms.

"We doubt that paraders carrying placards will accomplish what is desired," Puckett wrote in questioning the wisdom of the march in Washington.

"If Baptists take to the streets in Washington in October, they will invariably be identified with all other protestors and the causes they have es-

poused," Puckett said. "Though we may shout from the housetops that we are not marching 'in protest but as a witness,' the general public may see only the marchers and miss the point of the parade."

Puckett's editorial pointed out that Washington has become the favorite city for marching, picketing, and protesting.

"For Baptists to use such tactics is to hazard the reaction of a weary public who may not understand our motives or objectives," he added. "The effort to gain attention for our cause might well result in a hostile or negative public reaction to the Crusade of the Americas."

"Frankly," Puckett continued, "we feel a parade with placards saying 'Christ is the only hope' is a questionable way of exalting our Lord. It may be well intended but it smacks of the world and appears beneath the dignity of the name of Christ."

"Marching on the streets of Washington may not communicate the gospel at all," he added. "It might be an exploitation of the city's name and purpose which would speak volumes to the world that we would rather not have heard."

Puckett advocated a big rally, perhaps in Washington Stadium "where thousands of Baptists can pray and sing and say to the world we are concerned about lost men everywhere," but he concluded: "Let's leave the marching to men like Dr. Martin Luther King, Dr. Benjamin Spock, and Father James Groppi."

In a similar editorial, John Roberts, editor of the Baptist Courier of South Carolina, said that the site and timing for such a march could hardly be worse.

Roberts said "the rash of violent and irresponsible acts which have accompanied many demonstrations in recent months have made anything other than a horn-blowing parade unpalatable to responsible people."

"If Dr. Dehoney persists in having the march, it will have an adverse effect on the planned crusade," Roberts insisted.

"The average viewer will look casually at the marchers and wonder fleetingly if Christ's name is being used by some group of protesters."

Contacted in Louisville, Dehoney said



EDITORS ELECT GRITZ: Jack Gritz, (center), editor of the Baptist Messenger in Oklahoma, is the newly elected president of the Baptist Press Association. Gritz was elected at the meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, planned by outgoing president James F. Cole (left), editor of the Baptist Message in Louisiana. Re-elected secretary of the organization was Don McGregor, associate editor of the Baptist Standard in Texas. (BP Photo)

that at the present, plans for the parade are going right on despite the negative reactions, saying that he had received letters from many Baptist leaders urging that parade plans be continued.

One Baptist leader from another convention even advocated televising nationally the parade, saying that this could be the greatest form of witness Baptists have ever undertaken, Dehoney said.

The former Southern Baptist Convention president who now is pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville said his letters had been running four-to-one in favor of the parade. He said he wrote to the leaders of all Baptist bodies involved in the crusade, Baptist editors, and all members of the steering committee, asking for responses.

Dehoney cited two major factors that must be taken into consideration. First, he said, the Continental Congress in Washington is a part of the overall Crusade of the Americas, and the parades and open air rallies have been a significant part of the crusade in South American countries. Such a parade and rally will be held as part of the Continental Congress in South America (Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay) the week before the Washington rally.

Second, Dehoney said, "While we are concerned about the image of Baptists in Washington, the plans must be made in consideration of the total impact and total witness, not just to the local people, but across the nation and around the world. It isn't that we don't care what they think in Washington, but that the total picture must be considered." (BP)

Set up nursing degree

DALLAS—In an historic, cooperative "mission of healing," Dallas Baptist College and Methodist Hospital here have set up a four-year nursing degree program beginning in the fall of 1968.

Under the degree program, students at the existing Methodist Hospital School of Nursing may attend classes at Dallas Baptist College and earn a degree, the bachelor of science in nursing degree. The hospital currently has a "diploma" program rather than a "degree" program.

Officials of both institutions have approved establishment of a new division of nursing to be operated by the college, using the hospital's educational and clinical facilities. Academic work will be at the college, clinical instruction at the hospital. (BP)

Church groups included in massive urban plan

WASHINGTON—President Lyndon B. Johnson has challenged church groups as well as other private and governmental agencies to help solve "the crisis of the cities."

The President in a message to Congress called for a multi-billion dollar program to help meet urban problems which, he said, "rise from the decay of the decades."

"Today, America's cities are in crisis . . . the human problems of the city are staggering," the President declared. Among the problems he listed:

- * Ghetto youth with little education, no skills, and limited opportunity.
- * Citizens afraid to walk their streets at night.

- * Negroes, Puerto Ricans, and Mexican-Americans barred by prejudice from full participation in the city's life.

"Illiteracy and disease, a lack of jobs, and even dignity itself—these are the problems of the city, just as its tenements, traffic jams and rats are problems," Johnson said.

"The problem is so vast," the President said, "that the answer can only be forged by responsible leadership from every sector, public and private."

The challenge "extends to church and community groups, and to the family itself," he continued.

Among the many proposals to help solve urban problems, the President is asking for grants, loans, and technical assistance for private, non-profit groups engaged in housing projects. Many of these are church groups.

The requests of the President are almost as staggering as the problems of the cities themselves. They run headlong into the economy mood of the Congress that cut back appropriations for many government programs last year.

In spite of congressional reluctance, the administration continues to call for a new, anti-inflation tax, for fair housing legislation, for funding and strengthening of programs already approved, and for creative and expanded approaches to city problems.

In a press conference, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, Robert Weaver, said that the new proposals of the President "have a magnitude, a clout, that others have not had before." He expressed the hope that the new proposals were comprehensive enough to overcome the resistance of many in Congress who have not supported the President's programs the past two years.

The President's recommendations included:

1. Full appropriation of the \$2.18 billion already authorized for the anti-poverty program.
2. A Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 which will provide for the construction of 26 million new homes and apartments over the next 10 years.
3. A program to provide 300,000 housing starts in fiscal 1969 for the poor, the handicapped, the displaced and families with moderate incomes.
4. Full and additional funding of the model cities program already approved by Congress.
5. A federal-state-industry program for a National Insurance Development Corporation for protection of property owners and developers.
6. Plans for help to solve urban transportation problems.
7. A New Communities Act of 1968 which will provide funds to help develop new planned communities and cities.

The massive Johnson proposals inevitably will kick off controversy in Congress and around the nation. Naturally, economy-minded people will protest. Others with programs of their own will fight for their own proposals. Both political parties will vie for the spotlight in meeting the needs of people.

Unless escalating war conditions make it prohibitive, it seems certain that the nation is headed for a period of vast development and change in its approaches to problems of the cities.

The churches face crucial questions in helping solve the crisis of the cities. At least these issues before the churches must be considered:

- * Will the churches understand the issues and participate in planning to solve human problems in the cities?

- * Will the churches form partnerships with government and other private agencies in the new programs that are developing?

- * How will the problem of religious ministry and of religious freedom be solved in the increasing number of planned communities and planned cities?

- * Will the churches continue their traditional roles and institutional patterns in the new society or will they be flexible and develop new institutional ways of helping to meet human need? (BP)

Your state convention at work

Arkansas Travelers in Rhodesia



JANE FRAY on 'The ARKANSAS TRAVELER'

A bright red Honda lovingly named the "Arkansas Traveler" is making it possible for the M. G. Frays, missionaries from Arkansas, to penetrate the bush country of the Sessami Baptist Mission, Gokwe, Rhodesia.

The Honda was provided through an offering given at two state WMU Leadership Conferences last August where Mrs. Fray was guest speaker. She has written:

"The Honda came in December. It is a fiery red and just ideal for our needs. It still overwhelms me each time I think of what God did through you women of Arkansas. How we praise the Lord for it, and for you who made it possible. We trust the use of it will always be for His glory."

Mrs. Fray is the former Jane Dawley of Arkadelphia and Mr. Fray, better known as "Bud," is from North Little Rock. Both are graduates of Ouachita University.

Correction

In our report of the top 24 churches in baptism, carried on page 12 of the Feb. 29 issue of the Newsmagazine, we inadvertently listed J. Harold Smith as

State youth convention

Fact Number 7: Drills and Tournaments

State Sword Drill finals will be conducted at the State Youth Convention Friday, April 12, at 11:05 a.m. This will be immediately after the testimony by Miss Mississippi, Miss Joan Myers.

Sword drill winners from eight districts will participate in the state sword drill. District drills will be conducted during the weeks of March 25 and April 1. Dates and meeting places may be found in the Baptist Diary. Two state winners will be selected at the Youth Convention. One winner will be sent to Ridgecrest and one to Glorieta next summer, with the first place winner having the privilege of making the decision as to which assembly he will attend.

From 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Friday, April 12, at Robinson Auditorium, Little Rock, the district winner in each of the two speakers' tournaments will participate in the elimination tournaments. Two will be selected in each tournament and one will be sent to Ridgecrest and one to Glorieta. Ouachita University will give a year's tuition scholarship to each of the two winners.—Ralph W. Davis

Interpretation meetings

Twelve regional meetings have been scheduled by State WMU Executive Board, where WMU plans for 1968-69 will be interpreted. Places and dates are as follows: April 29, McGehee and Batesville; April 30, Camden and Harrison; May 1, Nashville and Springdale; May 2, Hot Springs and Fort Smith; May 3, Little Rock and Clarksville; May 6, Jonesboro; May 7, Forrest City.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

pastor of First Church, Ft. Smith. Mr. Smith is pastor of Windsor Park Church, Ft. Smith.

Pastor of First Church, Ft. Smith, is Dr. William L. Bennett.—Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

Children's workers institutes scheduled

The State Sunday School Department and the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will sponsor two Institutes for Children's Workers in April.

The first institute will be held April 22 and 23 at First Church, Benton. First Church, West Memphis, will host the second institute on April 25 and 26.

Sunday School Board personnel will lead age-group conferences:

Nursery—Mrs. Ada Rutledge

Beginner—Miss Helen Young

Primary—Miss Elsie Rives

Junior—Miss Neta Stewart

Study course credit will be offered to those who attend age-group conferences.

Pastors, ministers of education, and general officers will be led by Mark Moore, Primary-Junior director, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Miss.

"Laying Foundations" will be the topic for the featured speaker, Miss Bess Wright, Elementary director, Broadway Church, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Special attention will be given to working with parents and reaching more children in Sunday School.

All who are interested in and responsible for the spiritual ministry of children should plan to attend the institute nearest them.—Pat Ratton, Consultant, Youth Work, State Sunday School Department

The cover



An old covered bridge in the north Georgia hills.

HERE is where Loveliness keeps house,
Between the river and the wooded hills.
—Madison Julius Carver

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Choose a Career that that Counts . . . Enroll in Arkansas Baptist Medical Center's School of Radiologic Technology and become a member of the medical team. Upon completion of the two-year school, the graduate would be eligible to take the national examination and become a registered radiologic technologist. Registration deadline is April 1. Classes begin July 1. For application forms and additional information, write:

Secretary, School of Radiologic Technology,
Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock, Ark.

Memphis Baptist Hospital dedicates new wing

MEMPHIS—Baptist Memorial Hospital here has dedicated a new \$18½ million wing, plus a six-floor addition to another wing.

The completion of construction will bring the hospital to a total bed capacity of 1,750, housed in an 18-story X-shaped structure.

Newest addition to the facilities of the nation's largest Southern Baptist hospital were the 18-floor Union-East Unit, and six additional floors to the Madison-East Unit.

The four top floors of the Union-East Unit, and the six new floors of the Madison-East Unit are being left in shell form to be activated as the need arises.

Already, the first 15 floors of the new Union-East Unit, including the original ground floor, have been placed into use.

The new unit includes 14 new operating rooms, a 34-bed recovery room, laboratory facilities, radiology services, central supply and food services, etc.

One year ago, the hospital had a total of 960 beds. The current number is 1,400 beds. When all construction is completed in the current expansion program, the number of beds will nearly double to 1,750 beds.

Baptist Memorial Hospital here is the largest non-governmental general hospital is vested in a 27-member board of number of patients admitted for any such hospital in the United States.

Management and control of the hospital is vested in a 27-member board of trustees elected by the Baptist conventions of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas, joint owners of the hospital. Each convention elects nine trustees for three-year terms.

Frank S. Groner is administrator of the hospital. (BP)

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Man and his complicated way of existence has in many respects polluted his environment. Water pollution has been branded a national scandal. Litter bugs are everywhere and are rightfully condemned. Air pollution is a threat



to health in some areas. Today much study is being given to another form of pollution—Noise.

In Arkansas water and air pollution are not serious problems, except in a few isolated areas. We do have a lot of litter bugs that unfortunately only a few people seem interested in eradicating. But noise is becoming a bigger problem to each of us.

Noise jangles nerves, interferes with work and rest, and may cause illness. It has been well documented that loud, sustained noise can cause varying degrees of hearing loss and in some instances serious illness (mental and physical).

One reason that many Arkansans seek out the secluded lakes or streams is to get away from the den of noise that surrounds them in daily life. Here they are refreshed by the quiet melodies of rippling water, wind in the trees, bird songs and the other pleasant sounds of nature.

New subscribers

Church	Pastor	Association
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Bandy's picnic basket

BY R. FORD



Bandy Bear lived in the park with his father and mother. Their home was a cool cave near the picnic grounds. Every day, Bandy would go to the picnic tables and beg food from all the visitors.

Every time someone gave him something to eat, the little bear would gobble it down and beg for more. Bandy always showed his thanks by doing tricks for the people. He rolled in the soft, green grass and smiled at them with his biggest bear smile.

One day, Bandy scurried across a stream on a fallen log and found a picnic basket on one of the tables. Quickly, he grabbed the basket and waddled into the woods as fast as his short legs would go. Under a big tree, the little bear stopped to examine his prize. Oh, how good it smelled! His little, black nose figgled at the delicious odors coming from the picnic basket.

His furry, little paw dipped into the basket and came out with a sandwich.

"Oh, how good this sandwich looks!"

Bandy's tiny pink tongue darted over the sandwich. Then he took a big bite. In fact, he crammed the whole sandwich into his mouth. And—it was a peanut butter sandwich! The peanut butter stuck to his teeth. Try as he might, the little bear could not chew the sandwich.

"I need something to wash this down," Bandy thought. His little, furry paw went into the basket and came out with a red bottle.

"Soda pop!" he cried. "My favorite drink."

But if little bears could read, Bandy would have read "Catsup" on the bottle. He turned the bottle up and drank a big mouthful.

"Ugh! What awful-tasting soda pop!" Bandy exclaimed as he threw the bottle away.

"Perhaps I can find something good in the bottom of the basket," Bandy said.

He pulled out a jar of little, red berries. At least Bandy thought they were berries. But if little bears could read, he would have seen "Red Peppers" on the jar.

Bandy could hardly wait to taste the delicious berries. He tossed a handful of the peppers into his mouth. The little bear's eyes started to water. His mouth started to burn.

"Ouch! Ouch! And double ouch!" Bandy cried. "Those are the worst berries I have ever tasted!"

He ran to the lake and drank some water, but his mouth still burned. As fast as he could run, Bandy ran to his mother.

"Mother! Mother!" he cried, "I ate some berries and now my mouth is burning."

"Where did you find the berries?" Mother asked.

"I found them in a picnic basket," Bandy moaned. "But I promise never to steal another basket."

"Now not only your mouth will burn," Mother promised. "I must punish you for stealing."

"But I have been punished already," Bandy pleaded.

Mother felt sorry for the little bear. She gave him some honey and cold milk. Soon his mouth stopped burning.

Bandy never stole again. If one of the visitors gave him something strange to eat, he would take it straight home and ask his mother if it were for eating.

The tricky crab spider

BY AVIS DEMMITT

Now you see him! Now you don't! This tricky little spider is an expert at camouflage. Most spiders spin webs to catch their dinner. The crab spider does not spin a web.

It uses other ways to lure its dinner into reach.

The crab spider gets its name from its crablike appearance and its crablike way of moving. Its short, broad body is shaped like that of a crab. The legs are attached to the body in such a way that the spider can move sidewise or backward more easily than forward.

The crab spider is small. The body of the female is only about half an inch long. The male is much smaller.

The crab spider makes its home inside different kinds of flowers. Some of its kind can change color to match the flower in which they hide. This change does not take place at once. A space of time, ranging from one day to ten or more days, is necessary for the color change to be completed.

When the spider has changed color, it is almost invisible. Then it is ready to deal with the unwary insects which approach the flower. Even the large, powerful bumblebee is easy prey for this gay deceiver.

The female crab spider is an excellent mother. It spins a cocoon and lays its eggs inside. Then it closes the cocoon and guards it carefully.

During the six weeks before the eggs hatch, the mother spider is a fearless guard. It will fight anything that threatens to approach the cocoon. It goes without food this entire period.

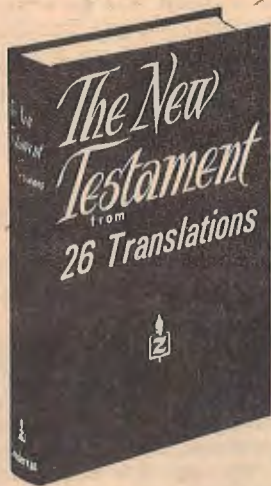
At the end of the six-week period, the mother crab spider cuts a hole in the hard case of the cocoon. The babies emerge. Then each baby spider spins a silk thread and climbs to some high spot. A brisk breeze sends each tiny spider floating away on the silk thread—in search of a new home.

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The World of Durer (c. 1471-1528), by Francis Russell and the Editors of Time-Life Books, Time Incorporated, New York, 1967

Perhaps the most widely circulated work of the German artist Albrecht Durer is his famous "Praying Hands," a brush drawing on a blue-grounded paper, which is reported to have been intended originally as a preliminary study for an altarpiece commissioned by a wealthy Frankfort citizen.

Almost as well known as the "Praying Hands" is his "The Four Horsemen" of The Apocalypse. Someone has said that our enduring conception of the Four Horsemen has been formed less by the sixth chapter of the Revelation of John than by Durer's woodcut.

Durer, much of whose work is presented here in full color, was a most versatile craftsman, being equally good at landscapes, portraits, and religious subjects.

Fidelity and Infidelity, and What Makes or Breaks Marriage, by Leon J. Saul, Lippincott, 1967, \$5.95

This book aims at helping married couples face up to problems that may be threatening their marriages, and it also is intended to help single persons to have an understanding that may prove to be the "ounce of prevention" that will save them from many pitfalls when they do marry.

The book is about real and familiar marriage problems drawn from the experiences and observations of the author, who is professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and Hospital, Philadelphia.

Enthusiasm Makes the Difference, by Norman Vincent Peale, Prentice Hall, 1967, \$4.95

Art Linkletter says this is a book "which should be read by everyone, young and old."

Positive thinking is how you think about a problem, says Dr. Peale, noted as the author of the book *The Power of Positive Thinking*, and, he continues, is how you feel about a problem.

Dr. Peale points to how enthusiasm develops and maintains the quality of determination which helps you overcome fear and builds self-confidence; how enthusiasm kindles the powerful motivation that makes things happen.

Tillich: a Theological Portrait, by David Hopper, Lippincott, 1968, \$4.50

The author seeks, in this overview, to go beyond what is generally known to Tillich's English readers to bring to

light something more of the existential, controversial aspects of his life and thought. He does this in his account of important theological incidents in Tillich's German years, and at the same time he relates early philosophical formulations to the later course of Tillich's thought, particularly as they find expression in the climactic *Systematic Theology*.

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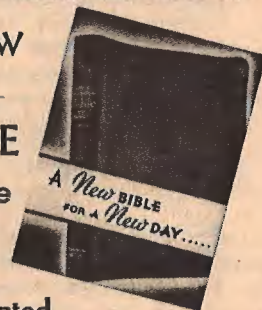
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Life and work

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Hebrews 10: 19-25, 35-39

A man came to my door one day, firmly planted his feet on the front porch, and boldly asked: "How many Bibles are there?" I suspected the answer he wanted so I began naming various translations. He interrupted me to inform me there was only one; the King James Bible. He didn't believe in modern translations.

But God does. He encourages us to translate truth into life. In a sense, we are interpreters for God. People learn about God or stay blind about God through us. And since we usually utter most of our pious remarks at church, we should at least live consistent with what we say. That is translation.

Having kept his readers in ecstasy over Christ's deeds, the Hebrews' author turned to practical application in chapter 10. He was excited, to be sure, but he didn't keep it from affecting his life. Christ is never content to just live in our hearts; he wants to come out our fingertips in service.

With this lesson, we enter the last bend on the road through Hebrews. Let us choose a worthy aim: to find ways to express our faith in Christ's redeeming work. We begin with a word to the wise about the new and living way.

Draw near to God—the upward attitude

Right now we live in two different worlds—time and eternity. Our heart is in heaven but our feet are yet on earth. When we first began to walk as a Christian, we were tempted to watch our feet. Now we know it is wiser to look up to God and get our direction.

Verse 22 speaks of a true heart. We must be sincere in our devotion to God. You wouldn't get far if water accumulated in your car's carburetor. Only gas should flow through it. Neither should sin be allowed in your heart. Remove any sin by accepting God's assurance. He has cleansed you and set you apart for his service. The way is now open to draw near to God. You can go to the top through Jesus Christ.

Expect more from God—the forward attitude

Never lose your grip on what you believe about Jesus Christ, if it is according to God's Word. Criticism is out to devour your faith. Believe harder.

Materialism is trying to swallow your faith. Believe when things are go-

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ing well.

Circumstances are seeking to shake your faith. Believe beyond what you are now experiencing.

All this you can do if you will remember just one fact: God is faithful. You can stake your life on that. God has never failed to help anyone.

So if you do expect more from God, you'll get it! But he won't do it for you. He will find a way to put you to work and he will take care of what you cannot do.

Do more for God—the outward attitude

Verses 24 and 25 are spiritual dynamite. They "lay it on the line," so to speak. Three things are emphasized.

1. Consider one another—V. 24a. In those first days of Christianity believers identified themselves by the sign of the fish. Every Christian brother and sister recognized a permanent bond which existed between them. How we need to recapture it! Preachers and laymen alike are just too cruel to one another. Such is neither the spirit of Christ nor the mind of Christ. Please, let us consider one another!

2. Provoke one another—V. 24b. We already do this, but is it provocation in the right way? Do we motivate people to love? Some people do, you know, and others provoke you to do just the opposite. Churches likewise radiate either love or strife to a community.

And what about good works?

3. Encourage one another—V. 25. Someone once told me that if he visited a certain person every Saturday, he would attend church on Sunday. But if he didn't contact him, neither would he come. Now such influence puts a lot of responsibility on the one who wields it. We should encourage one another to participate in public worship, not only to get but to give and go. Can it be said

of you what Eliphaz said to Job "Your words have kept men on their feet" (Moffat)? A lot of people need propping up!

Fear more of God—the inward attitude

Do you know why some of our churches are weak and sickly? It is because we are losing our fear of God. People say most anything in God's house and never tremble. May God help us remember who we are and where we are and what we are!

Verses 26-31, though not in our focal passage, give us a five-fold definition of sin.

1. Sin means to turn one's back on God's redemptive purpose.—Vv. 26-28.

2. Sin means to trample Christ under foot.—V. 29a.

3. Sin is the failure to see the sacredness of sacred things.—V. 29b.

4. Sin is the insult to the Holy Spirit.—V. 29c.

5. Sin is a blindness to coming judgment.—Vv. 30-31.

Finally brethren

Keep your hope where you can use it—that is, in front of you. Don't be a "has-been." Be a "will be"!

Develop fortitude. Glue yourself to your task. When the world dishes it out to you, fight back—with love. You will last longer that way.

Live by faith. This is the only Old Testament verse quoted three times in the New Testament—(Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). It must be pretty important for the next chapter and lesson from Hebrews majors on it. If yours is weak, exercise it.

Grow. Don't shrink, expand! Like Jesus said, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 16:25).

There is nothing else to say.

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John 13: 1-15

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Chapter 12, included in the larger lesson, records the following events during the week prior to the passover:

(a) Mary, Martha and Lazarus made a banquet for Jesus; Mary anointed Jesus' feet; (b) Jesus made his "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem on Sunday as the masses welcomed and praised him; (c) some Greeks requested to see him, to which request he remarked that a grain of wheat must give itself in death if it would bear fruit; and (d) in a private and inward struggle which was fought out in public (27-50), he prayed to the Father to glorify his name.

What Judas Planned (v. 2)

Prior to the Passover, a sinister plot to destroy Jesus had been loosely put together. (a) After the Lazarus miracle, the Jerusalem council determined to put him to death (John 11:53). (b) After the cleansing of the temple on Sunday, the chief priests, scribes and leading men of the city sought to destroy him but were restrained by their fear of the masses with whom he was still popular (Luke 19:47-48). (c) After the long and eventful day of discussions on Tuesday (Matt. 26:3-5), the chief priests and elders gathered in the home of Caiaphas, the high priest, and plotted to kill him stealthily—but not until after the Passover. (d) Judas, who had criticized Mary for using expensive ointment in anointing Jesus and had in turn been sternly rebuked by the Lord (John 12:1-8; Matt. 26:6-13), went to the chief priests and bargained to deliver the Master to them for 30 silver pieces (Matt. 26:14-16). (e) The devil had planted in the heart of Judas to betray him, and Jesus was aware of the entire plot (John 13:2-3).

What Jesus knew (13:1-3)

Although John had no hesitancy in indicating that Jesus learned facts through the ordinary means open to us (4:1; 11:34), he also indicated that he had uncanny, supernatural insight into moral and spiritual reality (1:48; 2:24-25; 6:64, 70-71). In this passage the author acquaints his readers with the inner consciousness of Jesus who seemingly had full knowledge of the situation. (a) He knew his origin and destiny had come from God and was going unto God. (b) He was conscious of his authority in that the Father had placed all things under his hands. (c)

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He was aware of his schedule—that his hour for departure had come. One can imagine that it would be a steadying influence making for a deep serenity of mind to know what his destiny is to be, to know that the Father trusts him, and to know that he is on schedule.

What Jesus Did (4-5)

For his last hours with his disciples in observing the last Passover, Jesus had reserved the upper room, probably in the home of Mary, mother of John Mark. For their convenience in wiping the dust from their sandaled feet, the hostess had provided a basin of water and a towel. In more affluent circles the chore of wiping the feet was done by a servant, but groups such as Jesus' followers performed the customary ceremony for one another.

Luke indicates that the 12 had been wrangling over which one of them was the greatest—a discussion which would not likely prompt one to step forth and assume the role of the least by washing the other's feet. Jesus did. Laying aside his upper cloak and wrapping the towel about his waist, the Master, assuming the role of a household servant, began to wash and wipe his disciples' feet as they reclined on their mats about the low table.

What Peter said (6-9)

Unbroken embarrassment was their lot as they reclined in stunned silence while their Master wiped their feet, until he came to Peter, who broke the spell. "You wipe my feet?" he said. When told that he would later understand the reason he cried, "You will never wash my feet." The Christian world loves Peter for that emphatic declaration, but even more for his response to Jesus' statement that if Peter did not submit to the service he would have no part with his Master—could not continue at the table. Peter answered that he was ready for feet, head, and hands to be bathed. If washing would help his standing with his Lord, Peter was ready for a full bath.

What Jesus said (10-15)

1. Jesus responded to Peter's enthusiastic submission with the statement that since he bathed before coming full

bath was not necessary, if only the feet were wiped. And, speaking to the twelve he said, "Ye are clean, but not all." John explains that Jesus knew the identity of the traitor in their midst.

2. He said that they should wash "one another's feet." Footwashing, as an ordinance, has not been practiced in any of the larger streams of the Christian movement for these reasons: (a) Footwashing does not reenact in symbol a redemptive deed of Jesus as do baptism and the Lord's Supper. (b) It would not be meaningful except in a desert society in which people wear sandals. (c) There is no indication in the New Testament that it was ever advocated by the apostles or practiced by the churches.

Modern Christianity could use a rebirth of humility such as Jesus demonstrated. To the extent that power structures are set up and operated in churches, denominations and Christian institutions to further personal ambitions for position and power without regard for truth and right—to that extent these bodies cease to be Christian. When little people, such as the 12, get their eyes fixed on a top position and public recognition, they are not in the mood to recognize and respond to an opportunity to express Christian courtesy and render humble service. One great Christian leader expressed the spirit of footwashing by shining the shoes of his overnight guests

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Victory	60	26	1
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—ARK-E-OLGY by Gene Herrington

Anatomy fare

The young man wired home from his job, saying, "Made foreman; feather in my cap." After some weeks, he wired home again: "Made manager; feather in my cap." A few days later came another wire: "Fired; send money for fare home."

His dubious young wife unfeelingly wired back: "Use feathers and fly home."

Something else

The customer in the barber shop was addressed thus: "Your hair seems to be getting thin on top, sir. Have you tried our own brand of hair tonic?"

"No, I haven't," responded the man, "so it can't be that."

Waitress "I have calf brains, spareribs, hog liver, cooked tongue, and—"

Truck driver: "Listen, I haven't got time to listen to your troubles. Give me a burger and a cup of coffee."

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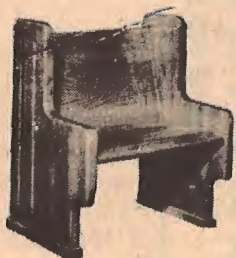
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In the world of religion— Courage under the khaki cross

The present conflict in Vietnam has produced a new breed of chaplain, a spiritual leader who has gone out of the chapel into the battlefields to minister to his men in a blazing parish.

This was my impression there during a stopover on a world journey to evaluate the ministry of U.S. military chaplains abroad for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

At the Military Assistance Command in Vietnam (MACV), General William C. Westmoreland told me emphatically that the 382 U.S. chaplains now serving in Vietnam are "the best group of chaplains I have ever had anywhere in the world." He spoke of the high morale among them and of the excellent ministry they are performing. This keen-minded officer thanked me for the prayer I offered for him and seemed eager to talk about the spiritual work of the chaplains of the U. S. Armed Forces.

I asked Chaplain (Col.) William V. V. Goldie, director of the entire chaplain branch of the U. S. Army in Vietnam, about a persistent complaint that evangelical chaplains were not getting a fair break in Vietnam.

"There's nothing to it," Chaplain Goldie said. (He is a 20-year career officer, a member of the General Association of Regular Baptists, and a man who is in a position to know.) Goldie said that men are placed according to their age and rank and in such a way as to give denominational balance to the military grouping. He said that most of the Protestant chaplains in Vietnam were of evangelical persuasion.

Out in the field, chaplains told me that soldiers were being converted and that God was honoring the preaching of His Word in a remarkable way. Chaplain (Capt.) John Talley related the heroic work in Vietnam carried out by the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

In the beginning of February, six C&MA missionaries were killed when the Viet Cong overran the Ban Me Thuot mission station. But new volunteers have arisen to take their places.

There is much suffering also today among national Christians in Vietnam. I was told of families driven away from their homes by the Viet Cong just after their rice crop had been harvested. They lost their rice and all their belongings.

My heart is heavy as I think back on that beleaguered land. The war is disrupting the work of the Church, but defeat of the allies would bring worse conditions, worse suffering. Let us pray for the spiritual leaders of Vietnam, including the disciplined representatives of our land.—Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, Editor, The Brethren and Missionary Herald, Winona Lake, Ind.

May suspend editor for accepting beer ad

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The editor of American University's student newspaper, *The Eagle*, may be suspended from her job because she ran a beer advertisement after warnings from the Methodist institution's officials that such action is against the policy of the university and the denomination.

Nineteen-year-old Rona Cherry, protesting that the policy is "ridiculous," ran the advertisement in the Feb. 13 edition and promptly the matter was turned over to the faculty committee on student publications. It will determine whether she is to be suspended as editor.

Miss Cherry is a senior majoring in journalism. She is from Riverdale, N. Y. (EP)

May bid on liner

MINNEAPOLIS—The Billy Graham

Evangelistic Association expects to know "in a couple weeks" whether it will bid for the ocean liner, *Queen Elizabeth*, an official said on her return from London.

George M. Wilson, executive vice president and treasurer of the association, said Cunard Lines is now negotiating with an unidentified country on possible sale of the liner.

If those negotiations do not result in a sale, the Graham association expects to make a bid, Wilson said.

He said the association is "very interested" in the *Queen Elizabeth* and believes it would make "a unique facility." If the Graham association acquired it, it would probably dock the *Elizabeth* at some southern port and use it as a conference and retreat center.

The *Elizabeth's* sister ship, *Queen Mary*, has been acquired by the City of Long Beach, Calif., for a couple of million dollars, according to George Wilson. (EP)

No hippies here

A Baptist university in Texas has made it plain it does not want any "hippies" or users of the drug LSD, or street demonstrators among its student body of over 1,000.

The new policy for Howard Payne College at Brownwood, Tex., was announced by President Guy D. Newman and the chairman of the trustees. It was passed "unanimously" by the trustees and has the full backing of the university administration, Newman continued.

The directive, as issued, states:

1. "We will permit neither hippies nor other bizarre personalities to enroll at our college; and should such develop subsequent to enrollment, they will be asked either to change their ways or withdraw;

2. "In no circumstances will any student or any other person affiliated with the college be permitted to use any kind of hallucinatory, habit-forming, or harmful drugs or alcohol.

3. "We will not tolerate any individual or groups of individuals on this campus who advocate violence, demonstrations or who participate in any movement that would, directly or indirectly, embarrass the President or the Congress of the United States, our Baptist constituency, alumni or friends.

4. "We propose to devote every energy toward creating in our classrooms, in our dormitories, on our campus... a vigorous moral and spiritual and intellectual environment."

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