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Personally
speaking



On riding double

A young couple "riding double" on a motorcycle—a lad and a lass—turned abruptly in front of my car as I was driving home from work the other day. Fortunately, there was room for the unexpected maneuvering and no crash occurred.

The young lady, riding back of the driver, could not have been in on the quick decision to turn. But she went right along with the pilot and his decision. She neither moved to dismount nor to take over the control. There had evidently been a definite and far-reaching commitment on her part when she had mounted the 'cycle. Whether she had said it in so many words, she had least said in her action: "I will go with you. I will trust you to drive safely and sanely. Whatever you decide as to the operation of the vehicle, I am with you for the duration of our spin together. I trust you completely."

How different this is from the way many a couple runs its marital affairs. So much of the time there is no agreement as to which of the two is at the "controls." All too frequently, husband and wife spend their energy—and spin their wheels—over who is the head of the family.

Running a home is a lot like riding double on a motorcycle. There is need for both parties to the deal to realize that "we are in this together." And just as two could not travel very far by motorcycle if they could never agree on who was to be in the driver's seat, husband and wife will be hopelessly frustrated unless a similar decision is reached in the family situation.

In this column you would expect to find the male viewpoint. All I have to say is that, of all the couples I have seen riding double on motorcycle, I have not yet seen a woman in the driver's seat with a man riding back of her. But I have known many a sad family situation in which the wife "wore the pants."

Someone has said: "The man, at the head of the house, can mar the pleasure of the household, but he cannot make it. That must rest with the woman, and it is her greatest privilege."

Bill Tillett has said. "God help the man who won't marry until he finds a perfect woman, and God help him still more if he finds her."

Erwin L. McDonald

IN THIS ISSUE:

THE 1966 Arkansas Baptist State Convention was analyzed by messengers in many different lights. The views of some of them are revealed in our "From the people" column on pages 4 and 5.

LAST week we said in this space that we would have more Convention news for you this week and we do. In the Arkansas pages beginning on page 7 are such items of interest as the list of boards and committees, the commendation for retiring Nelson Tull and newcomers to the state introduced during the sessions at Second Church in Little Rock.

ARKANSAS is not the only convention in the Southern Baptist Convention holding an annual meeting at this season of the year, and the issues discussed in many cases are similar to those that confront us. So, we are this week interspersing news from these other conventions through the back half of the *Newsmagazine*, beginning on page 17.

MORE Southern Baptist Press news of special interest to Arkansans is the naming of Jack Harwell as editor of the *Georgia Christian Index*. He is the brother of Eleanor Harwell, associate secretary of the Church Music Department of the Arkansas State Convention. These and other items are in the Southern Baptist news section, pages 12 and 13.

ALREADY in type was a fine column from Outdoorsman Phelps, when we received by air mail from Georgia a new hand-written one comparing flying and hunting by a gentleman who was missing several days of the deer season in Arkansas. It gave us a hearty laugh and we know you'll get one, too, when you turn page 14.

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The Maryland case

Opponents of tax grants to sectarian institutions will be greatly encouraged by the refusal of the U. S. Supreme Court last week to review a Maryland high court decision barring state tax grants to sectarian colleges.

The case involved direct grants of tax funds totaling \$2½ million by the Maryland legislature to four church-related liberal arts colleges: Notre Dame and St. Joseph College, both Roman Catholic schools; Western Maryland College, a Methodist school; and Hood College, affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

Of the four, only Hood was classed by the Maryland Court of Appeals as a "secular" school. The others were judged by the court to be "sectarian," and therefore ineligible to receive grants from state tax funds.

The case was appealed from the Maryland Court of Appeals to the U. S. Supreme Court, but the Supreme Court, without comment, refused to grant the appeal. A minority of the Court justices, John M. Harlan and Potter Stewart, favored hearing the case.

A separate appeal was made to include Hood College as sectarian and therefore ineligible for public funds, but the Court also denied this appeal.

What will be the result of the Supreme Court's action in the Maryland case? Says W. Barry Garrett, of the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.:

"Supreme Court refusal to hear a case does not necessarily mean approval or disapproval of the lower court action. Nevertheless, it does mean that the Supreme Court found no compelling reason to consider the case further. Legally, the effect of the court order is to limit the impact of the Maryland ruling to the borders of the state [of Maryland.] Actually, however, the case will be cited as a leading precedent governing policy."

Mr. Garrett feels that the Supreme Court action "should be viewed with caution." He points out that the grants in question were to be direct construction aids to the schools and that such public help as student and faculty aid, research projects and special purpose or category grants were not involved.

Nothing in the action of the Maryland court, as now allowed to stand, conflicts with the policy of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as set out in the recently adopted report and recommendations of its Federal Aid Committee. (See "Adopt aid proposals," page 8, Nov. 17 issue of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, and pages 6 and 7 of Oct. 20 issue.)

Guest Editorial

Political dust

"If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all (Rom. 12:18).

The election is over. We have selected our public officials, so life can return to normalcy (whatever that means). I should like to suggest that we begin the season by thanking God for the sacred privilege to vote in a free country. Millions do not have this blessing. But some of you who read these lines will find prayer hard, if not impossible. You have suffered political defeat. Your people lost, and in your heart the dust settles. Dust? Yes: it is wounded pride and bitterness. Bitter hearts find it difficult to conjure up praise for anything. The dust chokes almost every effort to breathe. However, prayers for retribution and judgment on the enemy wax eloquent. Like Jesus' disciples you would like to call down fire from heaven. But true prayer must come from a clean heart. "But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you so that he does not hear." The dust separates you from God. Before you can have the joy of communion with God the dust must be wiped away. You must have a right attitude toward Democrats; Republicans, Independents, Conservatives, Liberals, Right Wingers, Left Wingers, Liberal Democrats, Conservative Republicans, et cetera, ad nauseam, although you might not agree with them. "If a man say, I love God and hateth his brother, he is a liar. . ." (I John 4:20).

But equally stifling to real prayer is pride. Your people won! Your lips smack with the sweet taste of victory. But that proud look is not conducive to worship and praise. "We showed them" clouds the heart as much as, "How could people have . . ." It seems that the human heart is too small to accommodate victory and humility, and too little to accept defeat without bitterness. This pride often leads to haughtiness which makes prayer seem unimportant and irrelevant. After all, didn't we win the election, and didn't I get the job done in my community? Man's pride incites self-reliance, and ultimately, self-worship. Prayer then becomes a mixture of pious platitudes and self-adulation, rather than confession and praise. (Compare Luke 18:11-12 with Luke 18:13; Psalms 103).

Thus, I have touched upon two predominant survivors of a political storm—bitterness and pride. Both are sins. Both can destroy spiritual life and usefulness. Both lead to other sins that are equally destructive. Both can cause disharmony in the home, mistrust and suspicion in the community. Therefore, the call of God is to "let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:31-32). Ask the Lord to forgive and cleanse you from pride or bitterness. Thank Him that you live in this great country where you have the liberty to vote as you please. Thank Him for the inalienable right to disagree, but ask Him for grace to be kind and considerate. Ask Him to wipe the dust away.

BY REV. BILL BROWN
PASTOR, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
PLUMERVILLE, ARK.

The people speak

Baptist finances

I would like to just say a word in regard to the sermon of Bro. Cowling in this weeks paper. [Issue of Nov. 10] I know that it is Gods will that his people support by tithes and offerings all his work. I'm sure no preacher would want his people to have Bake sales and pie suppers to get money to support him and the church work and it seems to me taking money from the government or any outside source would be the same things. We lose the rewards and Im sure God is not pleased with us.

Baptist are plenty able to take care of all our work and we should do it simply because its Gods will that we do. I am a poor man as the world looks on one in our day and am retired unable anymore to work. With a wife that has arthrites real bad, with an income of around \$160 per month but 1 tenth of that goes for the Lord work. And we have plenty left for our physical needs and I know if we can be blessed in giving the many Baptist we have on our rolls there need not be any shortage in money to carry on our program. May God open our eyes and help us to see the blessings we loose by wanting someone else to do our giving for us.—V. L. Floyd, Rt. 2, Mountain Home (70 years old, a Deacon for 41 years)

Convention actions

The decision of the Convention concerning the Hospital is not pleasing to some, and the decision concerning the Russellville Church is not pleasing to some. But we must remember that we believe in the will of the majority, and whether we personally are in favor of any action or not, we shall all continue to work together for the propagation of our greater ministry. I am reminded of the words of Abraham and Lot, "Let there be no strife between me and thee, or between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we be brethren" (Gen. 13:8). There are more people to win and enlist than we can possibly reach, even when we are in perfect harmony on every issue, therefore, we must look beyond the arena of debate to the arena of souls "white unto harvest" and "be about our Father's business." And so, "Let us arise, and be going." —Jack J. Bledsoe, Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Monticello, Ark., in the weekly bulletin of the church.

Legalists and love

In the case of the First Baptist Church of Russellville, in spite of the Sanhedrin element who are dominating The Arkansas Baptist State Convention. [my impression is];

'It is time' or is it?

Some questionable statements in Dr. Cowling's sermon to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

"It is time to accept federal funds for our private Christian institutions.

"To bring ourselves in tune with the day in which we live.

"To become paying, active members of the Chamber of Commerce, the United Fund, Urban Renewal, etc. . .

"To quit being 'crusaders.'"

This proposal would make stronger civic clubs, more modern Baptist Institutions, and a powerful Chamber of Commerce, but it will not produce a spiritual and powerful church.

Jesus was not in tune with the day in which he lived here on earth. He walked among men. There is no reason to believe that he would have changed his method if he had come during the space age we live in. No civic club or Chamber of Commerce asked him in on a committee meeting, but they knew he existed! Neither did he condemn these community affairs; they were a part of the necessary earthly kingdom. His business was that of his Father. He knew that when men take care of that, the other will be in good order. Why can we not launch out to the space age with the same message, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" instead of using a reverse procedure?

Satan tempted Jesus to gain his objective by an easier way than God's plan, and always man has been tempted to use his own logic, instead of faith, in doing God's work. Faith cannot be

Legalist are never lovers and lovers are never legalistic.—Wade L. Davis, 21 Belmont Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

A speech analysis

Have you analyzed speeches at a Baptist convention or associational meeting? Basically those who make motions, present resolutions and speak to motions and resolutions fall into two categories: those who say something; those who have something to say.

Those who fit into the first category hurt the meeting. Some in this group feel they have not received proper recognition for their work and this is their great chance to be seen and heard. Their talents have been overlooked by the brethren. Therefore these aimless souls go to a convention and feed their ego

obtained through logic, but true logic is only found through faith.

The answer to our lack of power in the world about us cannot be found in Dr. Cowling's proposal (if it could, how simple this problem would be). When he said if we would "challenge some of our intelligent business and professional people to places of leadership it wouldn't take long to get the church going" the question is: Where?

Was it not a refined, able, cultured woman that he described as teaching a Sunday School class, and turning down a prospect for her class because "she wouldn't fit in"?

In the same manner, leaders of limited education and material wealth, have been known to pass over the name of a prospect who was of more wealth or educational background, by using the same logic. Did Jesus teach us either example?

Only the compassion that Jesus felt will move the church to go out into the world today and get our hands dirty, our hearts broken, and get up tomorrow and go again! Nothing short of the holy Spirit can produce compassion in a leader or a follower, whether he is an intelligent business man, a professional man, or a carpenter in the church.

This is the kind of teaching our Lord went about proclaiming—even though it was not in tune with the day.

"It has not been tried, and found wanting,

But has been found difficult, and not tried."

Let's try it!—Mrs. A. J. Curtis, 4400 Grand Ave., Ft. Smith, Arkansas

by standing up, speaking out and saying more and more about less and less.

The terrible tragedy is that this type person first speaks, then thinks on what he has said upon his return home. In his sublimest moments he thinks to himself, "How I wish I had not spoken."

Those in the second category help the meeting. Their speeches represent considered judgment. They are not so much concerned about making the headlines as influencing the body to take the path of wisdom. These men draw from the well of experience and really have something worthwhile to say.

Upon returning home from the meeting, many reflect upon these sane, intelligent speeches and thank God someone rose to the occasion.

Our denomination would benefit if the "hot-heads" who pop-off were replaced by "calm-heads" who keep the lid on until the right word can be spoken at the right time.

—L. H. Coleman, Pastor
Immanuel Baptist Church
Pine Bluff, Arkansas



The Trinity Singers

This Wednesday evening, [Nov. 9] I was faced with the presence and reality of God through a unique presentation of the life of Christ by a sweat-shirt band of teenage minstrels from Little Rock's Trinity Cathedral.

What had tried to be accomplished in the sessions of the annual meeting were realized in this brief, sixty minutes of worship. The changelessness of the gospel was portrayed in the contemporary language of folk songs and ballads. Rev. Shippey is to be commended for directing the talents of youth to the glory of God.

I was especially amazed by the enthusiasm and vitality of the Singers who undoubtedly presented this program on several occasions. Their poise was magnificent and one could sense the presence of Christ within their lives.

As I left Barton Coliseum I thanked God for the impression this band of troubadours made upon my life.—John W. Cutsinger, Director of Public Relations, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Little Rock, Ark.

The hospital issue

I am writing this note concerning the action taken over the hospital at the State Convention. I did worry over giving the hospital away to the trustees, but it looks to me that Arkansas Baptists have gone beyond ourselves in our institutions anyway, namely, Ouachita University and the hospital. The thing that disturbs me most about it at the moment is that the name "Baptist" must be removed; otherwise, we become as Jesus said, hypocrites.

I, personally, feel that something has to be done at the grass root level, which is our Associations. And if something is not done about it there, I cannot see how that we can call ourselves an association of Christians any longer.

I feel I must inform you as to how I stand and feel in my heart. I cannot continue to be associated with any group that railroads things through, and then brags about it—whether or not it is at the Associational meetings or at the State Convention.

If we are to retain any Baptist heritage in the least, we must do something NOW—not next year. It will be too late then. As you know, the next step is Ouachita University's receiving Federal money. When that comes about, then

... Divorce ceremonies are now being held in a Unitarian Church in Oakton, Va., according to a Newsweek report. The ceremony includes a prayer and brief address from the minister, after which the couple pledge mutual respect and return their wedding rings to each other. The 10-minute service concludes with the words: "I now pronounce your marriage to be dissolved."

... Dr. Timothy Leary, who recently founded the new religion, The League of Spiritual Discovery, which praises the mind-expanding drug LSD, has made an extremely profitable trip into show business. His program of "psychedelic celebrations" at the Village Theater, N. Y., is grossing better than \$7,000 a night at the 2,600-seat house (Variety).

... The 20th century has been the bloodiest of all the centuries of history, according to Newsweek. Since 1900 there have been 100,000,000 casualties in more than 500 wars at total cost estimates as high as \$10 trillion.

... Clark County (Las Vegas) grossed \$179 million in gambling revenue during the fiscal year 1965-66, according to Nevada's annual Gaming Commission report. Gross gambling earnings and tax collections for Nevada set record highs, the gross take reaching \$328 million.

Southern Baptist in Arkansas will have no backbone left.

We are a far cry from the foundation that our forefathers laid for us when they voted to pay off the huge debt hanging over Arkansas Baptist back in the 30's, and they did pay it off. Although, now we do not want independency any longer, but we are eager to join hands with the so-called Great Society. Our forefathers had three things that carried them through that we are

highly in need of today: the gospel, grace, and "guts."

Therefore, let us take our heads out of the sand, and take a stand that all may know that we love our Baptist heritage, and the Lord Jesus Christ.—Vaughn W. Denton, Pastor, Magnolia Baptist Church, Route 2, Crossett, Ark.

REPLY: The Arkansas Baptist State Convention may or may not have reached the right decision on the hospital issue. But the thing of importance is that the convention, after hours of debate, did reach a decision. That the messengers to the convention continued to be satisfied with the decision was indicated time and time again as they refused, by overwhelming votes, repeated efforts to persuade them to rescind or reconsider. It will not be "too late next year" to do something about it. It is too late now. For the time for protest expired with the final adjournment of the convention's 1966 sessions.

As to the "grass roots" approach, the messengers who decided the issue were from local Baptist churches all over Arkansas. You can't get any closer to the Baptist grass roots than that!

And where is the hierarchy or pope with authority to refuse the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center the privilege of continuing to call itself Baptist? Why should an institution operated by an all-Baptist board not call itself Baptist? This is not our idea of hypocrisy.—ELM

The Cover



GRATITUDE—Psalm 116:12 "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" Thanksgiving to God for all his benefits is expressed in giving, that God's greatest gift may be known to people everywhere.—(Home Mission Board Photo)



REMEMBER:
EVERY TIME
A FOREST
FIRE STRIKES,
YOU GET BURNED!



APPRECIATION PLAQUE—Nelson and Lucille Tull were honored at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Mr. Tull exhibits the plaque presented to him by the state Brotherhood organization, as he approaches retirement. Dr. Lucien A. Coleman makes the presentation.

Brotherhood secretary honored

Brotherhood Secretary Nelson Tull, who will be retiring as of Dec. 31 after more than 20 years in his present position, with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was honored at the Wednesday afternoon session of the recent State Convention, along with Mrs. Tull.

Harry Brewer, Jonesboro business executive and churchman, long active in Brotherhood affairs in the state, presided.

A plaque commemorating Mr. Tull's long period of service was presented by Harold Anderson, Heber Springs businessman-layman and past president of the state Brotherhood organization.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Lucien Coleman, of the staff of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis, and a former associate secretary of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Coleman described Tull as "one of our wise and more stable counselors and a great Christian and leader of men to whose voice we have gladly listened."

Dr. R. L. South, retiring president of the executive board of the convention, presented to Mr. Tull a check for three months' salary, under the retirement policies of the board for employees who have served 15 years or more.

Edwards is moderator

Benson Edwards, Grubbs, was elected moderator of Black River Association at its annual meeting recently.

Other officers are: Bill Johnson, College City, first vice moderator; Leslie M. Riherd, Newport, second vice moderator; W. K. Wharton, College City, clerk; Cecil Guthrie, missionary, associate treasurer and clerk; Gerald Cooper, Hoxie, treasurer. (AB)

OBU gets loan

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved a \$100,000 reservation in college housing loan funds for Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, Ark. The announcement was made by Secretary Robert C. Weaver of HUD.

Ouachita is one of three church-related schools to receive funds totaling \$1,175,000. The school plans to remodel and build an addition to an existing dining hall.

The other schools are Luther College (Lutheran Church of America), Decatur, Iowa, and Anderson College (Church of God) in Anderson, Ind. (BP)

Set Bible Conference

The 14th annual Mid-Winter Bible Conference will be held at Springlake Assembly Grounds, Lonsdale, Jan. 16-20.

Old Testament, New Testament, Educational Phases of the Church Life, and Improving our Ministry are the subjects for discussion during the morning sessions. The afternoon will be given over to recreation. Discussions at night will center around the association, State Convention, and Southern Baptist Convention as institutions in Baptist life.

The meeting will open at six p. m. Monday and close Friday noon. The cost is \$15. Those interested in attending this conference should send reservations to Dr. Bernes K. Selph, Benton, Ark.

Dishongh heads Calvary

W. W. Dishongh, pastor, Trinity, Searcy, was elected moderator of Calvary Association at the recent annual meeting.

Other officers are Wayne Gunther, Temple, Searcy, vice moderator; B. C. Huddleston, First Church, Searcy, treasurer; Edward Smith, First Church, Beebe, clerk.

In other association news, J. E. Clark is the new pastor of Central Church, Bald Knob, coming from Mesquite, Tex., where he was pastor of Pioneer Road Church. Paul Barrington has moved from Mobile, Ala., to become pastor of First Church, Augusta. James Terrell, Searcy, has accepted the pastorate of Higginson Church. (AB)

Fill Trinity pulpits

Two churches in Trinity Association have new pastors. Speak Lake called Thomas Ray of West Memphis. Riverdale called James A. Baker, who lives near Jonesboro. (AB)

Convention boards, committees



—Arkansas Gazette photo

HOSPITAL STAFF OFFICERS—Dr. G. Grimsley Graham (standing) has been elected chief of staff of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center for 1967 and Dr. H. A. Ted Bailey vice chief. Others elected were Dr. Joe B. Scruggs, secretary, and Dr. Carl E. Wenger, chief of staff-elect.

Missions emphasized

Missions has been the one function that has stimulated Baptists to form every level of their organized life above the local church. One of the early divisions that appeared among Baptists was concerning their responsibilities to tell others about salvation through Christ. Usually evangelism and missions in the life of a church differ only in geography.

The Womans' Missionary Union has contributed to a missions interest in December. Which of your churches has an outstanding record of performance in this scriptural and vital function? At your December workers' conference, trace the development in each church and honor the one with the longest record in this phase of work. A roll call of missionaries—both home and foreign—from the churches of your association would be stimulating and would add much to your program.

Would you send a copy of the research to Dr. George T. Blackmon, Executive Secretary, History Commission, ABSC, Arkadelphia?

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1967 CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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New subscribers

Church	Pastor	Association
New budget after free trial:		
Hydrick	pastorless	Tri-County
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CONVENTION SINGERS ON TV—The Retreat Singers, who highlighted the closing session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at Barton Coliseum, will appear in an hour-long television program from 8 to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, originated by Station KTHV, Little Rock, and also carried by KFSA, Ft. Smith, and KTVE, El Dorado. The young people's group is sponsored by Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Little Rock. The program will be entitled "The Life of Christ in Folk Song." Director of the group, shown with them above, is Rev. Edgar E. Shippey.



TIGER DAY QUEEN—Joy Sinks, daughter of Mrs. Douglas Sinks, Warren, was chosen Tiger Day queen at Ouachita University Nov. 3. She was chosen from candidates representing schools and churches throughout the state. Runners-up were Cathy Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Ross, Warren; Delaney Mulkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Mulkey, Little Rock; Jennie Burris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Burris, Russellville; and Becky Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carson, Pine Bluff.

Gateleys in Taejon

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Gateley, Southern Baptist missionaries to Korea, now do evangelistic work in Taejon. They may be addressed, Baptist Mission, APO San Francisco, Calif., 96231.

He was born and reared in Ola, Ark.; she, the former Audrey Temple, was born in Phoenix, Ariz., and lived in Prescott, Ariz., and Fayetteville, Ark., while growing up. At the time of their missionary appointment in 1964 he was pastor of Green Valley Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo.

Lasater leads Concord

The following were elected as officers of Concord Association at the annual meeting, Oct 7, at First Church, Charleston:

Moderator, Lonnie Lasater, pastor of First Church, Greenwood; vice moderator, Larry Stallings, Ft. Smith; clerk, Orville Haley, Ft. Smith; music director, Don Sebastian, Ft. Smith; Sunday School superintendent, Bill Taylor, Ft. Smith; Training Union director, Carl Marsh, Ft. Smith; Vacation Bible School Leader, Mrs. Murl Walker, Ft. Smith; Brotherhood president, M. C. Miller, Booneville; W. M. U. president, Mrs. R. E. Snow, Ft. Smith; Stewardship-Cooperative Program chairman, D. Hoyle Haire, Booneville; Evangelism chairman, Rick Ingle, Ft. Smith.

Ex-Arkansan featured

Dr. Robert L. Smith, pastor of First Church, Houston, Tex., who conducts a weekly "religious chalk-talk" program on KHOU-TV, Channel 11, is the subject of a two-page spread in the Nov. 26 issue of the nationally circulated TV Guide magazine.

Smith formerly served as pastor of First Church, Crossett, and First Church, Pine Bluff.

Reed takes church

Raymond Reed, member of Elmdale Church, Springdale, has accepted a call to Caudle Avenue Church of that same city. (CB)

After our heart...



MESSENGER HARVILL

A man after the heart of the editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine is H. H. Harvill, Sr., a layman from Humphrey Church, Rt. 1, Humphrey.

Speaking at the recent meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as a messenger who favored keeping Arkansas Baptist Medical Center as an institution of the convention and permitting it to accept federal funds, Mr. Harvill quoted from the report of the convention's Federal Aid committee as carried in the Oct. 20 issue of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine.

The thing that endeared him to the editor was his clinching argument: "And if that weren't the case, the editor would not have put it in the paper."

The hospital issue has been settled. But we like to think that an alert and consecrated layman of Brother Harvill's caliber will go on reading our paper from week to week and, perhaps, quoting it occasionally.—ELM

Newcomers to state

New pastors, ministers of music and or education, and other full-time church workers introduced during the 1966 Arkansas State Convention were:

Richard Adams, pastor, First, Gentry; Don Baker, pastor, First, Corning; C. Dee Birdwell, pastor, Wilmot; Doyle (Windy) Burke, director, Baptist Student Union, Little Rock; Walter L. Callison, pastor, Moark Church, Corning; A. B. Carpenter, pastor, First, Blytheville; Orville E. Castleberry, pastor, Ward;

Ural C. Clayton, minister of music, Immanuel, Little Rock; Padgett Cope, pastor, Calvary, Little Rock; John W. Curtis, pastor, Kibler Church, Alma; Vee Hoyle, pastor, First, Decatur;

J. R. Hull, pastor, Floral; Alvin H. Jackson, pastor, Yarbrow Church, Blytheville; J. M. Johns, pastor, Immanuel, Rogers; Richard L. Johnson, minister of education and youth, Second, El Dorado; O. R. Looper, pastor, Dallas Avenue, Mena;

C. A. Lyttle, pastor, Fair Park, Russellville; A. Kay Mansell, minister of music and education, Levy, North Little Rock; Harold M. Martin, minister of education, First, Blytheville; Roy Mathis, mission pastor, Park Hill, North Little Rock;

Ray W. McClung, minister of education and music, Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock; Don Moore, pastor, Walnut Street, Jonesboro; J. Paul Palmer, pastor, Southside, El Dorado; Carl Pearson, pastor, First, Danville;

Ben F. Philbeck, pastor, Lake Village; Edward L. Powers, pastor, First, Yellville; Eddie Rettstatt, minister of music and youth, First, Nashville; Bailey E. Smith, pastor, First, Warren; Jim Smith, minister of education, First, Memphis; Henry Van Ravenswaay, minister of music and youth, East Side, Paragould; Raymond H. Whetstone, pastor, Percy; Howard G. Willmoth, minister of music and education, First, Hot Springs.

Greene reports changes

Two churches in Greene County Association have lost their pastors. Don McBride resigned Center Hill First Church and Jimmy Tate resigned at Fontaine.

Henry Van Ravenswaay is the new minister of music and youth director at East Side. He comes from Immanuel Church, Newport.

Adams to Gentry

Richard Adams, pastor of Second Church, Caruthersville, Mo., has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Gentry. He began his new work Nov. 13. (AB)



YOUTH CHOIR—One thousand young voices were raised in song on Youth Night, the final session of the Arkansas State Convention. The young people came from all over the state. Directing them is Hoyt Mulkey, secretary, State Music Department. (ABN photo)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION officers: Bill Halbert, minister of education, First Church, Fayetteville, president; Richard Johnson, minister of education, Second Church, El Dorado, vice president of education; Charles Mayo, minister of music, First Church, Benton, vice president of music; and Miss Pat Ratton, director of children's work, Second Church, Little Rock, secretary-treasurer.—ABN Photo



PASTOR'S CONFERENCE officers: Eddie McCord, pastor of Watson Chapel, Pine Bluff, president; Gerald W. Taylor, pastor of First Church, Sherwood, vice president; John C. Robbins, pastor of First Church, North Crosssett, secretary; and guest speaker Robert Scales, Oklahoma City.—ABN Photo

Attendance pins given

Wilson First Church recently presented attendance pins for Sunday School. Paul Stockemer is pastor. Those receiving the pins were:

Twenty years: Mrs. Lula Cullar; 13: Debbie Nelson; 10: Don Bussey, Billy Wayne Bussey and Cathy Whitaker; nine: Mapra Alexander; eight: Linda Parker, Judy Parker, Donna Beth Lawrence and Bonnie Lawrence;

Seven: Eldon Alexander; six: David Alexander and Julia Alexander; five: Malissa Lucius, Steven Alexander; Don Mooring, John Mooring and Glenda Medlin; four: David Bussey and Jeanne Alexander; three: Jackie Trammel; two: David Moon; one: Janet Randolph, Dewayne Lucius, Gail Henderson and Bo Henderson.

New Batesville church

Emmanuel Baptist Mission, South Batesville, became Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oct. 2, at the constitution of the church, there were 88 charter members.

The church is located at a strategic point in the community, where it will be in position to serve many people.

Billy Goyne, who served as pastor of the mission, will continue to serve as pastor of the church.



The modern building, pictured here, will easily accommodate 115 in Sunday School to 250 at the worship service. It is valued at \$35,000. It has both central heat and air conditioning. A generous contribution made by the Convention was a great help in the erection of the plant.

Emmanuel Mission was sponsored by First Church, Batesville, whose pastor is John T. Holston.

Recently the building was dedicated by J. T. Elliff, state superintendant of missions. This mission program is a part of the outreach of the Independence Baptist Association under the leadership of Missionary Dr. J. Everett Sneed. It is the goal to establish one such each year.—News Release

Crossett begins construction



(Left to right center) Jimmy Grubbs, building committee; Victor Scott, general contractor, with shovel W. W. Culpepper, church treasurer; Lonnie Gibbs, chairman of the building committee; Jerry Don Abernathy, pastor. Not pictured are Earl Deal and James Parker, additional members of the committee.

Crossett breaks ground

First Church, Crossett had a ground breaking service Sunday, Nov. 13, marking the formal beginning of construction on a \$170,000 addition to the church buildings. The building is part of a \$200,000 expansion program by the 1,500 member church.

C. J. Holiman, minister of education, said that the new facility will house two additional adult departments, four junior departments, one young people's

department, the church library, church offices and a fellowship hall adequate to meet the church's needs.

Construction of the building will consist of haydite blocks, veneered with red brick. The style will be the same as existing buildings, with modern lighting and all-year air conditioning. Construction is expected to take nine months. Jerry Don Abernathy is pastor.

Towson homecoming

Homecoming services will be held Nov. 27 at Towson Avenue Church, Ft. Smith.

Two former pastors, Pat Shields and Harlan Abel, will be the featured speakers. A basket dinner will be followed by the afternoon service at 1:30.

Gene Palmer is pastor.

Cross Roads ordains

Ordination services were held Nov. 6 by Crossroads Church, Blytheville, for two deacons, Healey Reams and S. W. Chun.

Edsel Garner, pastor, served as moderator. Others participating included T. J. Richardson, pastor, Woodland Corner Church, Allen Hardin, W. L. Boren and J. O. Watson.

Crowned at West Helena

Louise Jackson was honored as Queen with a Scepter at GA coronation ceremonies at West Helena Second Church.

Others participating in the ceremony were Peggy Owens, Queen; Becky Bradshaw and Debbie Graves, princesses; Sherry Patterson, Diane Jackson, Becky Bean, Sharon Holland and Joan Graves, ladies-in-waiting.

Dilday at Helena

Donald Dilday is the new pastor of First Church, Helena.

A native of Texas, Mr. Dilday is a graduate of Baylor University and received his BD and MRE degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He was also a Graduate Teaching Fellow of Ouachita University.

He has served as pastor of First Church, Bryson, Tex., and First Church, Stamps. While at Stamps from 1962-66, there were 41 baptisms, 107 additions by letter, completion of a \$125,000 three-story and fully equipped educational building. The church purchased two lots and houses for parking lot and completed parking facilities.

Mr. Dilday has served as moderator of Jack Association, Tex., vice moderator of Hope Association, and as Area BSU Committee of Southern State College, Magnolia.

He is married to the former Miss Jan Stephenson, also a native of Texas. They have two children, ages one and three.

The Dildays have already moved to Helena. He preached his first sermon there Nov. 20.



DONALD DILDAY



JOE T. TIPTON

Celebrates 101st year

Mrs. Frances Foley, a member of Alpena Church for 51 years, celebrated her 101st birthday Oct. 24. Born in Putnam County, Mo., she came to Arkansas at the age of 25. Her husband was John Foley, who died in 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Foley had nine children. Seven are still living and she also has 22 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

Her pastor, Graham Roberts, reports that Mrs. Foley attends every service of her church, including recent revival services when Wayne D. Gunther was evangelist.

Tipton licensed

Joe T. Tipton was licensed to the ministry by Nall's Memorial Church Nov. 2. Mr. Tipton will enter Little Rock University in February to continue his education. He is married to the former Miss Sara Cook. They have three children, Kim 8, Rickey 7, and Steve 5. Any church desiring to use him as supply or pastor may call TO 8-5295 or write Rt. 5, Box 428A, Little Rock, Ark. 72207.

Named to new post

ATLANTA—A Baton Rouge pastor has been named director of Baptist Center Ministries in New Orleans, a new position created to coordinate the administration of seven separate ministries in that city.

Charles L. McCullin, currently pastor at Brookstown Church in Baton Rouge, La., was appointed to the position by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

McCullin will be working with Clovis A. Brantley, the board's director of Baptist center work, to administer the Sellers Baptist Home (for unwed mothers) and Adoption Center, the Baptist Rescue Mission (for men), the Good Samaritan Home (for women), the Carver Center (for Negroes), the Baptist Friendship House, Rachel Sims Mission, and the Coliseum Place weekday ministry, all in New Orleans.

He also will be working to promote and develop church community weekday ministries, Brantley said. (BP)

Newport youth director

Gary Hook, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hook, Lake City, is serving as youth director at First Church, Newport.

Mr. Hook attended Southern College.

Deaths

L. H. GOODSON, Manila, Ark., stepfather of Mrs. Bobby E. Allen, Southern Baptist missionary to Indonesia, died Nov. 11. Mrs. Allen, the former Barbara Freeman, may be addressed at Djl Hegarmanah Kulon 32, Bandung, Java, Indonesia.

JUDSON LEE ALBRITTIN, 52, pastor of Dalark Church, Carey Association.

Mr. Albrittin had previously served as pastor of Holly Springs Church, Carey Association, where funeral services were held Nov. 17, and at Harmony Church, Carey Association, and Louanne, Liberty Association.

HOUSTON—Mrs. Everett V. Reneer, whose husband is professor at Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., died of cancer here at the M. D. Anderson Hospital. A native of Biloxi, Miss., funeral services were held for Mrs. Reneer at Biloxi, on Nov. 6, with special memorial services conducted at Midwestern Seminary on Nov. 9.

Stone takes pastorate

Darrell Stone has resigned as pastor of Antoine Church, Red River Association, to accept the pastorate of Kingsland Church, Harmony Association.

During the 15 months he has served Antoine Church, there were 13 professions of faith.

Mrs. Stone is the former Miss Judy Buchanan of Paragrould. They have two children, Conway, 6, and Sherry Lynn, 5.

Takes Pottsville church

Herman N. Williams has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Pottsville. He began his pastorate Nov. 1, resigning from West Side Church, Warren.



GARY HOOK



L. H. MOORE

New Ohio editor

L. H. Moore, for ten years editor of the Illinois Baptist, has been named editor of the Ohio Baptist Messenger, in Columbus, Ohio.

A native of Missouri, Moore was pastor of three churches in Illinois before joining the Illinois convention staff as secretary of evangelism, later becoming editor. (BP)

Goodbar at Hardin

REV. Fritz E. Goodbar, Little Rock, is serving as interim pastor of Hardin Church, five miles west of Pine Bluff on Highway 270. The Hardin pulpit was left vacant recently by the resignation of Pastor R. B. King to accept a call to become pastor at Hampton.

The Hardin church has a Sunday School attendance of approximately 150 and has an outstanding choir directed by Franklin Johnson, Mr. Goodbar reports. The church has 400 members and an annual budget of approximately \$22,000.

Missions receive \$38 million

NASHVILLE—Mission contributions to Southern Baptist Convention causes topped the \$38 million mark in October, exceeding gifts for the same period of 1965 by more than \$3 million.

During the first 10 months of 1966, contributions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget totaled \$19,459,264, an increase of more than \$1.2 million over Cooperative Program gifts during the same period in 1965.

An additional \$13,620,262 has been given to designated Southern Baptist missions causes so far during 1966, an increase of \$1.8 million over designated contributions for 1965.

A monthly financial report from the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee set the goal for SBC missions gifts—both undesignated and designated—at \$38,079,527, an increase of \$3,137,398 or 8.98 percent over total missions contributions for the same period in 1965.

Biggest portion of the \$38 million has gone to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to finance SBC foreign mission efforts in about 60 countries. The board has received \$23.5 million in designated and undesignated contributions so far during 1966.

The SBC Home Mission Board has received an additional \$7.6 million during the first ten months. Twenty other Southern Baptist agencies, institutions, and causes have received financial support from the Cooperative Program, and from designated contributions.

The total gifts reported by the SBC Executive Committee, which channels the funds to the appropriate organizations, include only contributions for nation-wide and world-wide causes, and do not include amounts given to support local and state-wide missions efforts by Baptists. (BP)

\$1 million budget

DAYTON, Ohio—The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio meeting here adopted its first million-dollar budget, and greeted a new editor of its official newspaper.

The record budget totaled \$1,108,117, representing an increase of \$244,077 over the 1966 budget. Thirty-two per cent of the budget will be allocated to Southern Baptist Convention causes. (BP)

Named Mom of Year

RALEIGH, N. C.—A former missionary to China who has discovered a Chinese mission field in North Carolina has been named the first North Carolina Baptist mother of the year.

Mrs. Gordon K. Middleton Sr., of Raleigh was honored at the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in Winston-Salem on Nov. 15.

Nominated by the Forest Hills Baptist Church of Raleigh where she is a member, Mrs. Middleton was selected over nominees submitted by other churches throughout the state. (BP)

Jack Harwell new Georgia editor

COLUMBUS, Ga.—Jack U. Harwell, Atlanta, for nine years associate editor of *The Christian Index*, was elected here as editor of the Georgia Baptist Convention weekly news journal.



Harwell was named to the post by the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention. He succeeds John J. Hurt, Jr., editor for 19 years, who recently became editor of the *Baptist Standard*, weekly publication of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

As the new editor of *The Index*, Harwell becomes head of the third oldest religious journal in the world currently in operation, and the third largest of the 29 state Baptist papers.

Employing a staff of nine persons, *The Christian Index* has a circulation of about 180,000. It has been owned by the convention since 1920, having been published first in 1822 under the editorship of Luther Rice.

A native of Mobile, Ala., Harwell, 34, is a journalism graduate of Samford University (formerly Howard College), a Baptist school in Birmingham, Ala. He is the son of a Baptist minister, H. Horace Harwell of Leroy, Ala., who has been active in both secular and religious journalism in Alabama for 40 years.

While in college, Harwell served on the staff of the college newspaper and worked for two years in the college public relations office. He also worked part-time for daily newspapers in Birmingham and Mobile, Ala.

For two years, he was a public relations specialist in the U. S. Army at Fort McPherson, later serving as civilian public relations worker and editor at Fort McPherson and Brookley Air Force Base, Mobile, Ala. He worked part-time for the Atlanta Constitution while at Fort McPherson.

A deacon at Dogwood Hills Baptist Church in East Point, Ga., Harwell is the author of numerous articles for Baptist publications and is currently completing a missions study book for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for publication in early 1968.

Active in Atlanta Baptist affairs, Harwell serves on the board of directors of the Georgia Council on Alcohol Problems and was a plaintiff in the recent suit attempting to bar the sale of alcoholic beverages at a private club in the Atlanta Stadium.

Briefs from Baptist Press

WACO—The Baylor University board of trustees have approved an \$8 million expansion program for the Baylor Medical Center in Dallas and elected Boone Powell vice president in charge of its Dallas operations.

GREENVILLE, S. C. — Furman University's Playler Hall of Science, recently tripled in size with the addition of two wings, was dedicated recently. The Science Hall, named in honor of the late Furman president emeritus John Laney Plyler, is a three-story building designed in keeping with the modified Georgian architecture of the Furman plant. Total cost of the 120,000 square foot building, including the original structure and the new wings, was approximately \$3 million.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—It's time for Baptist men to wake up to their responsibilities in political action, declared Jimmy R. Allen of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission in Dallas, in a message to the Missouri Baptist Men's Convention meeting here. Allen observed here that "Southern Baptist men are like religious Rip Van Winkles in the matter of applying Christian principles to political action."

ATLANTA—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has been asked to enlist about 100 preachers for a simultaneous revival crusade in South Africa, now scheduled for September 1967. Eual F. Lawson, associate in the board's division of evangelism, will direct the effort, which will be similar to the 1965 crusade in New Zealand.

Harwell's oldest brother, Hoyt G. Harwell, is a reporter for the Associated Press, and another brother, Frank Harwell, is editor of a weekly newspaper published in Jackson, Ala.

His wife, the former Blanche Virginia Beard of Tuscaloosa, Ala., is a public school teacher in Atlanta. They have twin boys, Ronald and Donald, ages 11. (BP)

[Editor Harwell is a brother of Miss Eleanor Harwell, associate secretary of the Church Music department of the Arkansas State Convention.]

Federal loans denied by Texas Convention

DALLAS (BP)—Texas Baptists again last week told their institutions not to accept government loans for new buildings as they defeated a section of a church-state report that would have made such loans possible. This was the second time in five years the convention has declared itself in opposition to loans from public funds.

The defeated church-state committee's recommendation suggested the Baptist General Convention of Texas approve loans from public funds for construction of buildings by Texas institutions "provided the institution voluntarily reimburses the government annually" for low interest rates that constitute subsidy.

Defeat of the recommendation, which was only one of 10, left the convention operating under a previous church-state study that rules out loans from public funds.

Two separate suggestions by the committee, dealing with research grants to individual students or to institutions, were approved on the basis that research grants represent money paid for services rendered. Another acknowledged the subsidy involved in postal privileges used by Texas Baptist institutions and one favored tax exemptions on religious property and gifts.

A separate committee recommendation suggested that the convention "continue to oppose all direct aid from tax money for any program of Texas Baptist institutions." (BP)

Skiles takes helm

ABILENE, Tex.—Veteran Baptist Pastor Elwin L. Skiles, 54, formally accepted the presidency of Hardin-Simmons University here with "hope, humility, prayer and faith in God." Some 700 Baptist leaders and ranking educators from Texas and the nation joined in inaugurating Skiles as the 11th chief executive of the growing Baptist-related school, during its diamond jubilee year. (BP)

Candidate apologizes to Georgia Baptists

ATLANTA—Republican gubernatorial Candidate Howard (Bo) Callaway issued a public apology for failing to reply to a questionnaire on moral issues given to him and to Democratic candidate Lester Maddox by The Christian Index.

Maddox answered the questionnaire and it was published in the issue of the Index which appeared the week before the election.

Callaway, whose aides repeatedly told the Index he was too busy campaigning to give sufficient thought to the questions, failed to meet the Index deadline.

(Neither Maddox nor Callaway polled a majority of votes, due to a strong write-in vote for former Georgia Governor Ellis Arnall. Selection of a governor now is up to the legislature and/or the courts).

Some Baptist observers guessed that failure to answer the questionnaire could have cost Callaway as many as 25,000 votes.

The Index Associate Editor Jack U. Harwell said he personally delivered the 10-point questionnaire on Oct. 6 to both campaign headquarters to avoid any mixup.

The Index reported that "repeated conversations were held" with Callaway's top aides between Oct. 6 and the final deadline of Oct. 26 for the pre-election issue of the Index.

In a telegram to the Index on Nov. 4, Callaway said many of his "friends in the Baptist community" had expressed disappointment in his failure to deal with the questionnaire.

Baptists changing on race

BY JIM NEWTON
BAPTIST PRESS STAFF

BERLIN — Evangelist Billy Graham said here in a press conference that Southern Baptists are waking up on the issue of race relations.

Graham, himself a Southern Baptist, was asked by a reporter to explain how he reconciled the evangelistic zeal of churches in the South with their "sordid record" on race relations.

"I can't explain it," Graham said. "I cannot conceive of a Christian holding this type of attitude."

"I cannot defend segregation, especially in the church," he declared. "There has been a lot of hypocrisy on this subject."

The famed evangelist, who is honorary chairman of the World Congress

"Certainly no one is more disappointed than I, coming from a family that has produced over 31 Baptist ministers, among them my own great grandfather," the telegram read.

"I want to apologize to those whom I may have offended by this unavoidable omission," it said. "Please let me assure my Baptist friends that I stand now as I always have for preservation of the highest morals in our state and among our people."

Callaway also apologized on television for not filling in the form, which dealt with such issues as gambling, and narcotics.

In reply, Harwell said, "We feel the Index did all within reason to afford Mr. Callaway the same opportunity to reply which Mr. Maddox had. Since Mr. Maddox did answer the questionnaire, we felt obligated to him to carry his reply."

"The stated positions of two gubernatorial candidates on the moral issues posed in the questionnaire were, we felt, vital to thinking Georgia Baptists as they sought God's will in the Nov. 8 election." (BP)

Negroes enter group

EUGENE, Ore.—The Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, acting in annual session here, accepted nine new churches into the convention, one a National Baptist church.

The Negro church, one of several now included in the two-state convention, is the New Hope Baptist Church of Portland, Ore.

Addition of nine new churches represents, nearly a five percent increase. Last year the convention reported 190 churches with about 31,800 members. (BP)

on Evangelism meeting here, said that the race issue was one of the first problems he had to face as a Southerner when he became a Christian.

He mentioned Southern Baptists specifically, saying that they "have in some areas been slow to wake up, but they are waking up fast."

"During the racial incidents in Clinton, Tenn., several years ago, it was a Southern Baptist clergyman who led the Negro children to school while the people were jeering," Graham said.

During the same press conference, Graham disclosed his plans to visit Vietnam "on a mission of peace to preach the gospel," but did not say when the trip would be made.

Your state convention at work

Recommend material for January Bible study

The following information will be helpful in interpreting the resource materials which are available for January Bible study.

The book of Amos is suggested for January Bible Study Week, 1967. This is the most popular study project now being promoted by Southern Baptists.

The following materials are recommended for use.

1. The study course, book, *Studies in Amos* by Kyle Yates Jr., is prepared as a text for parallel reading to accompany the study of Amos chapter by chapter. This book is designed for everyone to read who participates in the study. It could be purchased and distributed in advance thus encouraging those planning to participate to read this book prior study.

2. To help teachers, *Teaching Guide for Studies in Amos* has been prepared by Dr. Frank Voight, state Sunday School secretary of Virginia.

3. A new resource for January study has been added this year, *Study Guide for Studies in Amos*. It is a wide-margin text including the entire book of Amos. This new resource has multipurpose uses. This part of the study guide can be used for advance study and the wide margin can be used for note taking in class. The study guide also has questions and blanks for the answers, to guide one in the study of certain subjects within the book. It can be used for an individual study of the book for those who cannot attend all sessions. The study guide may also be used as makeup work by persons who are absent from one or more sessions. They would be expected to answer questions on materials covered during the sessions missed.

4. A filmstrip entitled *Amos: A Man Called Prophet* has been prepared for use in this Bible study project. It presents graphically the challenge of the man's life to be used of God. The presentation concludes with a modern-day interpretation of Amos' message.

5. The December issue of *The Builder* contains additional information on the January Bible Study emphasis.

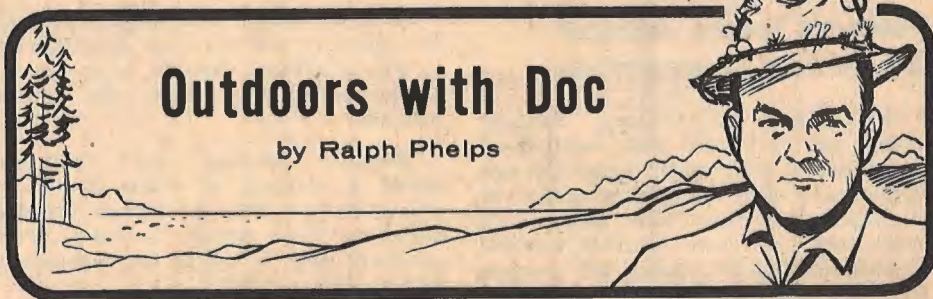
6. The fall schedule of recommended books are as follows:

- Adult—*Young People—Studies in Amos*
- Intermediate—*Exploring the New Testament*
- Junior—*This is My Bible*
- Primary—*The Story the Bible Tells Us*
- Beginner—*Friends Who Help us*
- Nursery—*Animal Friends*

7. A Broadman 30-minute motion film in color, *Prophet From Tekoa* may be rented from a Baptist Film Center for \$12. The Baptist Film Centers are:

- Alabama, Birmingham (35233)—2020 8th Avenue S.
- California, Fresno (93716)—680 E. Shaw Avenue
- Georgia, Atlanta (30303)—283 Peachtree Street, N. E.
- Kentucky, Louisville (42002)—317 Guthrie Street

- Mississippi, Jackson (39201)—125 No. President Street
- Missouri, Kansas City (64106)—1017 Grand Avenue
- No. Carolina, Charlotte (28202)—315 North College Street
- Oklahoma, Oklahoma City (73103)—208 N. W. 11th Street
- Texas, Dallas (75201)—2115 N. Akard
- Virginia, Richmond (23219)—115 E. Grace Street—Lawson Hatfield, State Secretary



The Green Hornet flies again

What a difference a day makes! Yesterday I was on a deer stand in Arkansas; twenty-four hours later, I am flying over Georgia in a DC-9 jet and am penning these lines as we fly several hundred miles an hour with the multi-patterned landscape far below.

Besides the elevation, several things are different. Yesterday I was garbed in my ancient hunting clothes which show generous evidence that I have walked and crawled too close to barbed wire fences and thorn brushes. Today I am dressed in a respectable gray business suit. Yesterday I ate cheese and crackers and drank Folger's instant coffee from a thermos jug. Today I had a fancy Eastern Airlines meal including a shrimp salad and some exotic meat dish that would be good if the cook had salted it. Yesterday I took 30 minutes to drive my delapidated jeep 15 miles. Today I am flying from Memphis to Atlanta in 40 minutes. Yesterday I saw no females in the deer woods—just a bunch of ugly, unshaven fellow hunters. Today a bevy of charming stewardesses are warming up my coffee in a vain attempt to change my usual airborne green color to that of a well human being. At the close of Monday I attended the annual Ouachita beauty pageant after having spent the day hunting. Tonight I am to address the Georgia Baptist Convention, which, if it is like all the other Baptist conventions I have attended will NOT feature beauties—on the platform or in the audience.

The two days, though vastly different, had a few things in common. The weather and the scenery were uniformly beautiful, although the prospective was quite dissimilar. The days were both spent in careful listening—first for dogs and deer, then for possible malfunctioning of the plane's engines. Finally, I saw the same number of deer on Tuesday as I had seen on Monday. There are just as many running up and down the aisle of the ship as there were running up and down the forest lanes of Clark County where I watched eagerly.

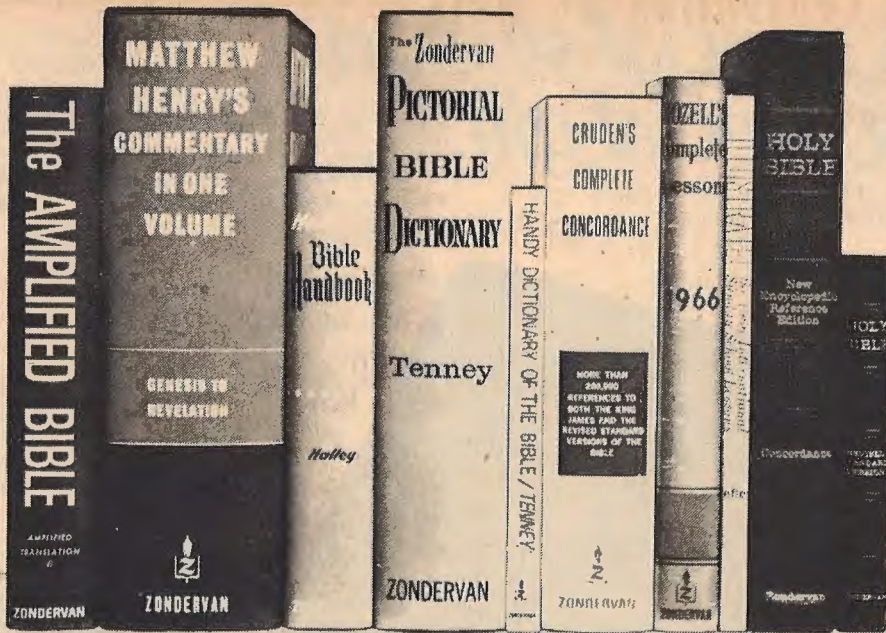
There are two good things to be said for flying: (1) It's fast and (2) you don't have any smelly carcass to have butchered and foisted off on friends who try to appear happy at your gift of venison.

There are several good things to be said for having to speak at a Baptist convention several states away during the short Arkansas deer season. At the moment, I can't think of any of them, however.

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Disallow federal grants

PENSACOLA, Fla.—The Florida Baptist Convention adopted a policy statement forbidding federal grants to Baptist institutions, and in effect told Stetson University that if it accepted any additional grants, convention financial support would be withdrawn.

An attempt to delete a budget allocation to Stetson, a private Baptist school in Deland, Fla., failed by a 60 to 40 per cent margin.

Earlier during the year, Stetson had accepted federal grants totaling \$844,557 to construct a new science building and a new law school building.

During a vote of the convention, Florida Baptists adopted a motion which stipulated that any Florida Baptist Convention agency or institution, including Stetson which technically is not owned by the convention, which receives a federal grant will automatically cease to receive Cooperative Program funds from the state Baptist budget.

Approved with only minor debate was a lengthy report from a special committee which has conducted a one-year study on church-state relations. The policy statement approved use of federal loans by Baptist institutions, but denied federal grants. (BP)

One of the remarkable developments of recent years is the paperback publishing industry. More and more all-time-great books are now available at from 50 cents to 75 cents or a dollar. Now a person of limited financial means can have his own library for his own home.

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ery. All of these sell for 50 cents each.

The following sell for 95 cents each: Vanity Fair, by William Makepeace Thackeray; The Portrait of a Lady, by Henry James; A Teacher's Guide to Supplementary Reading, by Harry Shefter.

The Meaning of the New Testament, by Barclay M. Newman, Broadman Press, 1966, \$6.95.

In this survey, Dr. Newman seeks to answer questions such as: What relationship do the New Testament books have to the social, economic and intellectual conditions of the time in which they were written? How can an understanding of his relationship add to our present-day understanding and appreciation of the New Testament?

The author feels that the Christian should analyze and reverently evaluate all that he professes in faith—that there should be no severance between genuine faith and honest study. He insists that an honest study of the New Testament requires that the student utilize all of the recognized tools of biblical research, realizing that these are designed to aid in understanding and more deeply appreciating the Scriptures.



Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

OK racial resolutions

TULSA, Okla.—Oklahoma Baptists closed out their 61st annual session here with the adoption of resolutions calling for "respect for the law" and "peaceful methods" of securing racial equality.

One resolution urged lawmakers, courts, and law officers "to do all within their power to apprehend, convict, and punish those who break the laws and disregard the rights and property of others."

A second resolution urged church leaders to "apply Christian principles in their personal relations with those of other races."

The convention approved a record \$3,125,000 Cooperative Program budget, with nearly \$1.4 million designated for support of Baptist work beyond Oklahoma.

In the opening address of the convention, Cal Guy, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, set the tone of the convention by calling on Baptists to repent of sins which keep them from winning the world.

Lack of faith, lack of love for one another, lack of being "filled" with the Holy Spirit, and lack of humility were enumerated among the denomination's deficiencies and the reason for its lack of power. (BP)

Deplore anarchy

ROYAL OAK, Mich.—Construction of a \$400,000 Baptist Center in downtown Detroit to minister to alcoholics, dope addicts, broken families, juvenile delinquents, and senior citizens was approved by the Baptist State Convention of Michigan meeting here.

The convention voted to endorse a \$350,000 bond issue to erect the Baptist Center, to be located across the street from the state convention headquarters building on Cass Avenue.

The center will house a weekday ministry to the needy, a Baptist institute to train Negro pastors and other church leaders, and facilities for classes in homemaking.

Resolutions were approved condemning anarchy, but supporting those who lead the struggle for human rights using means that are "legally, morally and spiritually right."

A record \$588,492 budget was adopted, including a Cooperative Program goal of \$274,723 which would allocate 25 per cent to support Southern Baptist Convention world mission causes.

New president of the convention is E. Clay Polk, a Baptist pastor from Pontiac, Mich. [Mr. Polk is a former Arkansas pastor.] (BP)

Solitude and gratitude

Most of us would love to have a sort of Shangri-la, Bali Hai, and Walden all rolled into one. We need a quiet retreat now and then to get away from the pressures of the routine and hum-drum of life.

If you could sit in my back yard today you would find such an atmosphere. The weather is warm for November. There are only a few oak leaves left to catch the glint of afternoon sun. A left-over cricket is click-clacking away as though he thinks it's still summer. The neighbor's little dog, Bo, is playing in the fallen leaves. Dollie, the cat, and even Addie, the horse, are taking advantage of the warmth of the sun to get a nap.

A nuthatch hops perkily on an oak branch over my head. He will probably be around all winter. Two red birds flit briefly from tree to tree. Their color, more noticeable now that the bright leaves are gone, is matched only by the bright red berries of the nandina bushes nearby.

When man sits by himself for a while and contemplates Nature, he is reminded of the Workman "whose work we are" as Thoreau expressed it.

At this season of the year we should all be filled with an attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving for the beauties and bounties of this earth and all that our Father has provided for us.

I had a recent visit with an octogenarian—an eighty-year-old, if you please—whose radiant spirit and attitude toward life is an inspiration to all. One of the things I am most thankful for at this Thanksgiving season is the joy of having known and been influenced by so many wonderful people who have traveled the highway of life a little longer than I have.

We are indebted to the poet, Thomas Landels, who at the age of 83 gave us the following poem:

Thank God for life, with all its endless store
Of great experiences, of hill and dale,
Of cloud and sunshine, tempest, snow and hail.
Thank God for straining sinews, panting breast,
No less for weary slumber, peaceful rest;
Thank God for home and parents, children, friends,
For sweet companionship that never ends:
Thank God for all the splendor of the earth,
For nature teeming with prolific birth:
Thank God for sea and sky, for changing hours,
For trees and singing birds and fragrant flowers.
And so in looking back at eighty-three
My final word to you, my friends, shall be:
Thank God for life; and when the gift's withdrawn,
Thank God for twilight bell, and coming dawn.

Comments, suggestions, or questions, may be addressed to Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mt. Sequoyah Drive, Fayetteville, Ark.

Revivals

Russellville Second, Oct. 23-Nov. 2; Johnny Green, pastor, Philadelphia Church, Jonesboro, evangelist; Calvin Easley, pastor, music director; 11 for baptism; 2 other conversions; 15 by letter.

Crossett Mt. Olive, Oct. 30-Nov. 6; Kenneth R. Everett, pastor, evangelist; H. L. Seamons, song leader; 2 for baptism; 2 by letter.

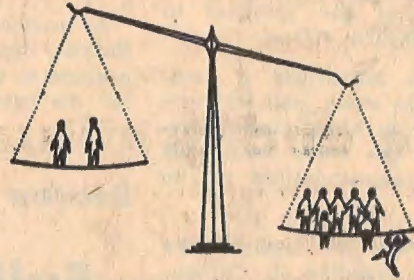
Jacksonville First, Oct. 16-23; Dr. Tal Bonham, Pine Bluff, evangelist; W. Haskell, Lindsey, El Dorado, singer; 19 professions of faith; 4 by letter; Jeff P. Cheatham Jr., pastor.

West Plains, Mo., First Church; Oct. 30-Nov. 6; Jamie Coleman, evangelist; Bob Tolliver, singer; 61 professions of faith; 57 by baptism; 13 by letter; 53 rededications; 4 homes dedicated; Jim Hylton, pastor.

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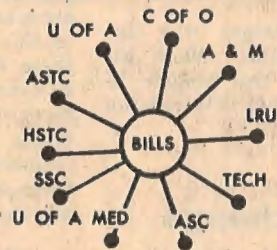
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Study moving offices

ALTON, Ill.—The Illinois Baptist State Association meeting here defeated a motion to move its state headquarters from Carbondale to Champaign, Ill., and approved instead a three-year study of the proposal to move the state Baptist offices.

The convention authorized a committee to make the study, and instructed the committee to bring annual progress reports on the study until 1969 when definite recommendations are to be made.

A motion to move the headquarters from the Baptist Building in Carbondale to the Baptist Student Center in Champaign, Ill., lost in a vote of the messengers. The Student Center is located adjacent to the campus of the University of Illinois.

Another motion instructing the Executive Committee of the Illinois Association to go outside of the state to find an executive secretary for the state convention was also defeated. A substitute motion was approved, assuring the Executive Committee of the association's prayers and confidence as the committee seeks an executive secretary.

A record \$854,145 budget was approved by the convention, which allocated 36 percent of the budget to support Southern Baptist Convention missions causes. (BP)

Endorse name change

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana voted here to encourage the Southern Baptist Convention to change its name.

The brief motion stated succinctly: "We graciously encourage the Southern Baptist Convention to continue to pursue the possibility of a name change." Adopted following wide discussion, only six negative votes were recorded on the motion.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is currently studying the possibility of changing the name of the SBC, but no final action has been taken.

The Convention approved a record budget, a \$288,000 Cooperative Program goal for 1967, and allocated 27 percent of the budget to Southern Baptist Convention causes. (BP)

Race, war resolutions

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Resolutions exploring racial prejudice and discrimination and calling for prayer for the war in Vietnam were adopted by the Southern Baptist General Convention of

California meeting here.

The convention also adopted a resolution pledging support for Governor-elect Ronald Reagan in his campaign promise to work for strong control of pornographic and obscene literature.

A motion calling for the Southern Baptist Convention to reaffirm its opposition to the acceptance of tax money for the support of any Southern Bap-

tist institution was "enthusiastically and overwhelmingly adopted," observers reported.

The convention adopted a record budget of \$2,190,254, including a Cooperative Program goal of \$1.2 million which allocates 26 percent to support Southern Baptist Convention world mission causes. The total budget is an increase of \$65,000 over the 1966 budget. (BP)

Beacon lights of Baptist history

Fuller supports missions

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

Rev. Andrew Fuller was Carey's strong support in his missionary movement. About the time Carey had led in the organization of the new mission movement, Fuller published a tract which helped the movement. It was entitled "The Gospel of Christ, Worthy of All Acceptation; or, The Obligations of Men Fulley to Credit and Cordially to Approve Whatever God Makes Known: Wherein is Considered the Nature of Faith in Christ and the True Duty of Those Where Gospel Comes in this Matter."

After Carey and Dr. John Tomas, who had practiced medicine in India and preached as he had opportunity, had offered themselves for missionaries and been accepted by the society, they needed help for passage. There was great opposition to this effort. Mr. Fuller gave himself to their help. In order to raise money for them he went from door to door begging the more wealthy Baptists of London to contribute to the cause. By most of them he was often refused, meeting a cold reception. He was compelled to turn down the lanes and alleys that no one might see him weeping over his failure and disappointment. There were many who refused money for this noble enterprise. But he persevered until the money was secured to send these two devoted men and their families to India. They sailed for their chosen field of labor on June 18, 1793.

"Mr. Fuller did a great deal, not only in originating the work, but also in sustaining it and carrying it on. He was appointed financial secretary of the missionary society, and accomplished a great deal of work in overcoming the prejudices of the people, and gaining their sympathies for the missionaries and their work, and in raising money for their support. In carrying on this work in the home-field, Mr. Fuller performed an amount of labor in the way of correspondence, traveling, preaching, writing, and collecting, and in general managing the affairs of the society, which required an amount and activity almost unequalled.

"He did not always receive the cooperation even of ministers. Many of the pastors did not understand the great commission, and a great part of Mr. Fuller's work was to convert them to right views. It is said that at one time he was very anxious to obtain an introduction into some of the pulpits in the eastern part of England, where there was strong prejudice against him. A plan was arranged so that he might have an opportunity to preach to some of the people without their knowing by whom they were addressed. A friend of his who had been appointed to preach before the association, gave his place to Mr. Fuller. No one knew the strange preacher, but all were delighted with his sermon, and many expressed the wish that Mr. Fuller had been there to hear it, as they considered it a complete refutation of the doctrines held by him.

"At length one of the ministers who was in on the secret, rose and very gravely moved that the thanks of the association be given to Rev. Fuller for his excellent sermon, and that he be requested to print it. The result was that their prejudices were removed, their sympathies were gained, and their pulpits were opened for him to plead the cause of missions.

"Mr. Fuller continued to fill the office of secretary of the missionary society for twenty-three years, and by his zealous advocacy of the cause, and his wise management of the society's affairs, laid the foundations of a work that has gone on with ever-increasing efficiency and power. . . Faithfully did Fuller hold the rope while Carey went down into the mines." (Richard B. Cook, *The Story of the Baptists in all Ages and Countries*, Willey and Company, Greenfield, Mass., 1887, pp. 306-308)

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The repentance of Judas

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

(SEVENTH ARTICLE ON JUDAS)

"Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders." (Matt. 27:3).

The Sanhedrin taking Jesus to Pontius Pilate could mean but one thing. They would ask the Roman procurator for the death sentence, a power which the Empire reserved to itself.

When Judas saw this he "repented himself." The word rendered "repented" (*metamelomai*) means to be sorry after the act. It does not contain the element of a change of mind, attitude, and heart, or true repentance, as expressed in *metaneo*. While it was not an evil word within itself, this context serves to color it. A condemned murderer regrets his act because of what it has done to him. But, having no change of heart, he would murder again if the occasion for such should arise. Or a rapist, having satisfied his lust, feels a remorse of conscience. But he is still a rapist at heart. So Judas regretted his deed simply for the reason that he was caught in it. Or he suffered remorse but did not experience a change of attitude. He was still a traitor at heart.

Furthermore, note that he confessed his sin of betraying innocent blood (v. 4). He knew that Jesus did not deserve to die. Judas' betrayal was caused not by Jesus' crime, but by his own greed and lust. But note to whom he made his confession. To the Sanhedrin, not to God or to Jesus. It was not a confession in the true sense of the word. And the Sanhedrin had no pity for him. The devil casts aside his tool after he has used them.

As if to be rid of his guilt, he flung the money at the feet of the Jewish rulers (v. 5). He cleaned his pockets but not his heart. He had lived for money, and now his purse was empty.

The Sanhedrin hypocritically refused the money, saying, "It is the price of blood" (v. 6). Therefore, they could not lawfully put it into the sacred treasury. In all likelihood this blood money came from the treasury. They had no conscience against doing that. But slaves to legalism that they were, they could not put this soiled coin back into the treasury.

Instead they used it to buy a potter's field in which to bury "strangers" or foreigners (v. 7). They would not even bury Jews in such a defiled place! And they called it "the field of blood" (vv. 8-10). They did not even call it "Judas Memorial Cemetery!"



GROCERYMAN NAMED CHURCHMAN OF YEAR: Howard E. Butt Jr., (right) displays the 1966 Churchman of the Year award he received from Gordon Ford (left) of the Southern Seminary Foundation, Louisville, Ky., whose lay members annually honor an outstanding Christian layman. Butt is vice president of the H. E. Butt Grocery Company, the largest independent food chain in Texas. Ford is senior partner in Kentucky's largest accounting firm and is chairman of the seminary foundation board.

(BP Photo)

US-2, summer missions deadline is Jan. 15

ATLANTA—Next Jan. 15 is deadline for application to Southern Baptists' two homeland mission youth organizations—US-2 and student summer missions.

In 1966, a near-record 670 summer missionaries were assigned and the second wave of US-2 volunteers, 26 in number, scattered across the mission field for two years of service.

Student summer missions, the eldest of the two Home Mission Board outfits, has fielded more than 9,000 Baptist college students in the last 22 years. And US-2, inaugurated in 1965 with 20 pioneer volunteers, has proved to be a valuable supplement to the work of career missionaries.

Tasks for both groups range from Vacation Bible Schools and surveys to interim pastorships and Baptist center work.

To qualify for student summer missions, students (couples included) must be beyond the sophomore level and have a recommendation from their home church. US-2 requires a college degree, age 27 or under, and experience in church organizations.

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The Thanksgiving Month

BY THELMA C. CARTER

Sometimes we may forget why we observe Thanksgiving Day as a national holiday. It is an important holiday, and we should honor it by giving special thanks for the many blessings we have.

The first Thanksgiving Day of the colonists was in November, 1621. The Pilgrims were more than glad to share their harvest with one another and with the friendly Indian Chief and his followers.

History tells that Governor Bradford sent four men into the woods for game for the feast. They returned with a number of wild turkeys, wild geese, ducks, codfish, clams, and oysters.

The Indians who were invited to the festivities brought five deer as their part of the special feast. These Indians were invited to take part in the children's games and in the military drill in which the Pilgrim men took great pride.

The English settlers must have been a weary people as they went about preparing food and activi-

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ties. They had spent months laboring in the forests, cutting trees for shelter and for their first hospital. We read in pioneer history that only in March after the first November were there "two rows of houses, with a wide street between" for the families who had survived the first, bitterly cold winter.

We often see pictures of Pilgrim children with their capes and shawls closely drawn about their shoulders. They joined in the hymn singing and prayers of their parents.

Pioneer Thanksgiving

BY BRIERLY ASHOUR

A brownness fills the autumn world;

The frost has painted autumn leaves;

The smell of snow is in the air;
A prankish wind plays through the eaves.

Great crimson apples fill the bins;

The pumpkin gold upon the ground

Reflects the gold of drying corn;
From rafters, fruits of field abound.

November often has a defiant, brave manner as its sharp winds sweep clean the corners of the earth. In fact, this month has many of the same characteristics as the staunch band of Pilgrim people who wanted to express thanksgiving for their blessings.

In many of the special Thanksgiving services held in our churches this season, you will hear the Bible verse, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God" (Ephesians 5:20).



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Volunteers Aid Patients In Voting Absentee



Mrs. Doyle Hornaday stops by Rommie Kennedy's bedside (in picture at upper left) to help him fill in an application for an absentee ballot. She checks her list before mailing applications for patients. Below, she confers with County Clerk Bob Peters on the proper procedure to be used helping patients who are unable to go to the polls to cast their ballots. Volunteers performed this service for many ABMC patients prior to the November 8 election.

Ex-Student Joins Mission Team

Eva Jane Salser, who attended the ABMC School of Nursing from 1963 to 1964 and then left to become a missionary, is now serving with TEAM in Taipei, Taiwan with the Evangelical Alliance Mission.

A letter from her written last month said:

"My first week on the island was quite eventful with a continuous rainfall for five days, an earthquake the third day, and my first TEAM field conference, which began just two days after my arrival. There I was able to get acquainted with others. TEAM members in Taiwan, and that has proved a big help.

"During July and August I worked full time in Taichung at TEAM Radio Taiwan where I will be located after language school. At radio there was a schedule full of variety with never a dull moment for me or the staff. I taught piano to our staff members and organ to another. Demonstration proved to be a real aid in overcoming the language barrier, although many on the staff know some English. There was also supervision of vocal practice, which involved the quartet, the trio and three soloists. Besides musical responsibilities there were various secretarial tasks as well as helping the national director with English. The time at the radio was a rich experience that will keep a goal before me as I study Mandarin in Taipei."



YWA President

Mary Capshaw is the new YWA president elected October 1. Miss Dolle Hiett from First Baptist Church is counselor and Mrs. Burl Purkiss in

charge of social activities. The YWA Council will sponsor a birthday party each month for students having birthdays during the month. The first such party was held September 29.

Two Langleys Familiar To ABMC Staff



That's Miss Langley (Paulette) of Nursing Service, seated, and Mrs. Langley (Corinne) of Administration, standing.

Two attractive and well-known young ladies whose last name happens to be Langley (no relation) often confuse callers at the Medical Center.

If you call nursing service, you will get "Miss Langley" and if you call administration your telephone call will be answered by "Mrs. Langley."

To further complicate the picture, both came to work at approximately the same time, both are secretaries and both are in key positions where they stay in contact with all areas of the Medical Center.

Nursing Office's Langley

Miss Langley, whose first name is Paulette, lives at 1521 West Short 17th Street, North Little Rock, with her parents and two brothers and one sister (another sister is married). She formerly worked at Pfeifer's and at Burton Furniture Company before coming to her present job at ABMC in 1962.

She is secretary of the young people's department at Baring Cross Baptist Church and in her spare time, she likes to make most of her own clothes.

Never A Dull Moment

"There is never a dull moment in this office," she said as the door opened and a teen-ager came in wanting to get in touch with his mother who was a patient. Miss Langley stopped to call her so he could talk with her by phone.

"I like working with people and I see lots of them in this job," she said. She also said that she felt that while she did not work directly with patients, she was contributing to their well-being by helping to secure pri-

vate duty nurses when needed and through many other services.

In New Home

Mrs. Corinne Langley now lives in her new home at 4409 Hartsfield in the Geyer Springs area. Her husband, David Langley, has been employed as a pharmacist at the Medical Arts Drug Store since finishing the University of Arkansas Pharmacy School in 1964.

Mrs. Langley taught one semester at Tiller High School near her home in McGehee after graduating from Ouachita Baptist University. She married, however, before the year was out and came to Little Rock and the Baptist Medical Center.

Takes Correspondence Course

Her spare time is taken up with

correspondence courses which she has taken from the University and Henderson State Teachers College toward a degree in elementary education. She has completed 15 hours already and has nine more to go.

Mrs. Langley is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

"I like the variety of the work here," said Mrs. Langley. "I also get satisfaction from contributing indirectly to helping patients."

Much of her work is with the medical staff and she also opens all the Medical Center mail each morning, which also furnishes added variety to an already varied job.

"Most of the comments we get in the mail are good ones," said Mrs. Langley. "There is an occasional criticism but when we receive letters from former patients, they are mostly commendatory."

Senior Describes Junior Year At Nursing School



Mrs. Jimmie Muse Hale, the author.

Mrs. Jimmie Muse Hale, Senior in the School of Nursing and president of the Senior Class, spoke to the student body on September 26 and gave this description of her impressions of her Junior year:

My Junior year was an emotion-packed, action-filled, merry-go-round, accentuated with triumphs and punctuated by failures. I met myself coming and going and am actually amazed that I lived through some of those days.

The one outstanding feature about the Junior Year is FREEDOM. You are at that stage where you have the confidence built up in your Freshman Year, and you are ready and eager to prove yourself.

Your instructor leaves you room for your own planning of Nursing Care. She encourages you to organize your own work in your own way. She lets you make your own mistakes but will readily lend you a Kleenex and a

sympathetic ear if you will just ask.

Some of my days as a Junior were exciting and dynamic and filled with new adventure. In a blind and stumbling way I would make a great discovery of some bit of knowledge. Nine out of ten times it was some point that my instructor had been trying to get across for a week or more, but only now it had meaning.

Other days were tragic, disappointing, and nothing went right. It was my day for punishment, and everyone, it seemed, from the head nurse to the aides were on my back. It seemed that I had to be secretary, maid, maintenance man, student, and aide all rolled into one. I would be so tired, mad, and disgusted I could hardly wait to get off work so I could go scream at my roommate.

Even with my roller coaster days and my many ups and downs, I found that my Junior Year flew by almost too fast.

The one phrase that sticks in my mind regarding this past year is: "I don't have time." I don't have time to study; I don't have time to sleep; I don't have time to help, so get someone else; I don't have time to go to church meetings and worship. My God knows I'm just as guilty as anyone else about wasting time, and I beg His forgiveness for it.

Thomas Edison said, "Time is the most important thing in the world." Science has been able to add a number of years to the span of life — but I believe it is not important how many years you add to life; rather, how much life you add to years. This truth I learned almost too late. Ben Franklin said, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

One way to waste time is in pondering past mistakes. (And you are going to make them.) Paul said in Phillipians 3:13-14: "One thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Plaques Presented At Board Dinner

W. M. Freeze, Jr., of Jonesboro received two plaques for his distinguished service on the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center Board of Trustees—one as outgoing president and one as retiring Board member. The presentation was made at the annual Board dinner at 6:30 p.m. October 11 at the Tiki Room, Albert Pike Hotel.

Among others honored was Miss Marie Nash, former administrative assistant who retired last year after a long period of service to the Medical Center.

Another retiring Board member who received a plaque was Jacob L. King of Hot Springs. Two others, J. Leo Armstrong and George B. Munsey, both of Little Rock, were not present to receive their plaques. The Board also presented a plaque to R. A. Lile for service to the Medical Center in 1960 in negotiations on property for the parking lot in front of the Medical Arts Building. Lile is now a member of the Board.

Also receiving plaques were: Dr. Walter H. O'Neal, past chief of the ABMC Medical Staff; Dr. William D. Sessoms, past chief of the Memorial Hospital Medical Staff; Mrs. A. L. Davis, past president of the Memorial Auxiliary; and Mrs. Ray M. Wilson, past president of the ABMC Auxiliary.

Entertainment for the occasion was

How To Vote



Mrs. George Rose, at left, demonstrates to two other loyal Auxiliary members, Mrs. M. D. Goldsby and Mrs. Roy Bilheimer, the way to vote on a voting machine at the October Auxiliary meeting.

Inservice Director



Miss Betty Jo Marsh

Miss Betty Jo Marsh has been named inservice director for Nursing Service.

A graduate of the ABMC School of Nursing, Miss Marsh also attended Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway and Ouachita Baptist University. She was with Drs. Watson and Adametz for two and one half years.

Miss Marsh said that the inservice program would continue to offer education for all nursing personnel at least once a week. She will plan the teaching sessions and programs for the various groups:

Annual Staff Selected By Students

Freda Kelly and Donna Wirick are co-editors of the 1966-67 White Cap who were chosen last month by the student body at ABMC.

Other members of the annual staff are: Brenda Nelson (Practical School), art editor with Rose Wilson as co-chairman and Sarai Twyman in charge of photography and snapshots;

Pat Johnston (X-ray School), business manager with Carolvn Turner McCarthy, Sharon Beene and Julia Foster as co-chairman (both Sharon and Julia are in the Practical School);

Layout Committee: Jimmie Muse Hale, chairman; and Shirley Phillips, Nita Haley (X-ray School), Carol King Wells, Diane Zelnick, Glenna Simmons (Practical School) and Marv Lee Jaed (Practical School), co-chairman.

Photographs will be taken by Mr. Richard A. Wild. The faculty committee is composed of: Mrs. Iva Lee Suggett, chairman; Mrs. Pauline Evans; Miss Oleta Coveland (X-ray School); Mrs. Mary Jackson (Practical School); Mrs. Mae Fuller, proof reader; and Mrs. Charlene Holland, advisor.

Appears on Program

Dr. H. A. Ted Bailey appeared on the program of the American Academy of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Physicians at the annual meeting at Chicago October 16-21. Dr. Bailey was one of a three-member panel dealing with problems in middle-ear surgery.

furnished by Mrs. Orman Simmons, who sang selections from "The Sound of Music" accompanied by Mrs. Jack Jones, organist for First Baptist Church. Mrs. Simmons' husband is a former ABMC intern and is now a resident at the University Medical Center.



These are some of the members of the 1966-67 Yearbook staff. From left, front row: Sarai Twyman, snapshot co-chairman; Jimmie Hale, co-chairman, layout committee; and Shirley Phillips, co-chairman, same committee. Standing, Mrs. Pauline Evans, faculty advisor; Brenda Nelson, art editor; Freda Kelly, co-editor; Pat Johnston, business manager; and Mrs. Iva Lee Suggett, faculty advisor.

God renews his promise

BY L. H. COLEMAN

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Life and Work

November 27

II Samuel 7

Of great significance in the Old Testament is the Abrahamic Covenant. This covenant was renewed to Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Judah. The sceptre (birth of Jesus) went through Judah and the birthright (material possessions) went through Joseph. (Cf. I Chron. 5:1, 2) Today's lesson involves the renewal of the covenant with David.

I. From Moses to David.

A connecting link in tracing the story of redemption is necessary from Moses (last Sunday's lesson) to David (today's lesson). Moses was succeeded by the young warrior, Joshua. Joshua was overshadowed by the greatest man in the Old Testament, Moses. Joshua led in the settlement of Canaan by the twelve tribes. Please study this settlement and note that Ephraim and Manasseh, sons of Joseph, settled Canaan instead of Joseph and Levi (his group became priests).

The next period is the era of the dark ages, the Judges (military commanders). A statement often repeated in the book of Judges is: "The children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah" (Cf. Judges 2:11, 3: 7, 12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:6; 13:1). The military leaders delivered the Israelites from their oppressors. Each "judge" faced a certain crisis.

Samuel, perhaps the most underrated man in the Old Testament, was the last of the judges and first of the prophets. He established the "schools of the prophets", which resemble today's seminaries.

The people wanted a king which fell within the permissive will of God. Samuel anointed Saul, Israel's first king, whose reign was impressive militarily but unimpressive spiritually. (Perhaps he was psychotic). Then came David ("beloved").

II. David, Israel's second king.

Upon the death of Saul, David be-

came king of Judah and reigned in the Southern Kingdom for seven and one half years prior to becoming king of all Israel. Meanwhile the king of the rest of Israel, other than Judah, was Ishbosheth, Saul's son. Upon the death of Ishbosheth, David was elected king over all the tribes and made a great record. He, being very versatile, was a great musician, poet, warrior, king, and spiritual leader. Although he committed the sins of covetousness, adultery, and murder (Cf. 2 Samuel 11); yet he repented of his sins (Cf. Psalms 51) and received forgiveness (Psa. 32).

Under David's leadership Israel became a military power and reached a high-water mark economically and spiritually. The capital was changed from Hebron to Jerusalem, the holy city, under David's leadership. God did not permit him to build the temple because he was a man of war; but he laid the plans for its construction.

III. David and Nathan.

A distinguished prophet figured prominently in David's life and reign. The prophet Nathan's first important appearance to David was an announcement from Jehovah that not David but his successor was to have the honor of building the Temple. (II Samuel 7:1-17; I Chronicles 17:1-15). Afterwards the Lord sent Nathan to face David with his great sins. The prophet diplomatically yet pungently gave the king a parable about a rich man taking a poor man's ewe lamb (Cf. 2 Samuel 12:1-15). Upon David's indignation concerning the rich man's taking the one beloved ewe lamb, Nathan stated forthrightly: "Thou art the man."

IV. The throne of David.

In spite of being overtaken by the weakness of the flesh, David loved Jehovah sincerely. David will be remembered because the seed of Abraham went through David as Jesus' human ancestry. Jesus was born in the city of

David, Bethlehem, and was called the "son" of David.

2 Samuel 7 gives an insight in the covenant renewal. Jehovah took David from the role of shepherd to that of king (v 8). As he had promised to Abraham (Cf. Genesis 12) so would David's name be great (v 9). Canaan was promised as a habitation for the Israelites (v 10). A promise is given that David's son would build the Temple (vs 12-13). David in exultation and praise, for which he was noted, stated: "Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God; for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee" (v 22). God again confirmed the covenant with his people (vs 23-25).

The matter of David's kingdom being described as an "everlasting" kingdom has provoked some controversy among Biblical scholars. The inescapable conclusion of this passage is that the child, Jesus, was the fulfillment of the Davidic promises. (Cf. Luke 1:30-33). The main purpose of the Abrahamic covenant was the giving to the world the Messiah and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The intent of the original covenant also was the intent of its renewal. Therefore the way the family of David would bless the world was through the one great king, Jesus, whose kingdom was of endless duration. (Cf. I Kings 2:4; I Chron. 22:8-10, II Chron. 7:17-18; Psalms 89: 3,4,27-29, 34-37).

Conclusion

David so linked himself with the Lord that his life served a useful, meaningful purpose in the plan of God. Are our lives so related to Christ that we are instruments of blessing for Him?

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A daring faith

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.
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When a spire of hope rises in the midst of ashes of despair, its beauty and meaning are doubly significant. Such a spire was raised by Jeremiah in the incident which serves as the basis for this week's lesson.

The story concerns a real estate transaction, but the business deal is important only as an illustration of daring faith. Jeremiah used it as an object lesson to teach that, regardless of how dark the present, the future which was in God's hands contained hope. His act of faith may not have impressed his contemporaries, most of whom consistently ignored his prophetic pronouncements, but in retrospect has a great didactic value.

I. Ashes of despair.

Events had been moving rapidly toward Judah's final downfall. Babylon,

with the mighty Nebuchadnezzar as king, had devastated her enemies; and the tiny Jewish nation was about to draw her dying breath.

King Zedekiah seems to have had a genuine respect for Jeremiah, but he was constantly goaded by a leadership element that wanted him to rebel and throw off the yoke of Babylon. Their goal of independence was worthy, but their judgment was terrible. It was not because he longed to be enslaved but because he knew the futility of resistance that Jeremiah urged compliance with Nebuchadnezzar's demands.

In 589 Zedekiah tried to throw off Babylonian rule, and the final siege of Jerusalem began. The overwhelming forces of the enemy kept the city bottled up like a sealed jug except for one short period when the Babylonians cut out to chase an Egyptian force which had made threatening noises. They soon returned, however, and the siege continued until the final fall of the city in 587.

Because he had counseled surrender, Jeremiah was put under house arrest "in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Judah's house." This was attached to the king's palace and was apparently set apart for those whom for any reason it was expedient to keep under observation and restraint. It was far from a maximum security lockup, for visitors could come and go at will. Jeremiah was probably safer there than he would have been on the streets, what with the unpopularity of his message.

With the outlying cities devastated and Nebuchadnezzar battering at the gates of Jerusalem, the fulfillment of the predictions of the Prophet of Doom seemed imminent. The only thing that seemed very certain was that enslavement was just around the corner.

II. Spire of hope.

In the midst of such despair, Jeremiah did something that to his contemporaries must have seemed the ultimate in "kookiness" but was actually a demonstration of faith and hope.

Hanamel, Jeremiah's cousin, came to visit the imprisoned prophet and asked him to buy a field at Anathoth, a small village just north of Jerusalem. It will be remembered that this was Jeremiah's birthplace. Hanamel offered the land to Jeremiah in accordance with the Levitical law of redemption by purchase (cf. Lev. 25:25 ff).

The purpose of this law, according to J. Phillip Hyatt, "was to keep property within the family so that it might not be alienated; the bond between the fam-

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Jeremiah 32:2, 6-7, 9-17

ily and its property would thus be maintained. Hanamel had probably fallen into straits because of the siege of the city and the attendant suffering. Jeremiah apparently bought the property to prevent its being taken by a creditor or sold outside the family; it is not strictly a case of buying property back."

That Jeremiah was the next-of-kin and had the right to exercise his option to purchase before the land could be sold to anyone else is seen in the statement, ". . . for the right of redemption is thine to buy it" (32:7).

In purchasing the land, Jeremiah weighed out the amount agreed on—seventeen shekels of silver. It was weighed out because the Hebrews at this time did not use coined money. Since we do not know the size of the field or the purchasing power of silver at that time, there is no way of knowing whether Jeremiah paid the normal price or got a special "invasion" rate. Whatever he paid, it must have been more than most people thought the land was about to be worth.

The Biblical account gives considerable detail as to the signing, witnessing, and sealing of the deed. This is interesting, particularly in the light of the discovery a few years ago of the Dead Sea Scrolls, found in caves near the Dead Sea. These scrolls were remarkably preserved after many centuries of being stored in earthen jars similar to the one in which Jeremiah's deed was placed.

When all the legal formalities were completed, Jeremiah gave the deed to Baruch, the scribe, for safe-keeping. Actually, there seem to have been two deeds, one that was carefully sealed and a copy that was open so that it could be consulted if anyone needed to check on the transaction's details.

Jeremiah did all this "before all the Jews that sat in the court of the guard" (32:12). When the process was completed, he said, "For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this land" (32:15).

In this act of faith, Jeremiah demonstrated graphically his attitude toward the future of Judah. He showed unmistakably and dramatically his belief that the land had a future and would not be completely destroyed. Thus, the Prophet of Doom became the Prophet of Hope.

It takes keen vision to see light when those around you see only darkness. It takes faith to have hope when others have only despair.



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Last words

Mother (helping daughter to dress for the wedding: "It seems to me, dear, that Harry is most exacting.")

Daughter: "Never mind mother; we must respect his last wishes."

A Smile or Two

3..2..1.. Clunk!

The astronaut was poised in his capsule, ready to be launched.

"How do you feel?" the reporter asked.

"How would you feel," the astronaut replied, "if you were sitting on top of 150,000 parts—each supplied by the lowest bidder?"

Closing in

The teacher was explaining "distance" to her young class. She asked whether they lived close or far from school.

One moppet replied: "I think I must live pretty close because every time I come home, my mother says, 'Good grief, are you home already?'"

Rx for happiness

"Doctor, I know it's two in the morning and I'm sorry to phone you so late. But I'm very sad and unhappy. What can you prescribe for me?"

"Well, just hold the phone very close to your ear and I'll whistle a happy tune."

McWho?

An aged couple was listening to a broadcast church service. Both sat in deep contemplation. Half an hour went by. Then suddenly the old man burst into a fit of laughter.

"Sandy!" exclaimed his wife in horrified tones; "why this merriment on the Sabbath?"

"Ah," said Sandy, "the parson's just announced the collection, and here I am safe at home!"

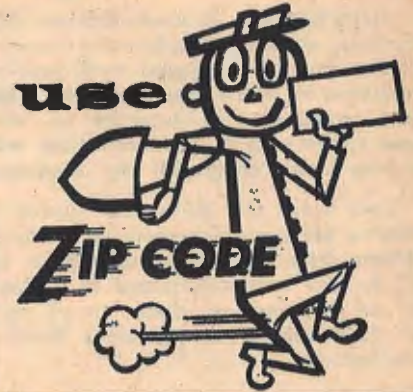
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Bill: "What's queer about it?"

Tom: "Why the night falls but it doesn't break and the day breaks but it never falls."

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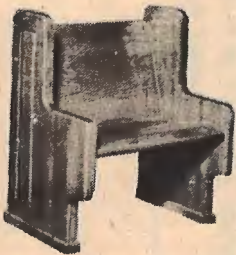


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Blytheville Gosnell	200	60	
Camden			
Cullendale First	409	181	
First	502	144	
Crossett Mt. Olive	252	112	1
Dumas First	256	79	1
El Dorado			
Caledonia	46	42	
East Main	300	127	
Ebenezer	183	63	1
First	728	496	
Trinity	192	89	
Ft. Smith Towson Ave.	185	111	
Greenwood First	810	145	2
Imboden	129	86	
Jacksonville			
First	440	158	9
Marshall Road	276	121	6
Jonesboro			
Central	542	250	
Nettleton	289	141	
Lavaca	254	128	
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,154	428	3
Life Line	475	110	5
Rosedale	269	97	1
Magnolia Central	716	269	1
Manila First	146	73	
Marked Tree Neiswander	128	88	
Monticello			
First	348	118	1
Second	258	140	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	651	176	2
Southside	43	18	
Calvary	447	168	1
Forty-Seventh St.	220	105	
Gravel Ridge First	619	45	1-
Runyan	70	45	2
Harmony	80	50	
Levy	501	198	2
Park Hill	857	259	3
Indian Hills	97	47	7
Sixteenth St.	41	35	
Paragould First	506	250	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	261	111	2
South Side	716	234	
Tucker	22	7	
Plainview First	64	20	
Springdale			
Elmdale	285	104	
First	424	141	
Star City First	260	88	
Texarkana Beech St. Community	500	156	6
Community	31		
Van Buren			
First	453	172	
Oak Grove	182	110	3
Second	96	45	1
Vandervoort	43	32	
Walnut Ridge First	284	114	
Ward Cocklebur	41	30	
Warren			
First	383	111	
Southside	103	95	
Immanuel	290	99	
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Mexico revises council

MONTERREY, Mexico—Mexican Methodists at their quadrennial General Conference here replaced a 36-year-old structure in which they had equal voice with American missionaries on matters relating to U. S. Methodism with a new unit dominated by Mexicans.

Ever since the Methodist Church of Mexico became autonomous in 1930, relations with the parent church in the U. S. have been determined by a Council on Cooperation, made up of eight U. S. missionaries and eight Mexican Methodists.

By action of the 1966 Mexican General Conference, that unit will be replaced by a new Commission on Coordination, composed of three U. S. missionaries and 13 Mexicans, representing the Methodist Church of Mexico in all relations with U. S. Methodism. (EP)

Condemns persecution

TAIPEI, Taiwan—President Chiang Kai-shek has called on the world's Christians to take "united action against the inhuman persecution of religion" on the Chinese mainland.

Nationalist China's chief of state made the plea in a message to the second conference of the Asian Christian Anti-Communist Association which met here. A total of 134 representatives and observers from 14 nations and areas participated.

President Chiang, a Methodist, said that "in the present world, the persecution of religion in the Communist countries is ever increasing in its intensity."

The Chinese Communists, he continued, are using the "Red Guards" to destroy the religious freedom of the people on the China mainland and to "inflict on them added sufferings." (EP)

Lung cancer rare among non-smokers

LOMA LINDA, Calif.—Fatal incidence of lung cancer among Seventh-day Adventists, whose abstinence from tobacco is required by their religion, occurs only one-sixth as often as it does in the general population.

This was the major finding of a five-year study supported by the United States Public Health Service and the American Cancer Society.

The study was conducted by the Loma Linda School of Medicine, a fully accredited medical school maintained by Seventh-day Adventists here. It was reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association. (EP)

Missions leaders visit Vietnam

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. Winston Crawley, the board's secretary for the Orient, recently spent two days in Vietnam. While there they met with missionaries and with U. S. chaplains.

Dr. Cauthen preached to U. S. servicemen in the English-language Baptist church in Saigon. "During the worship service the noise of gunfire could be heard in the distance, and on the way home we could see flares being dropped from helicopters to light up the area and spot Viet Cong intruders," he said.

"At times snipers fire upon people in traffic and acts of terror are perpetrated. In the midst of these circumstances the missionaries are going bravely along with their duties.

"Skyrocketing prices have produced a heavy burden on the missionaries as they seek to make the most of the funds entrusted to them."

Dr. Cauthen also made a brief visit to Da Nang, Vietnam, where two missionary families were caught in the midst of civil strife last spring. "These families are now enjoying opportunities for steadily growing work," Dr. Cauthen reported. "We were happy to visit the worship center they are developing and to realize the vast amount of good being done."

Dr. Cauthen and Dr. Crawley also visited East Pakistan, a difficult country for Christian mission work.

"While missionaries stand tall in danger zones such as Vietnam, they also stand tall in areas such as Pakistan where results are not rapidly seen and where frustrations appear," he said. "We were impressed by the courtesy, diplomacy, and skill of the missionaries with whom we were associated in visits to government offices."

Dr. Cauthen participated in the dedication of the new seven-story building of Hong Kong Baptist College (the 10-year-old school was formerly housed in borrowed quarters) and in the formal opening of a Baptist social service center in one of Hong Kong's large housing developments.

"The impressive thing about Baptist work in Hong Kong is that it represents the initiative of Chinese churches and leaders," Dr. Cauthen commented. "Our missionary efforts have been to reinforce them and strengthen them."

NEW DAY IN INDONESIA

Other countries Dr. Cauthen visited are Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia.

"In Indonesia a new day is being experienced following the dangerous period in which the country nearly fell under communist power last year," he said. "Missionaries would have been in extreme danger if that development had succeeded. The dramatic story of a mob approaching the Kediri Baptist Hospital to burn it, only to turn back when confronted by Missionary Kathleen Jones at the doorway, is one of the thrilling experiences that will abide in the annals of missionary courage.

"Missionaries and Indonesian Baptists sense the opportunities of the new day in which they are now involved. Doors are open on every hand and opportunities abound for witness and service.

"The presence of Dr. Crawley in Hong Kong for the next nine months will be of much significance. Dr. Crawley is currently making his headquarters overseas. He is in close contact with all our missionaries in the Orient, and his counsel is greatly appreciated."—By Ione Gray

Temple interreligious

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A 20-acre plot along the Potomac River was dedicated Oct. 12 as the site of an international interreligious Temple of Understanding.

Construction on the temple itself, now being designed by architects Edward Durell Stone and Lathrop Douglass, is scheduled to begin in 1967 at a cost of \$3 million. (EP)

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