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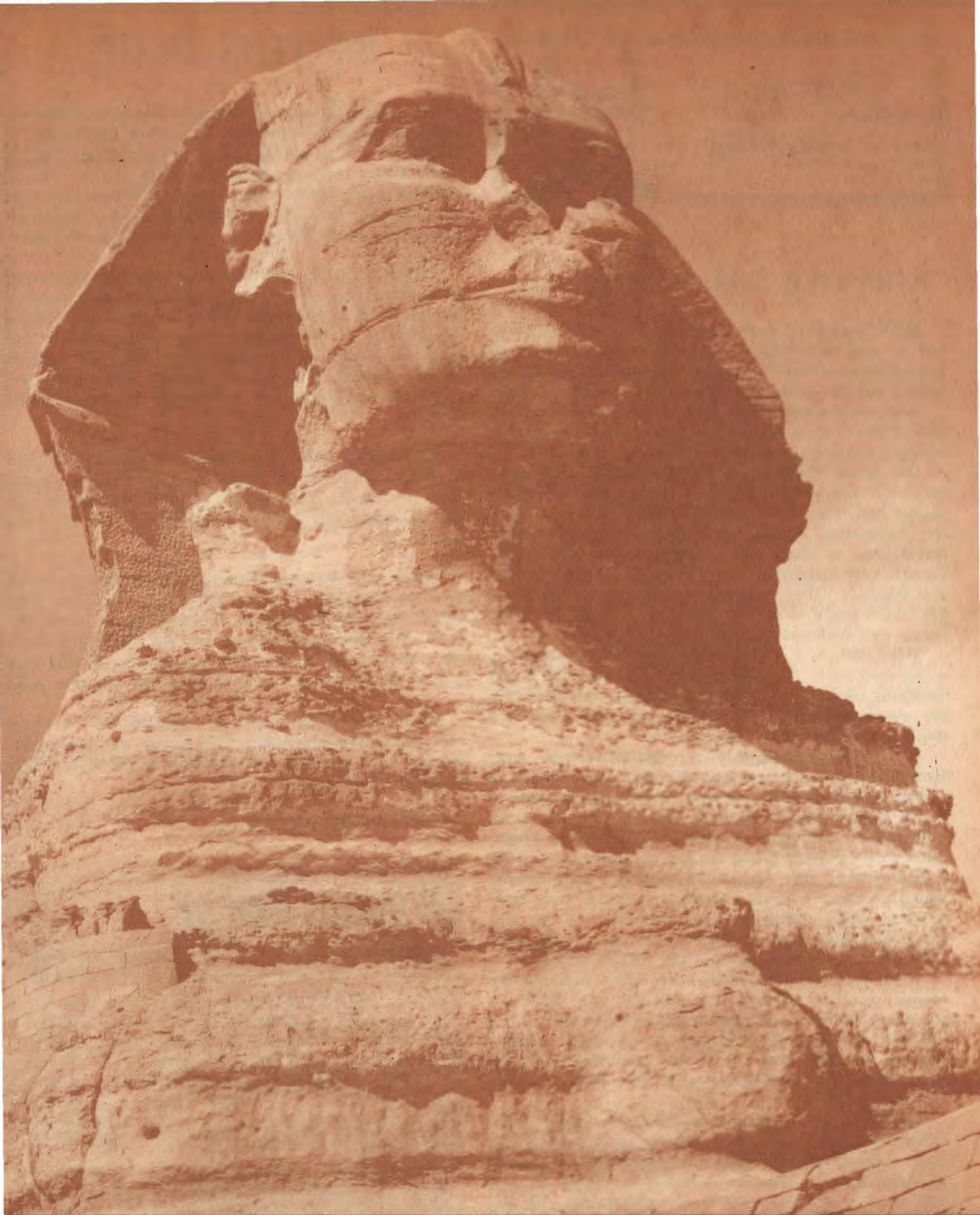
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***Arkansas Baptist***

*newsmagazine*

OCTOBER 20, 1966

Personally  
speaking



## 'Staying all night'

HOW long has it been since you politely but casually said to somebody—after a night meeting, say, of your Baptist Association—"Go home with me and spend the night," and the other fellow said, "Don't care if I do!"?

Well, that happened to Brother B. F. McDonald, of West Helena, the other night. I know, for I was on that occasion wearing the shoes of "the other fellow."

Don Hook had been the featured speaker that night, and so it was purty late when we got out. Especially since I had come on ahead of Don. I had been to Liberty Association at Camden's Baptist Temple the night before and to the Carey Association at New Hope Church near Sparkman that afternoon. So, by the time the Arkansas Valley Association session was over, I was just about ready to hit the hay. To put it mildly, I was pretty well tuckered out.

What olde B. F. didn't know when he sauntered up to me and said, "Go home with me," was that I had made my own housing survey of Helena and West Helena about supper time and had found every hotel and motel in the two cities booked solid.

So, I had already mournfully consigned my pore, tired bleary-eyed carcass to another 120 miles' travel ahead of getting to bed—the distance back to my own domicile in North Little Rock—when B. F. appeared on the scene. I thought he had come to deliver me out of my plight, but I soon learned he had not known I was looking for a place to stay. Poor Mrs. B. F., who, as a hard-working school teacher, tries to transmit grammar and composition (unity, coherence, and emphasis) to 7th and 8th graders! She didn't even know they were having company till B. F. hustled me into her house at 10 p.m.

I enjoyed accommodations nicer than anything the Holiday Inn has, and a lot cheaper! Not only did I rest my weary bones in the guest chamber that night, but I did not leave the next morning till we had a sausage-and-eggs breakfast with all of the trimmings, with the wonderful Christian fellowship with these no-kin McDonalds thrown in!

Going to the neighbor's to "stay all night," even when the neighbor lived but a whoop and a holler away, used to be an enjoyable and common occurrence among us folks down on Bunker. Sometimes I think if we'd still make a place for such real neighborliness, our lost friends might be more impressed when we express concern for the welfare of their souls!

*Erwin L. McDonald*

## IN THIS ISSUE:

OF intense interest to Arkansas Baptists of this age and in these weeks preceding the annual Convention is the question of accepting federal aid for Baptist institutions. Today the committee, headed by Dr. W. Harold Hicks of Little Rock, brings you the findings they were appointed to make by President Don Hook. The report begins on page 6. The Editor's review of it is on page 8.

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DEDICATIONS of church buildings and parsonages, groundbreaking, awards—these and many other items of interest are included in our "From the Churches" section. We also try to include new ideas programmed by our churches. Today such an idea comes from the bulletin of First Church, Warren, and on page 11 is a plan proposed for his people and lost people by Pastor Bailey Smith.

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ENDING a series of articles on Missionary Matthew T. Yates, Dr. Bernes K. Selph today tells the intriguing story of why Mr. Yates became so proficient in the Chinese language. "Beacon Lights of Baptist History" is on page 4.

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NOVEMBER'S general election brings the opportunity to every American, to every Arkansan, to express himself at the polls. To help you in deciding for whom you vote in the gubernatorial election, the Editor has asked the two nominees to give you a statement on why they wish to be governor. His letter is on the opposite page.

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OCTOBER is the month of associational meetings held throughout the state. The Editor was there with you for three meetings. His pictorial report of his visits with you is on page 9.

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## Church, state report

An advance report of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's Committee on Federal Aid to Arkansas Baptist Institutions is carried elsewhere in this issue. The Committee has deleted consideration of aid to hospitals, since the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center's proposed participation in federal funds is to be before the State Convention next month as a separate and distinct item.

The Committee reports that Baptist colleges have participated in the past in such programs of the federal government as the following and that they have heard no objections to any of these:

Contractual services performed by the institutions for the government;

Purchase or acceptance as gifts of surplus government property, including land, buildings, and various other supplies and equipment;

Securing of building loans from government agencies;

Securing of loans and grants to students under various programs administered by the colleges in cooperation with the federal government;

Research grants to members of the faculties.

(Government money as gifts to build new facilities has not been accepted.)

The committee recommends:

1. That the college administrations as they deem desirable continue to participate in government programs embracing:

Aids to students;

Contractual agreements for performance of specific services for the government;

Building loans at rates of interest comparable with that charged other nonprofit institutions;

Acceptance and/or purchase of disposed surplus property; and special scholarships and fellowships.

2. That the State Convention continue the practice of refusing grants of funds by government to any church-related institution.

3. That a period of a year or more "be used for informing and educating Arkansas Baptists concerning the crisis in Christian higher education, stating the needs for our Baptist colleges and setting forth possible solutions to those needs."

It is evident from this report that the Committee has made a depth study of the situation in Arkansas and has made a realistic and positive approach to the problems we face.

## ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWSMAGAZINE

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

ERWIN L. McDONALD  
EDITOR

October 13, 1966

### TO CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR:

This paper is non-partisan in politics, but not neutral. We feel it our solemn obligation to encourage Baptists and other Christians to exert their Christian influence-- not through mere pious talk or self-righteous non-involvement-- in political and governmental, as in all other, affairs of life. So this is a request for each of you, as a candidate for governor of Arkansas, to help us present the case to our readers fairly and squarely.

In our issue of Nov. 3, the last ahead of the election, we wish to carry from each of you a positive statement of approximately 800 words on the theme "Why I Want To Be Governor of Arkansas." As you would know, this should center on what you propose for your anticipated administration and should cast no aspersions on anyone personally.

Please send your statement to us, personally signed, to reach us not later than Tuesday, Oct. 25. Send with it a glossy portrait of yourself.

If both of you cooperate, we shall carry your statements on facing pages. But if only one statement comes, we shall carry that and consider that both of you have been given fair treatment.

Yours sincerely,

*Erwin L. McDonald*

Mr. Jim Johnson

Mr. Winthrop Rockefeller

# The people speak

## Vote before Nov. 8!

Nov. 8 is not only election day but also the start of our annual Arkansas Baptist State Convention. It might be helpful to suggest to the delegates and others attending the convention from out of town, that they vote by absentee ballot. The issues involved in this election merit this reminder to the voters, in my opinion.—J. M. Buffington, Lake Village, Ark.

REPLY: You are so right. Thanks for your reminder.—ELM

## Joy of redemption

I have just read a statement in the Arkansas Baptist magazine that says "Redemption is painful." I have heard preachers talk many times about how wide and easy the road of sin is, and how narrow and hard the road of Christian living is, but worthwhile because it leads to life in heaven after death.

I admit that during the early part of my life as a "Christian," I felt regret at being unable to indulge in certain worldly vices and sometimes did indulge, but this was because I was attempting to exchange so called "worldly pleasure" for nothing. I had merely joined a church, I did not really know God, and did not know that I did not know God.

Years later, after trying vainly to control my life and to find happiness by struggling to do what I thought was pleasing to God and to others, I gave up and admitted complete defeat.

## HELP CHILDREN— HELP CHILDREN



# UNICEF

At this point, I turned my life over to God and asked Him to show me His will for my life, and to my amazement He did. It is truly amazing how easy and how happy life can be when God is really put first. Every day I can see God working and answering prayers I thought could not be answered. I do not feel that I have to die to enjoy pleasures described in stories about heaven. They can be obtained from God right now by simply surrendering ones life to His will. Maybe it only looks

hard because it is so easy.

Such "pleasures" as drinking, gambling, petting parties, and other self indulgence may temporarily give one a sense of security and freedom from and worry about unsolved problems, but real faith and reliance on God will give one power to solve these problems and a feeling of security, happiness, and fulfillment that is superior to anything "worldly pleasure" has to offer.—Mr. Anonymous, Lake Village, Ark.

## Beacon lights of Baptist history

# He never thought of quitting

BY BERNES K. SELPH, TH.D.

PASTOR, FIRST CHURCH, BENTON

The Chinese language was described by John Wesley as an invention of the devil to keep Christianity out of China. And it has proven a most difficult barrier in the missionary work.

Matthew T. Yates found himself facing a puzzling language when he went to China as a missionary. The standard dictionary listed 44,700 characters. Besides these there were 700 distinct sounds. To each was attached a soft musical scale ranging from an octave to an octave and a half giving a variety of tones which could only be detected by a musical ear.

The missionary learned that tone was all important. A word might mean grasshopper, oar, elephant, mechanic, or pickles, according to the tone. A man was a man only if the correct tone was used, otherwise he became a carrot, or nightingale. (One missionary was describing the goodness of the heavenly Father and omitted a necessary aspirate from the word heavenly with the result that the word meant crazy).

In this difficult language Mr. Yates became so proficient that he spoke it as his native tongue. The Chinese said of him, "Yates is no foreigner; he is a Chinaman with his queue cut off." It was said of him that he knew the language so well that a native, if his eyes were shut, could not distinguish between Yates' talking in Chinese and that of a Chinaman.

There were two reasons for his attainments in the language. The first was his acuteness in the sense of hearing, his acquaintance with music, and his unusually flexible voice.

But probably the greatest reason was the threatened loss of eyesight which compelled him to mingle with people and depend upon his ears.

Having settled himself in his new Shanghai environs Yates set himself assiduously to hard study. In addition to a study of the spoken language he attempted to learn 10 Chinese characters a day, to get their names, component parts and meanings, to write them from memory, and to keep up the back review.

A year or two of this effort proved too great a tax on mind and body. His optic nerve gave way and he almost lost his eyesight. He had become so absorbed in Chinese character study that he saw them everywhere. What he had learned seemed to be photographed upon every object he saw. The co-mingled forms in vision caused a dizziness in the head. After repeated rests and renewals, with no improvement, his physician told him he would have to give up the study of the Chinese classics or else abandon missionary work.

The secretary of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., heard of Yates' plight and suggested that Yates not use his eyes in study until he was cured. He told him to listen carefully and converse more with the people.

Yates took this suggestion. He resolved to give up the study of the classics, to get the language, and devote his life to preaching. Day after day he spent in tea shops, listening, asking questions and answering questions. Thus he learned the spoken language and used it with ease and fluency.

# The blessing of



# evangelical reading

BY CARL F. H. HENRY

*Editor's note: Dr. Henry, editor of CHRISTIANITY TODAY, has prepared this article for our observance of Protestant Press Month sponsored each October by the Evangelical Press Association.*

The great influence of the press is undeniable. Even those who have suffered under its exposures or criticisms will not quarrel with Henry Ward Beecher's remark, "Newspapers are the schoolmasters of the common people. That endless book, the newspaper, is our national glory."

The press is liable to err because news-gathering is full of uncertainties. Sometimes the unknown facts are more significant than the known ones. Sometimes the facts get twisted. From the jumbled mass of material it collects the press must sort out the facts as best it can and present them honestly and accurately so that readers can form their own opinions. The press must also separate news from editorial judgments. Every worthwhile publication has the right, indeed the duty, to express editorially its own judgments on important issues and to strive to win its readers to its viewpoint. It is obligated to inform its readers and shape opinions about current issues. But it has an equal obligation to distinguish fact from opinion.

Because of its Christian commitment, the evangelical press must reflect the highest candor as well as the best journalistic standards as it faces the responsibility of speaking even the harshest truth in love. Only this kind of a press will offset the formidable criticism of Thomas Jefferson, who wielded a mighty pen himself and who exclaimed in exasperation: "The man who never looks into a newspaper is better informed than he who reads them, inasmuch as he who knows nothing is nearer the truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and errors." Let it never be said that the Christian public is faced with the unhappy choice of an empty mind or one filled with misinformation.

Once the evangelical press has fulfilled its task responsibly, it then becomes the duty of the Christian public to read what the press publishes. Readers need not agree with the opinions of the editors. They can write letters of approval or protest, and they do. They are free to begin their own magazines, too.

Evangelicals forego many advantages when they fail to read and support evangelical publications. Such periodicals bring religious information not available elsewhere. They broaden the minds of those who read, introduce them to a variety of opinions and sharpen their awareness of current issues. A magazine of general interest to the evangelical public will consist of more than pietistic homilies; it will print news, essays, poetry, theological studies, and editorially render its considered judgments based upon constant study of contemporary events and movements.

The evangelical Christian needs to keep abreast of current religious thought. The best way to do this is to read a good evangelical magazine that will bring to him many authors, diverse viewpoints, and new insights. For the price one pays for a single book he can obtain a year's subscription to a good magazine. Evangelicals must keep informed because the price of ignorance is, always high, and as Robert Browning said, "ignorance is not innocence, but sin."

## 2. LONG TERM NEEDS (WITHIN FIVE YEARS)

### A. Southern College will need

- (1) an administration building;
- (2) additional classroom building;
- (3) additional faculty housing.

The estimated cost of these facilities is \$900,000.

### B. Ouachita University will need

- (1) a dormitory for 300 men;
- (2) enlarged student center;
- (3) modern apartments (75) for married students.

The estimated cost of these facilities is \$1,550,000.

3. These needs pertain to physical facilities and say nothing of such items as endowment funds and faculty salaries.

## V. CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM THE PAST ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNMENT AID AND EARLIER PARTICIPATION IN THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS CONCERNING EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

In a letter dated June 29, 1966, Dr. Ralph Phelps said:

"This depends on what program we are talking about. Every program has conditions of eligibility, disbursement of funds, reporting, etc. The programs in which we are currently participating affect us, mainly, by (1) furnishing badly needed funds to students and (2) requiring mountains of paper work by our administrative staff. Nothing in these programs dictates what or how we teach, who teaches, whom we accept as students, requirements for graduation (except in the case of R.O.T.C.) or anything else fundamental. If our religious freedom is impaired, we are not aware of it; and we live in the center of these programs.

"In all government programs (grant, scholarship, contract or loan), we must comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

### OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE:

(1) There has been no resentment on the part of Baptists generally to the participation by our colleges in any of the government programs outlined above.

(2) The colleges are serving larger and ever increasing numbers of students which has been made possible in part, at least, by this assistance from the government.

(3) The ministry of the colleges has been encouraged and strengthened thereby.

(4) There has not been a single incident reported in which any agency of the federal government has attempted to direct, control, coerce, or dictate the policies of the colleges as determined by their trustees and their administrations.

(5) There has been no apparent reduction of gifts to the colleges attributed to the fact that they were participating in any government programs.

## VI. CERTAIN ANTICIPATED CONDITIONS RESULT FROM THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION BY OUR COLLEGES IN THESE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

Concerning this matter, Dr. H. E. Williams wrote in a letter dated July 12, 1966:

"In answer to this question, of course, any statement we would give would be purely in the problematical and theoretical stage as no person knows exactly what may result in the future from governmental assistance. Presently there is every indication that the governmental agencies do wish to avoid any conflict with the basic philosophy of church related institutions. The present law strictly forbids dictation to church related institutions as to whom they shall employ for different responsibilities and especially in the area of teaching. How long this condition will obtain is of course a matter that we could not predict. I do not see any problems in the immediate future in taking direct governmental grants but most of us in private and state institutions of higher learning both have some misgivings about the long-term effect that such grants may have upon the general pattern of American education."

### OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE:

(1) We do not anticipate any adverse effects on the cause of Christian education and the ministry of our colleges if they continue to participate as at present in existing government programs or of similar kinds in the future.

(2) We do not envision a day in which our colleges will be entirely free from controls by one or more branches of government.

(3) We have not yet found any disposition on the part of government, either state or federal, to direct, control, coerce

or dictate the work of the churches, or to disregard the sanctity of a free church in a free state as it pertains to worship and education with due regard to the general welfare of the citizenry.

(4) Because our Baptist colleges have not accepted building grants as authorized by the H.E.F. Act of 1963 there has been reported a decline in gifts to these institutions.

## VII. WHAT WILL BE THE CONDITIONS RESULTING TO OUR COLLEGES IF THE BUILDING GRANTS PROPOSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE REFUSED?

1. The advancement and improvement of the physical facilities of the colleges will be retarded.

2. The size of the student bodies will be restricted.

3. The colleges will not cease to function.

4. The colleges will remain increasingly dependent upon gifts from private sources and from their sponsoring organization for their capital needs.

## VIII. CHURCH-STATE ISSUES IN THE COURTS.

This committee has taken note of the fact that the state of Maryland appropriated sizeable grants to four church related colleges in that state. The action was contested and the Maryland State Supreme Court has ruled against such use of government funds. It is expected that the case will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The decision of this court will doubtless be of great concern to those who either have or are considering accepting any financial grants from the government. Especially since the Supreme Court's decision in the Everson case of 1947: "No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities, or to support any religious institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion."

## IX. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

In the light of the foregoing study we recommend:

1. That the administrations and trustees of our colleges as they shall deem desirable continue to participate in those government programs which embrace the following:

### (A) AIDS TO STUDENTS.

Such as:

- A. National Defense loans;
- B. Equal Opportunity Act jobs and scholarships;
- C. G. I. training;
- D. Scholarships for dependents of servicemen killed in service;
- E. And other similar programs.

### (B) CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR THE GOVERNMENT:

- A. R.O.T.C. (Reserved Officers Training Corps);
- B. Training institutes;
- C. Research grants;
- D. Other similar programs.

### (C) BUILDING LOANS AT RATE OF INTEREST COMPARABLE TO THAT CHARGED OTHER NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS.

### (D) ACCEPTANCE AND/OR PURCHASE OF DISPOSED SURPLUS PROPERTY.

### (E) SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS.

2. We recommend that the Arkansas State Convention continue the practice of refusing grants of funds by government to any church related institution.

3. We further recommend that a period of one year or more be used for informing and educating Arkansas Baptists concerning the crisis in Christian higher education, stating the needs of our Baptist colleges and setting forth possible solutions to those needs.

And that this recommendation be implemented jointly by the Public Relations Departments of the Convention, of Ouachita University and of Southern College.

# Chapel becomes church



*P. C. Roberts, deacon, officiates at the beginning of the morning worship service Oct. 2.*

Sunday, Oct. 2, culminated ten years of steady growth for South McGehee Chapel. Begun on April 1, 1956, as a mission of First Church, McGehee, this group has now been constituted as South McGehee Baptist Church, with 115 charter members.

From a beginning enrollment of 17, the Sunday School has grown to an enrollment of 206.

During the mission period, no outside assistance was received other than that given by the mother church. Within the last three years a building costing more than \$30,000 has been erected, with a debt of only \$2,300 yet to be paid.

The church building is located 450 feet east of the intersection of Highways 65 and 4, in the south section of McGehee on two acres of landscaped land. The church also owns a three-bedroom parsonage adjoining the church property.

First Church pastors during the mission period have been Rev. Cline Ellis and the present pastor, Rev. Mason Craig. During the ten-year mission period Rev. T.F. "Sonny" Eldridge, Rev. Phil May, Rev. Thad Douglas, and Rev. Fred Garvin served as mission pastors. The present pastor, Rev. Alfred R. Cullum, was the first to be called on a full-time basis. He began his ministry here on last May 22.

Plans are now in the making to begin construction on the second unit of the long-range building plan. In the new wing will be educational space to care for age groups from the nursery through the young people's age. With this additional space, provisions will be available for more than 500 persons.

The new church has voted to put the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine in its budget. As a new church, it will receive the paper free for the first three months.



*South McGehee Church*

Says Pastor Cullum:

"Thus, with birth blessed by a concerned mother, fed by able leadership, nurtured by kindly advice, furnished adequate support, a new Baptist church takes its place, strongly secure, in the proclamation of the gospel through its own community, the Delta Baptist Association, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention."

## Greene reports changes

Don McBride has resigned as pastor of Center Hill Church, Greene County Association.

Vines Chapel has called George McGehee as half-time pastor. (AB)

## Ouachita alumni asked for support

The completion of the Verser and Drama Center and the addition of a wing to the Riley Library will be boosted along by this year's Greater Ouachita Fund, according to an announcement by campaign chairman Robert S. Moore of Arkansas City. The Former Students Association membership voted at its annual meeting in May to devote the funds received to the two projects.

"The emphasis this year is on the number of contributions," said Moore. "Only 10 per cent of Ouachita's graduates and former students have been contributing toward her progress. This is not a good record by any standard. This year, we hope to have 1,000 contributions made toward a greater Ouachita."

Approximately \$30,000 is needed to complete the speech and drama center. The funds needed for the building, equipment, and books, will exceed \$100,000. Some funds for the library project are in sight, but more must be secured.

The Century Club, composed of more than 50 persons who give a minimum of \$100 a year will continue to seek new members as a part of the fund drive. Contributions given through the Century Club became a part of the Greater Ouachita Fund, and are used for the purposes of the current project adopted by the Former Students Association.

Gifts and pledges will be received Oct. 1 through Dec. 31. Pledges may be paid anytime before Sept. 1, 1967.

## Ouachita sets meetings for former students

The Former Students Association of Ouachita University will hold its annual banquet during the State Convention at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, in the Fellowship Hall of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., president of Ouachita, will be the featured speaker during the evening session which will follow the banquet. Entertainment during the banquet will be furnished by Ouachita faculty members and students.

All Ouachita alumni and former students are invited to attend the banquet and other events with their wives or husbands as guests of the Former Students Association.

A reception will be given in Room 314 of the Marion Hotel Thursday afternoon, Nov. 3, for all alumni, former students and friends of Ouachita who are attending the Arkansas Education Association Convention in Little Rock.



*Top: Liberty Association Moderator Tom Bray (l.) and Missionary Conway Sawyers keep careful eyes on Clerk Jerry Wilson, at annual meeting at Baptist Temple, Camden.*



*Center: (l. to r.) Arkansas Valley Association Moderator Charles Belknap, Missionary Carl Fawcett, and guest preacher Don Hook, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, at annual meeting at 2nd Church, West Helena.*

*Bottom: Signs of 50th anniversary celebration of Carey Association, featuring the contributions of the late Miss Eva Smith (1901-1954), who served from the New Hope Church of the Association as Home Mission Board missionary to Cuba from 1925 to 1945. Left to right: A. P. Elliff, re-elected clerk of the Association to begin his 13th year in this capacity; Miss Vassie Key, whose membership in the New Hope Church dates back to the beginning of the Association; and Moderator Homer Haltom. Meetings were in New Hope Church.—ABN Photos*



## Train at Memphis

Nearly 130 new students from throughout the United States have begun their 1966-67 school year in four educational programs of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

Here are the new Arkansas students:

School of Nursing:

Carolyn Sue Cloyes, Paragould; Linda Sue Graddy, Pocahontas; Kathy Jean Kesner, Blytheville AFB; Mary Christina Leder, Ulm; Judy Carol Singleton, Jones Mills; Linda Jean Smith, West Memphis; Jane Ellen Stegall, Conway; Jeannie Frances Worlund, Blytheville.

School of Radiological Technicians:

Frank Johnson, Harrisburg; William Walraven, West Memphis.

School for Medical Technology:

Charlotte Fitzgerald, Strong; Mary Margaret Ladd, Wilmot.

School for Medical Record Librarians:

Margaret Hughen, Springdale.

## Emmanuel constituted

Emmanuel Church, Southside, Independence Association, was officially constituted into a sovereign church with 88 charter members and property valued at \$35,000 Oct. 2. (AB)

### "Baptists Who Know, Care"

Every member in your church will be informed if they receive the ARKANSAS BAPTIST NEWS-MAGAZINE paid through the church budget.



# About people

## Accepts Texas church

W. Leslie Smith has resigned as pastor of Rosedale Church, Little Rock, after five years to become pastor of First Church, Pecos, Tex.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary. He is married to the former Betty Fowler of Odessa, Texas, and they have two daughters, Debra, 14, and Sharon, 13.

During his service, Rosedale has had 394 additions, 110 of these by baptism. A new \$105,000 auditorium and educational building was built, a new parsonage purchased, and the church budget increased from \$36,000 to more than \$50,000.

Mr. Smith has served this year as president of the Arkansas Baptist Pastor's Conference. He has also been president and program chairman of the Pulaski County Pastor's Conference, a member of the Associational Missions Committee, and associate director of Si-loam Springs Assembly for three years.

In 1961, he took part in the Scotland Evangelistic Crusade and Holy Land tour. Mrs. Smith has been social vice president of the state Pastors' Wives Conference.

Mr. Smith formerly was pastor of First Church, Altheimer, and Archview Church, Little Rock.

## Petty to new field

Gene Petty has resigned as pastor of Sunset Heights Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., to accept the pastorate of First Church, Richmond, Tex. He formerly was pastor of Tulip Church.



GENE PETTY



W. LESLIE SMITH



WILLIAM M. DYAL JR.



MRS. EFFIE BURNS

A native of Stuttgart he is a graduate of Ouachita University and Southwestern Seminary, and has completed residence requirements for a Th. D. degree from Southwestern.

Mr. and Mrs. Petty have three children.

## Dyal wins award

NEW YORK—William M. Dyal Jr. of Nashville, Tenn., director of organization for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has won a \$2,000 award for the best book on youth and Christianity in competition sponsored by Association Press.

Dyal's manuscript, entitled "It's Worth Your Life: A Christian Challenge to Youth Today," was judged the best of the 100 manuscripts entered in the nation-wide contest. (BP)

## Spann is published

An article by C. Edward Spann, minister of music and youth, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, appears in the October-November-December issue of the *Quarterly Review*.

Mr. Spann's writing deals with the influence of American revival music since 1875 on contemporary Baptist hymn singing.

## Arkansan is author

PINE BLUFF—Tal D. Bonham, pastor of South Side Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, is a contributor to the November issue of *Church Administration* magazine, Nashville. Bonham's article, "Are You Prepared for Worship?" offers practical suggestions toward developing an attitude of worship.

ROBERT A. PENNINGTON, 66, North Little Rock, Oct. 9. He was a bridge and building foreman for Missouri Pacific Railroad and a state representative of the Brotherhood of Maintenance and Way Employees. He was a deacon in Bradford Church and a Mason.

MRS. EFFIE RUTH BURNS, 95, Hot Springs, Oct. 8. A native of Ozan, she had lived at Hot Springs for 47 years.

She was the oldest living member of First Church, and a member of a pioneer Arkansas family.

JAMES P. MORGAN, 55, secretary of the Training Union department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for the past 16 years, Oct. 6 at

## Made assistant editor

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—George W. Knight, former news director at Southern Seminary here, has been named assistant editor of the *Western Recorder*, official newspaper of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Knight replaces R. G. Puckett, who left the state Baptist paper after three years to become editor of the *Maryland Baptist*. (BP)

## Gene Davis on staff

E. Gene Davis has resigned West Side Church, Little Rock, to join the staff of Second Church, Little Rock, as pastor of a mission at Shannon Hills, south of the city.

Mr. Davis has served almost seven years at West Side. During that time Sunday School and active church membership more than doubled.

Other accomplishments were: The annual budget tripled; the sanctuary was completely remodeled, including new furniture; a new educational plant housing the elementary departments and a kitchen was erected; an off-street parking lot was paved. Value of the church property increased more than 400 percent.

Mr. Davis teaches science in the North Little Rock Public School System. He is a graduate of Ouachita University, and has done graduate work at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock University, and Midwestern Seminary, and had correspondence courses from State Teachers at Conway.

Mrs. Davis is the former Violet Park of North Little Rock. They have two children.

## Deaths

Raleigh after several months of declining health. A native of Dunn, N.C., Morgan was minister of education at First Church, Durham, for 17 years before joining the state convention staff. (BP)

DR. S. L. WATSON, 86, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to South Brazil, Oct. 6, in the South Carolina Baptist Hospital, Columbia, after a brief illness. A resident of the Columbia area since retirement in 1950, he was a native of Marion County, S. C.

Dr. Watson served in Brazil for 36 years as an educator, editor, Bible scholar, and pastor. Senior editor of the Bible Press of Brazil, in Rio de Janeiro, for seven years prior to retirement, he did much of the basic work for a revision of the entire Bible in Portuguese.

# From the churches

## Organize 'Ready Corps'

Pastor Bailey E. Smith will organize a "Ready Corps" Nov. 2 at First Church, Warren, an organization he created while pastor of First Church, Crowley, Tex., which proved a strong factor in leading the church to be eighth in baptisms among 164 in his association.

Each Wednesday night at prayer meeting, members will be invited to tell the name of a lost person to whom they have witnessed. "In a sense," Mr. Smith reports, "it will be an opportunity for us to see if we are really concerned about the unsaved or just think we are."

The Sunday following the Wednesday night that a member is able to tell of a witnessing experience, the pastor will call the individual to the platform and present a pin that has the word "Ready" on it. He will ask the member to wear the pin to church each time he attends to let others know that he is a witness for Christ.

Mr. Smith said that during the year at Crowley his church learned many things about itself: "First we learned that not many witness. Second, it proved that a few people who really mean business for God can light a blaze in a church that will illumine a dark and cold world."

## West Helenians cited

Tribute was paid to two long-standing members of West Helena Church, Oct. 5: Mrs. W. D. Robinson, who has been church secretary for 19 years, and Mrs. Fred Faust, who has served as church treasurer for 44 years.

Both ladies were presented new typewriters in honor of their service. The presentation by Pastor Wilson Deese followed the monthly family pot luck supper.

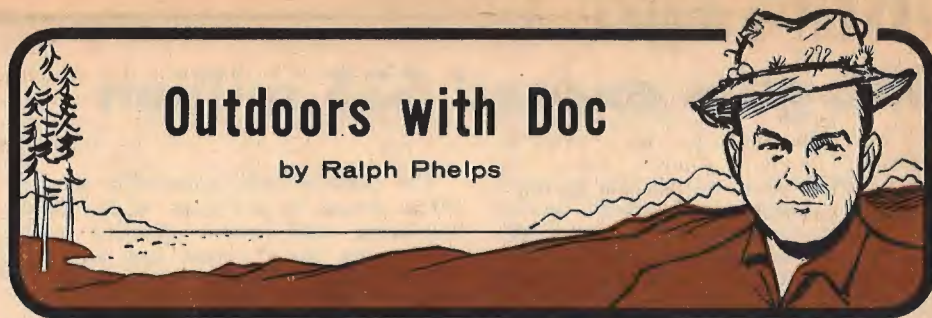
## Chosen month's layman

C F Hopkins, father of Southern Baptist Missionary Turner Hopkins, was named layman of the month at First

Church Marianna.

He joined the church in Marianna in 1919 and has served as a deacon since 1952 and as chairman for the past year. Other places of service have included treasurer for three years. Sunday School superintendent for a year, sub-intendant of Adult III and Adult II in Sunday School.

Mrs. Hopkins is the former Miss Martha Turner. In addition to their missionary son, now serving in Ibadan, Nigeria, they have a daughter, Jane, of Marianna, and another son, William P. Hopkins, a magazine art director in New York City.



## Outdoors with Doc

by Ralph Phelps

## Squirrels don't shoot back

Squirrel-hunting has never had much attraction for me before this year, but a couple of factors converged to get me to try the sport which lines the roads near pin-oak flats with cars on chilly fall mornings.

The first factor was that the doctor ordered me to get at least an hour's exercise each day. Hating pushups worse than castor oil and possessing a golf game that had deteriorated to the point that the only thing it inspired was suicide, I needed some physical activity between the time that the cockleburrs finally claimed my garden and quail season opened. Squirrel-hunting seemed a likely possibility, calendarwise.

The second factor is that squirrels as such have become one of the great irritations of my life. Frustrated farmer that I am, I have planted a number of pear, peach, plum and fig trees on our three-acre homesite. The trees are doing well and have been for several years, but I have yet to eat the fruit of my labors. In the spring and early summer, the trees are loaded with fruit; but by ripening time the only thing I have left to harvest is a pile of peach seeds under a tree. For some reason, squirrels don't like peach pits; but otherwise, they are quite easy to please. They also eat tomatoes before they have a chance to ripen, and the Big Boy plants I set out produced nothing but O Boy! Squirrel Food.

The people who go into raptures about two cute little squirrels playing outside their kitchen window are welcome to the hordes of bushy-tails that prowl my yard from daylight to dark around the calendar. That old saw about building a better mousetrap could be rewritten to read, "Build a better squirrel haven, and half the little devils in the county will move in on you."

Since the law takes a dim view of shooting these pests within the city limits even if they carry your house off brick by brick, I can't do anything about our squirrels except leer and bark back at them. But I can go outside the city limits and knock off a few of their cousins that appear headed our way. This I have done this year and have found the sport to be a great balm to my troubled spirits.

Apart from vengeance on squirreldom, I have also enjoyed the beauty of an October forest, with its gently falling leaves, and the inspiring silence of a world free from telephones and complaints.

Snakes, mosquitoes, and getting lost are all hazards of this sport; but these are mild risks compared to those encountered in my office chair. At least the squirrels don't shoot back.

## Bronway dedicates

As a kick-off for its revival, Bronway Heights Church, Hope Association, dedicated its new building Sept. 18.

The building houses an auditorium and educational space and has central heat and air conditioning. J. W. Ingram is pastor. The dedication sermon was delivered by Missionary M. T. McGregor. (AB)

## Pick steering group

A drive to sell \$275,000 first mortgage six percent church bonds to construct a new 500-seat sanctuary for Little Rock's Forest Highlands Church

has been launched with the election of a steering committee.

Doyle Hornaday, chairman, will be assisted by Frank Griffin, vice chairman, Mrs. Margare Davey, co-chairman for committees and Don E. Johnston, publicity director. Johnny Jackson is pastor.

## Parsonage note burned

A note for \$28,000 was burned Oct. 9 at the morning worship service of First Church, Mountain Home, for its parsonage which was occupied in 1965.

Serving on the building committee were Garvin Carroll, chairman, Mrs. Powers Fowler, Ralph Schwaner and Philip Jones. Harold Elmore is pastor.

## SBC gifts exceed \$35 million

NASHVILLE—Contributions to world missions through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget passed the \$17.5 million mark in September, with an additional \$18 million to designated SBC causes bringing the total to \$35.5 million.

World missions contributions for the first three quarters of 1966 were released here by the SBC Executive Committee, which receives the gifts and channels them to various denominational causes.

The contributions, apparently headed for a record by the close of the year, surpassed total world missions gifts during the same period last year by \$3.2 million, or nearly 10 per cent.

Gifts through the Cooperative Program budget, reported at \$17,514,919 through Sept. 30, increased by 8.31 per cent or \$1,344,084 over Cooperative Program contributions for the first three quarters of last year.

Designated contributions to specific

SBC missions causes are up 11.59 per cent or \$1,911,523 over designations for the same period last year. Total designated gifts for the nine-month period reached \$18,402,872.

"September was a tremendous month for the Cooperative Program," commented SBC Executive Committee Financial Planning Secretary John H. Williams, who prepared the financial statement.

Contributions for September through the Cooperative Program were reported at \$1,951,162, an increase of 19 per cent over Cooperative Program contributions for September of last year.

The Cooperative Program budget allocates funds to 20 Southern Baptist Convention agencies, institutins and organizations.

So far during 1966, the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, has received a total of \$22.4 million through the Cooperative Program and designated contributions; and the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, has received \$7.2 million.

The monthly financial report prepared by the SBC Executive Committee includes only contributions to support nation and world-wide Baptist missions efforts, and does not include gifts to support local and state-wide Baptist missions causes. (BP)

### Baptist beliefs

## A devil among the twelve

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

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

(SECOND ARTICLE ON JUDAS)

*"Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve"* (Jn. 6:70-71).

Peter had just said, "And we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Jn. 6:69; cf. Matt. 16:16, author's italics). Note the "we." Peter included the entire Twelve. But Jesus hastened to remind him that "one of you is a devil."

In a sense all of the Twelve did believe that Jesus was the Christ. But the current concept of the Messiah was political-military in nature. Jesus' contemporaries thought that the Christ would defeat their enemies, and establish a kingdom in which they would participate in ruling the world. They could not conceive of a crucified Christ.

Shortly after this event in Capernaum, at Caesarea-Philippi Peter himself became the voice of Satan seeking to deter Jesus from the cross (Matt. 16:23). But gradually Peter and the other ten apostles came to see the true meaning of Christ's office. Judas never did.

Note that Jesus said that "one of you is a devil" (author's italics). He was not one at the beginning. But he let his false concept of the Messiah fester in his soul. He never trusted in Jesus as the Saviour. He followed Him out of selfish ambition. The abortive revolutionary effort following the feeding of the five thousand seems to have been rooted in the Twelve. Note that Jesus had to send them away before He could calm the people (Matt. 14:22-23). Judas may well have been the ringleader in this.

This could explain why the next day Jesus said that "one of you is a devil." Certainly one was the devil's tool in seeking to thwart God's redemptive work in His Son. Had the revolutionary attempt succeeded it would have brought the wrath of Rome down upon Jesus, perhaps hastening His death in a manner contrary to God's will. Thus Jesus would have been but one among many false Christs who were defeated by Rome.

Knowing what was in Judas' heart Jesus sought to shock him into a realization of what he was doing. Had Judas, like Peter, heeded Jesus' words he would have been spared his deed of betrayal. The difference between the two is that Peter was a true believer in Jesus. Judas was only a *camp-follower* for what he could get out of Jesus.

In all likelihood Judas had not yet resolved to betray Jesus. But the seed was in his heart. One year later it bore its bitter harvest as he who now "is a devil" became fully surrendered to Satan (Jn. 13:27).

### Named to Hall of Fame

DALLAS—Robert Jackson Robinson, pastor of First Church, Augusta, Ga., has been elected by the Texas Sports Writers Association of Dallas to the Texas Hall of Fame.

Walter Robertson, chairman of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, in informing Robinson of his election, said, "Your many outstanding contributions to the very great heritage of sports in our state unquestionably qualify you to join the select and renowned ranks of our association's Texas Sports Hall of Fame."

The honor will be bestowed upon Robinson in Dallas on Dec. 30 in connection with the annual Cotton Bowl festivities. The other living member to be inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame is Lloyd Mangum, former National Open Golf champion.

In athletic accomplishments, Robinson was an All-American basketball player, 1946-48, while at Baylor University; member of the 1948 Olympic basketball team; winner of the Jack Dempsey outstanding athlete award, 1947; on the board of directors of Fellowship of Christian Athletes; "Man-of-the-Year" award by the Augusta Junior Chamber of Commerce; and selected as a member of Baylor University's Hall of Fame (Baylor University, Waco, Texas). (BP)

## Show 10 pct increase in ABSC giving

The Arkansas State Convention has received for world missions through the Cooperative Program for the first nine months of this year a total of \$1,592,026.38. This is \$141,657.44 more than the receipts for the same period of last year, or an approximate increase of ten percent.

There is a substantial increase each month this year over the corresponding month for last year. This increase has ranged from more than \$5,000 in January to more than \$30,000 in June.

Because of the increased giving on the part of the churches the convention has been able to strengthen services in the areas of Missions-Evangelism, Baptist Student Union work, Christian Education, and to show a substantial increase in contributions to the Cooperative Program work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Student ministry in the area of Missions-Evangelism has met with a good response by the churches. This ministry will be stepped up next year if the churches continue to make more funds available for this purpose.

Christian Education will need increased support if Arkansas Baptists are to meet the needs of the colleges.

One of the pressing needs is for the completion of the camp near Paron. This camp is serving in an excellent manner but is somewhat limited because of the need of additional facilities.

We are grateful to the churches for the good increase this year in their Cooperative Program contributions!—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

## Egyptian minister portrayed

Under constant surveillance by an Egyptian-government-named "guide," a two-man team from Southern Baptists' Radio-Television Commission assembled a 30-minute, color film that won top honors in the largest category in the 14th annual Columbus Film Festival.

The film, "Echo," captures the day-to-day solitary, yet self-chosen role of Seddik Girgis, an Egyptian Baptist minister. Girgis has served as a minister in Cairo and surrounding areas for 35 years, yet his congregation numbers only 40 members. For some time Girgis was known as the "only Baptist worker in the entire nation of Egypt."

The two-man Commission team consisted of John Stevens, writer-producer, and Marty Young, cameraman. Young, a veteran cameraman, has won two "finalist" certificates previously in the Columbus Festival.

To receive the Chris Statuette, awarded to the outstanding film in each of 5 categories, "Echo" had to be voted "best in photography, story value, and technical aspects of production."

The Columbus Film Festival is sponsored by the Film Council of Greater Columbus in association with the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce. Professionals from the various fields judge entries submitted by film producers and sponsors of motion pictures and filmstrips made in 1964, 1965, or 1966, and not previously entered in the Festival.

"Echo" is not a mere travelogue of Egypt. It is, rather, a documentary on the struggles of one man standing

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alone for the Christian faith in an indifferent nation, a nation steeped in traditionalism and an ancient heritage.

In trying to preserve Egypt's modern image, the new government constantly guards against subversive materials. The filming of a religious documentary in a hostile nation is not an easy task. Questions and constant surveillance by the "guide" and numerous plain clothesmen hamper photographers. Subject matter is carefully limited. No shots of barefooted children, men pulling plows or standing by an oxen and plow are allowed because these pictures are symbols of poverty—and regarded as being bad for tourism.

## Revivals

North Pulaski Association, North point, Sept. 25-Oct. 2; James Sibert, Perry, evangelist; Raymond Bull, song director; 2 for baptism; 13 rededications.

Greene County Association, Browns Chapel, Aug. 29-Sept. 5; Jack Sharbutt, evangelist; 1 by profession of faith and baptism; 3 by letter, Sammy Stewart, pastor.

Pine Bluff Second, Nov. 14-20; James McGinley, Lubbock, Tex., evangelist; Olen Massey, music director; Jay D. Tolleson, pastor.

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Siloam Springs Harvard Avenue, Oct. 23-Oct. 30; Fred Cherry, evangelist; Kim Hendren, song director; Charles Rosson, pastor.

Baton Rouge, La., Trinity, Sept. 25-Oct. 2; Walter K. Ayers, staff evangelist, First Church, Little Rock, evangelist; G. W. Sullivan, music director; 41 for baptism; 8 by letter; 5 for special service; 1 surrendered to preach; Mack P. Stewart Jr., pastor.

Biscoe First, 10 for baptism; Fred Gay, pastor.

Walnut Ridge First, Oct. 2-9; Jim E. Tillman, pastor, evangelist; E. Amon Baker, minister of music, music director; 9 for baptism; 6 by letter.

### HOPE ASSOCIATION:

Texarkana Trinity, Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Little Rock, evangelist; John Cauthron, singer; 8 for baptism; 5 by letter; Leo Hughes, pastor.

Texarkana Hickory Street, Joe Shaver, Memphis, evangelist; Raymond Braswell, singer; 14 for baptism; 1 by letter; Robert Tucker, pastor.

Texarkana Immanuel, H. A. Elledge, Oklahoma City, evangelist; Rollin DeLap, singer; 4 for baptism; 2 by letter; W. V. Garner, pastor.

Texarkana Bronway Heights, Lee Dance, Mineral Springs, evangelist; Elgia Green, singer; 3 for baptism; 2 by letter; J. W. Ingram, pastor. (AB)

## RA Week in November

Royal Ambassador Week, November 6-12, is observed throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. This week is dedicated to the purpose of giving special emphasis and recognition to the only Southern Baptist missionary organization for boys 9-17 years of age.

In observance of Royal Ambassador Week many chapters and churches plan several special events for the boys. Special events for Royal Ambassadors may include a man-and-boy dinner, a camp-out, visit to mission points, a hike, and a special recognition service. The worship services of the church may utilize the services of Royal Ambassadors as ushers, reading of the Scripture, personal testimonies, and providing special music. The mid-week prayer service could be conducted by chapter members. The pastor may bring a special message related to boys and missions. The observance of Royal Ambassador Week is centered in the chapter and church. All activities are planned to meet the needs of the boys in each chapter and church.

The only state-wide event for Royal Ambassador Week is the fellowship supper at Second Church, Little Rock, Nov. 7. The fellowship supper is an annual affair, held on Monday evening preceding the opening of the Arkansas State Convention. In addition to food

and fellowship, the supper features a missionary speaker. The speaker this year will be Rev. W. Trueman Moore, missionary to East Pakistan, a native of Arkansas. Information regarding the supper has been mailed to all pastors and Royal Ambassador counselors.—C. H. Seaton, Associate Secretary



## Feminine intuition

by Harriet Hall

## Budgeted time, Beaver Lake

A student recently asked, "How do you find time for all the things you do?"

I'm not sure we find time. Rather, we make it. That is, we have to plan ahead to make our time count for something.

Mordecai told Esther "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14). When her time of challenge arrived, her time and her life counted for a cause as she answered, "If I perish, I perish."

In Proverbs 6:6 we are exhorted, "Go to the ant thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise." Solomon was advising in paraphrase, "Work diligently and do not waste time."

One of the greatest lessons we can learn is that of wise use of our time. This means making time live—instead of killing it. It does not mean that we are to spend every waking moment working ourselves to death.

Time for relaxation and recreation is not wasted time. All work and no play makes a dull boy—or girl, or man or woman.

Recently I spent an afternoon in the Beaver Lake territory, only a short distance away. It was warm "shirtsleeve" weather and the drive over toward War Eagle was very picturesque. Orange, yellow, and red trees dotted the landscape and as the afternoon sun touched each tree it seemed aflame with color.

Up and down the length and breadth of Beaver Lake the scenery was breathtakingly beautiful. The grey-white layered cliffs of rock gave striking contrast to the cool dark water below which mirrored the autumn colors of the nearby hills. The ducks on the water were disturbed but little by the occasional fishermen or boating sight-seeing groups.

As I came home I thought of Sara Teasdale's beautiful poem "Barter."

Life has loveliness to sell,  
All beautiful and splendid things,  
Blue waves whitened on a cliff,  
Soaring fire that sways and sings,  
And children's faces looking up  
Holding wonder like a cup.

Life has loveliness to sell,  
Music like a curve of gold,  
Scent of pine trees in the rain,  
Eyes that love you, arms that hold,  
And for your spirit's still delight,  
Holy thoughts that star the night.

Spend all you have for loveliness,  
Buy it and never count the cost;  
For one white singing hour of peace  
Count many a year of strife well lost,  
And for a breath of ecstasy  
Give all you have been, or could be.

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Registration fee is \$10, and guest housing is available at the seminary for \$2.50 per person per night.

Dr. Thor Johnson, director of the Interlochen Arts Academy and conductor of the Chicago Little Symphony, will lead sessions on performance practices and interpretation.

Dr. Lloyd Pfausch, dean of the music school at Southern Methodist University, will present anthem materials and discuss arranging music for the church.

Hymnody and worship emphasis will play a large part of the institute's time, and will be led by Dr. Walter Buszin, a member of the music faculty at Concordia Theological Seminary.

This post-graduate training should interest all of our full-time ministers of music, and we trust that many churches will make available the time and financial assistance to help the music directors attend.

Further information may be secured from, or registration fee may be sent to, Dr. Forrest H. Heeren, Dean, School of Church Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. 40206.—Hoyt A. Mulkey, secretary

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## The bookshelf

**Mount Vernon Is Ours**, by Elswyth Thane, Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1966, \$7.95

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Miss Thané, the widow of Dr. William Beebe, the naturalist-explorer-writer, is also the author of classic biographical works on George and Martha Washington, Potomac Squire and Washington's Lady, and the Williamsburg Series of historical novels.

**Confrontation: Black and White**, by Lerone Bennett Jr., Johnson, 1965, \$5.95

In this book, as in all his writing, Mr. Bennett relentlessly brings the reader face to face with the hidden and sometimes uncomfortable truths about racial conflict, the oppression and degradation of one man by another, the bitterness and humiliation that follow the acceptance of half-truths and half-measures.

**Plain Talk on Acts**, by Manford George Gutzke, Zondervan, 1966, \$3.95

This is an inspirational discussion of Acts, written for the layman and dealing with the book on a verse-by-verse approach. Dr. Gutzke accents the cultural mood in which the incidents of Acts occurred, helping his readers to have better understanding of the problems and the results.

**Executive's Treasury of Humor for Every Occasion**, by William R. Gerler, Parker, 1966, \$5.95

The broad collection of stories, anecdotes and definitions found here are designed to help speakers to have something appropriate for all types of audiences and all kinds of speaking occasions. The material is catalogued under 350 different classifications of humor, compiled by Mr. Gerler over a period of 15 years.

## Set record budget

JACKSON, Miss.—The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board meeting here has adopted a record state Cooperative Program budget for 1966-67 and elected an associate to its stewardship department.

The proposed budget of \$3,470,000, which will be submitted to the state convention in November for approval, is an increase of \$230,000 over the current budget of \$3,240,000.

The board elected N. F. Greer, pastor of First Church, Quitman, Miss., to the newly-created post of associate in the stewardship department. (BP).

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### Committee Chairman Named For Auxiliary

Mrs. Gordon P. Oates, president of the ABMC Auxiliary has announced her committee chairmen for the coming year.

They include: Mrs. Irving Spitzberg, 307 North Cedar, advisory; Mrs. Ray Wilson, 12 Belle Meade Drive, budget; Mrs. E. B. Hester, 1416 South Grant, constitution and nomination; Mrs. Marvin Bass, 7A Robinwood, communications; Mrs. J. G. Sawyer, finance; Mrs. Rease Mitcham, Highway 10, membership and yearbook; Mrs. H. C. Thomas, 1706 Beechwood, program; Mrs. Payton Kolb, 224 Colonial Court, public relations; Mrs. James Littlejohn, 1805 North Jackson, chairman of play hospital; Mrs. J. O. Henry, 60 Belmont Drive, service projects; Mrs. Edwin Noller, 6512 Tulip Road, student activities; Mrs. A. C. Kolb, 2605 1/2 West Markham, Lila Pye Loan Fund; Mrs. Roland C. Reynolds, 2805 West 6th Street, ex-officio member; Mrs. James Moore, 6800 Dahlia, hospitality; and Mrs. Glen Rogers, 64 Robinwood, volunteers.



Dr. George Grimes



Dr. Orval E. Riggs

The first two residents in radiology are beginning their work here this fall, Dr. Joe Scruggs, chief of the department of radiology, has announced. ABMC has been approved for a three-year radiology residency program.

They are: Dr. George R. Grimes of Baton Rouge, La., and Dr. Orval E. Riggs of Jonesboro. Dr. Grimes, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., attended the University of Florida and Temple University School of Medicine at Philadelphia. He interned at the U.S. Marine Hospital at Chicago and did a residency at Birmingham Veterans Administration Hospital at Van Nuys, Calif.

Dr. Riggs attended the University of Arkansas where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholastic fraternity and was graduated from the UA School of Medicine. He interned at St. Louis City Hospital and did his residency in general surgery at the UA Medical Center. He has been in practice at Jonesboro.

### Mother Of OSU Fullback Works In ABMC Surgery

Jack Reynolds, son of Bertha Reynolds, who works in the operating room, was the starting fullback for Oklahoma State University in the game against the University of Arkansas September 17.

Reynolds is a graduate of Horace Mann High School and was praised as "the best back in the field" during the final scrimmage before the game. He is a 198-pound sophomore. He went to Oklahoma State after receiving offers from all the Negro colleges in the Southwest plus Arizona State, Mann Coach Fred Swinton said.

"He was a top boy all the way," said Swinton. "Good attitude, good student, clean-cut boy. A powerful runner, not fast like Jim Pace was, but fast enough."

### Class of 43 Enters Practical School

A class of 43 students entered the ABMC School of Practical Nursing on September 12.

Those who registered for the year's training are: Pauline Marie Ball of Hensley; Marv Ellen Barton of 1708 Montclair, Little Rock; Sharon Louise Beene, 179 Ohio Circle, Jacksonville; Gail Louise Blankenship of 1000 Graham, North Little Rock; Betty Frances Boyett of Jacksonville; Glenna Marie

Brents of Morrilton; Mischa Anniece Bryant of 316 West 34th Street, North Little Rock; Jessie Marie Cox of Lonoke; Mary Kathleen Cox of Mer Rouge, La.; Martha Elizabeth Curry of 120 South Pine, Little Rock; Jacquelyn Lee Eubanks of 2209 Spring Street, Little Rock; Elouise Evans of 5623 Big Oak Lane, Little Rock; Mary Ann Finkbeiner of 7309 Woodside Lane, Little Rock; Julia Frances Foster of Pine Bluff; Sandra Irene Harris of 209 College Park Circle, North Little Rock;

### New Lab Employee



Margaret Johnson is a new bacteriologist in the laboratory. She is from Corpus Christi, Tex., and attended St. Vincent Academy at Shreveport, La.

Nelda Ruth Jackson of Route 3, Box 407, Little Rock; Marilee Frances Jadeed of Route 2, Box 212-B, Little Rock; Paulette Jean Kiser of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; Elizabeth Marie Koscielnny of 2316 1/2 Moss, North Little Rock; Shirley Jean Maddox of Jacksonville; Betty Jane Moix of Conway; Lorene Monroe of Route 1, Box 447, North Little Rock; Margaret Ann Morrow of 2216 South Valentine, Little Rock; Judy Fay Murphy of 122 East Jackson, Monticello; Brenda Kay Nelson of 406 Dobbs Street, Benton;

Donna Lou Pearce of 6 Chicopee Trail, Little Rock; Dana Carol Perry of Cabot; Mary Belle Perkins of 3200 West 17th Street, Little Rock; Josephine L. Phillips of 8924 West 33rd Street, Little Rock; Larry Gene Ray of Kensett; Eileen Lou Richards of Benton; Dorothy Rubow of Benton; Linda Jane Russell of Jacksonville; Anna M. Schilling of 121 Battery, Apt. C, Little Rock; Glenna Carol Simmons of Cabot; Marilyn Kay Stegall of 4117 Zion Street, Little Rock; Laura Ann Thessing of Conway; Jessie Lee Tull of 601 Summit, Little Rock; Billee Faye Turner of 731 Poe Street, North Little Rock; Phyllis Wampler of Cabot; Barbara Ann Whitley of Bryant; Wanda Faye Wilson of 2922 West 26th Street, Little Rock; and Carol Ann Zangerl of 8 Dellwood Drive, Little Rock.

# AMBC Begins Resuscitation Training Program



Dr. John Allen demonstrates the external cardiac massage on "Resuscitate Annie" at a training session for unit supervisors at ABMC. From left are: Charles Reed, Dr. Allen, Mrs. Kathryn Little, Miss Jackie Sanders, Mrs. Nancy Seago, Mrs. Mary Roberts, Mrs. Doris Hightowers, Mrs. Rosa Brown, Mrs. Janie Tyler, Mrs. Gwendolyn Emde, Mrs. Thelma Hill, Mrs. Freda New, and Mrs. Pauline Raney.

Arkansas Baptist Medical Center is playing a key role in the establishment of a pilot statewide program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation sponsored by the Arkansas Heart Association.

The first training course for doctors throughout the state was held in the cardio-pulmonary laboratory here and these doctors are now serving as "faculty" to training nursing personnel in other Arkansas hospitals. Dr. John Allen is chairman of the Cardiac-Pulmonary Resuscitation Committee for the Heart Association.

Bill North, executive director of the AHA, said that nurses and lay people are trained as "instructors" by the "faculty" and that the training should reach every hospital employee. He has plans for bringing in college physical education instructors to ABMC to learn how training the lay public in this type of resuscitation. Eventually he hopes the American Red Cross will add this to its first aid training courses.

The type resuscitation presently being taught calls for artificial circulation or heart massage as well as mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration. Dr. Allen and Dr. John Osborne, ABMC intern, pointed out that mouth-to-mouth resuscitation is only half the battle: if the heart stops, then heart massage is also necessary to keep the patient alive.

When all personnel in a hospital are trained to do both types of resuscitation, as high as 70 per cent of the patients whose heart and lungs stop functioning can be resuscitated, Dr. Allen said. All personnel need train-

ing because time becomes crucial when a patient stops breathing and his heart fails to beat. The person working on him has no more than three to four minutes to resuscitate him if permanent damage is to be prevented.

Equipment is available to help keep

the resuscitation going but it must be started manually by the person who discovers the difficulty.

Both Dr. Allen and Dr. Osborne said that while nursing personnel in the emergency room and intensive care were aware of the methods used in both types resuscitation, most patients experiencing sudden difficulty were in their rooms and nursing personnel there also needed this type training. The difficulty may be the result of a heart attack, anoxia, the after-effects of surgery, electrical shock or a number of different causes.

The unit supervisors at ABMC have been trained and other nursing personnel are now receiving training here. Hospitals in Rogers, Jacksonville, Salem and the Veterans Administration Hospital at Little Rock have already offered the resuscitation course with faculty trained in the original ABMC course.

Dr. Allen emphasized that the more personnel who receive the training the better the chances are that patients who need resuscitation in the hospital will get it. He said that retraining would be necessary every three to six months to train new employees and to refresh those who had already been trained in the techniques of actually administering aid. The course will be taught to student nurses and to practical nursing students at ABMC.

## Attends Library Meeting

Ruth Arnold Leveck, librarian at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, attended the annual convention of the Southern Regional Group, Medical Library Association in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Sept. 29 - October 2.



Mrs. Shirlene Hackworth, R.N., demonstrates the Ambu-resuscitator on "Resuscitate Annie" for, from left: Mrs. Thelma Hill, Mrs. Freda New, Mrs. Mary Mobley, Mrs. Willie Ackerbloom, and Mrs. Shirlene Hackworth, with Dr. Allen looking on.

# Mrs. Kline Has Vital Job on Switchboard



Mrs. Kline is at the heart of the Medical Center's communications system on the telephone switchboard.

him," said the woman. "He's wearing a white shirt and brown pants and he's about five feet, two inches.

Occasionally, Mrs. Kline is involved in real life or death dramas when time can make the difference in what happens at the other end of the line. At such times, she keeps the distressed caller on the line until she locates someone in the emergency room so that a doctor can be secured while the ambulance brings the patient to the hospital. She has often been involved in split second trips to the delivery room with expectant mothers at night, often leaving the switchboard long enough to get the mother safely to fourth floor on the elevator herself.

A red telephone beside the switchboard is the direct line to the Little Rock Fire Department. The operator has only to pick it up and the Fire Department knows where the fire is and is on the way. To keep from alarming patients, the operator calls out "Dr. Red Stat" over the intercom.

Mrs. Kline has been a switchboard operator here since January, 1955. She formerly worked at the University Hospital when it was in its old location on McAlmont. She lives with her husband at 2822 West Seventh Street. She has two children, Kenneth Kline, 24, and Mrs. Mary Plummer 26, of Pine Bluff, and three grandchildren. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

"Arkansas Baptist Medical Center", a crisp, cheerful voice announces to incoming telephone callers several hundred times a day. Lights may be flashing on all over the switchboard and the operator's hands may be flying back and forth to connect and disconnect calls but the voice is courteous and unhurried.

How do you answer a constantly ringing telephone all day long without finally becoming short and irritated with the callers? We decided to check on one of the persons behind the voice at the switchboard to find out.

Mrs. Hortense Kline is a modest, even-tempered woman who thinks hospital work is the greatest thing she could be doing.

"It seems like you can help more here than anywhere else," she said. Mrs. Kline is the sort of person who wants to be of help both on the switchboard and off. She and another operator handle 20 incoming lines, 20 outgoing lines and 250 extensions on what must be one of the busiest switchboards in the city — often nearly all lines are busy at once.

It isn't always easy to be calm and collected on the switchboard, as Mrs. Kline would be the first to admit. Occasionally a caller will ask to speak to someone by his first name only. This happened recently when a woman called and asked to speak to John.

"Is he a patient or an employee?" asked Mrs. Kline, after determining that the woman did not know his last name. She was told that he was visiting a patient, whose name the caller

also did not know. Finally she was furnished this helpful information.

"You won't have any trouble finding

## Scholarship Winner



Miss Polly Gentry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gentry of Ashdown, received the scholarship award with a 3.9 average which is only one-tenth of a point below a straight "A" average. Runnerup was Renny Bowen Hamilton of Benton with a 3.7 average. Here Dean Mildred Armour gives Polly the scholarship pin.

# WORLD WITH WINGS

BY ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

An avid sports fan sits by the television in his easy chair and watches a game being played a thousand miles away. Picking up his morning newspaper, he reads of events which took place during the night on the other side of the world. News of happenings comes to him almost as soon as the events take place.

Little more than one hundred years ago, battles were being fought long after peace had been made because of the slowness of communication. Indeed, it took two days for news to travel across the short channel from Belgium to England.

With the work of Samuel Finley Breese Morse came the birth of swift communications. Yet strange enough,

his desire was to be an artist.

After graduating from Yale University in 1810, he traveled to England to study painting and sculpture. He had great promise. One piece of work, *The Dying Hercules*, won him a gold medal.

Later, Morse was a professor at the University of New York City, where he became interested in electricity.

In those days, he made many trips across the ocean to visit England. On a return voyage in 1832, he became restless and bored. To pass the time away, he worked out a scheme of telegraphy. The passengers were pestered and yet amused by his insistence upon showing them his theory. Morse followed the captain about the ship, telling him of the great possibilities.

When leaving the ship, Morse jokingly said, "Well, Captain, if you hear of the telegraph one of these days as the world's wonder, remember that the discovery was made aboard the good ship Sully."

How fortunate for him that he made that statement!

As with all inventions, great sums of money were needed for experiments. Morse took his patented device before Congress and asked for funds for an experimental telegraph line between Washington and Baltimore. The lawmakers laughed at him and refused.

Discouraged but not beaten, Morse traveled once again to England—another refusal. The next stop was France. Again he was refused.

Disheartened, Morse returned to the United States, but he did not give up. Four long years he struggled trying to find someone to finance his telegraph experiments.

Finally, in the very last hour of the closing session on March 4, 1843, Congress voted to give him thirty thousand dollars for his work. From that moment, things began to happen fast. Even so, fourteen exhausting months were needed to ready the equipment.

On that red-letter day, May 24, 1844, a Miss Ellsworth, the daughter of a friend, sat at a transmitter in the Supreme Court at the Capitol in Washington. She was ready to send a message in dots and dashes.

What was the message? "What hath God wrought!" One need not wonder that the famous message was chosen from the Bible (Numbers 23:23) for surely God's hand had guided the hand of Samuel Morse.

Ten years later, trouble cast another shadow over Morse's success. A man named Jackson sued him, claiming to have invented the telegraph first. The old captain of the ship Sully, to whom Morse had shown his invention, was one of the many witnesses testifying in his behalf. Thus, Jackson was proved to be a fraud.

Some thirty years later Morse died. Surely the mark he left upon the world affects us all.

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## STATUES

BY THELMA C. CARTER

Are you interested in visiting museums and libraries and seeing the many statues of famous people? If you have visited Washington, D. C., you no doubt have seen the statues of famous statesmen, Presidents, military heroes, composers, authors, and others.

In many countries public buildings, museums, libraries, churches, temples, and parks contain thousands of statues and other valuable works of art. These statues are priceless, for they represent a great part of history which people may read and study. By studying the inscriptions concerning their statues, we have learned much about how people lived and dressed thousands of years ago.

Who were the first people to do sculpturing? The art probably began when early men began to carve and shape their tools and weapons. Later, someone found that he could mold damp clay into small figures of persons, animals, and birds. As time passed, the clay objects were baked, first in the sun and then in kilns. Later they were glazed and refired as is customary today.

Little by little, the art of sculpturing grew into a trade which required skill and time. Interestingly, many of the same materials used today by sculptors also were used in ancient times. These include stone, wood, ivory, bone, bronze, granite, and marble.

In all things about them, the ancient Egyptians saw the work of the gods of the sun, moon, harvest, war, love, and on and on. They built statues of their gods and worshiped them. The Egyptian pharaohs built great temples in which their gods might live.



# Man made in God's image

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Life and Work

October 23

Genesis 1-2

One of the most neglected doctrines in the Bible is the doctrine of man. What one believes about man is significant. What is man? Is he an improved ape? Is his life "a tale told by an idiot; full of sound and fury, signifying nothing"? Please read Psalms 8:4-8 for a good answer to the question, "What is man?"

## I. The Genesis story

There has been a storm of debate concerning the validity of the Genesis account of creation. After the critics of the Genesis account have spoken, several truths are still evident. Genesis gives the only orderly, concise, consistent, and progressive account of creation. The story is reasonable and is held to be authoritative by the majority of believers today. Those who have a problem believing the miracle of creation also have problems with the other miraculous events of Scripture. The God of the Bible is a miracle-working God. The reader believes or he does not.

The Bible is a book about God. The Bible is not a textbook on biology, physics, zoology, or any other facet of science. It deals with religion. Don't expect a scientific account of how the world began in Genesis. Furthermore there is no contradiction between true scientific facts and the Biblical revelation. Truth is truth wherever found. The Genesis account is in basic agreement with authentic scientific views today. Lower forms of life were created; then man was created as the crown or climax of God's creation.

## II. "And God Said (Gen. 1:1,2; 26-28)

The most important fact in the first two chapters of Genesis is: "God created." A great deal of theology can be built on the major premise, "In the beginning God." God spoke the world into existence. Nine times in the first chapter of Genesis the phrase recurs: "And God said." God created the world by the word of his power and might. He spake. He wrought a miracle. Whether one takes the word "said" literally or not God is the Creator of everything. The same God found in Genesis as Creator is the same God revealed in the New Testament in the person of Christ. The Bible presents one God with one purpose—redemption.

Much debate has revolved around the idea of a "day" being a 24 hour or indefinite period of time. Others have debated the location of the Garden of Eden. Still others have discussed whether Satan appeared in person to Adam and Eve in the garden. These points could easily take up the entire discussion but they are

secondary to the real issue: God created everything. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3).

The conclusion is inevitable that many differing viewpoints are found relating to the Genesis story. Some questions are impossible to answer. Other questions would involve conjecture and matter of opinion. Can not the Christian accept the Genesis account as accurate and the source of creation as God?

## III. Made in God's Image (Gen. 1:26-28)

Special detail is given man's creation. In all other instances, except in God's crown of creation, God simply spoke and creation occurred. Note the Biblical record regarding the creation of man:

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Gen. 1:26).

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7).

The great difference in the creation of lower animals and man is contained in the phrase "in the image of God." Man was made a rational, moral, and spiritual being. Man was spirit, body, and soul. The word "image" implies that man resembles, is similar to, or is made like God.

Augustine declared, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." Man, created life out of non-life, was made for

## The preacher poet

### First and last

You may begin with sin and grin  
And argue points that are too thin  
But you can never, never win  
The wage is death, the wage of sin.

The first fell stroke will be a woe  
Which strikes the heart and life  
a blow

And causes you to surely know  
Sin pays its debts thro trouble's  
flow.

—W. B. O'Neal

fellowship with God. Man belongs to the natural order of creation. Standing outside of himself, man, however, is more than the natural order. The thing that makes him most distinctly man is the truth that he wants, yearns, desires and is capable of fellowship with God. Man literally is the offspring of God.

Man is man because his free will transcends the limitations of lower animals. He is a self-conscious and self-determining being capable of free moral choice between good and evil. Other considerations could be mentioned, such as speech, conscience, rationality, personality, and spirituality.

God instructed man:

(1) to multiply, be fruitful and replenish the earth; (2) to have dominion; (3) to subdue the earth; (4) to dress and keep the garden (work).

## IV. The Home: God's First Institution. Genesis 2:18-22

God instituted marriage and the home by creating for Adam a "helpmeet" or companion, Eve. The husband and wife were intended by the Creator to meet the needs of each other. Monogamy, one man for one woman, was incorporated into the laws of the universe. The home is the most basically important of all institutions. Someone has said, "As the home goes, so goes the nation." The church is dependent absolutely upon the home for its constituents. The home, therefore, was society's first institution; first in time and importance.

## V. Conclusion

Many lessons of value are contained within the scope of the Scripture under consideration. Have the people of today's world lost sight of the dignity and worth of every individual? Have we forgotten that one person is more important in God's sight than all the things in the world? Jesus said, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26) He also said, "...For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). Today man has exalted himself to the place that belongs to God. Man created in the image of God, should be God-centered.

Also the home is in the process of breaking. From America's homes a delinquent society has sprung. Today's need is for Christian homes, built on Christ, the solid rock.

# God, our security

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.  
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Napoleon is reported to have said, "God is always on the side of the strongest army," but the Bible frequently refutes this view, as it does in the story of Hezekiah's confrontation with Sennacherib, mighty monarch from Assyria.

The overwhelming military strength of Assyria had caused Judah and other small Palestinian nations to alternate between trembling vassalage and defiant revolt. Occasionally the people would get a "craw full" of paying tribute to a foreign power and would rise up in open rebellion. Then would come swift retribution, driving them to their knees again.

Hezekiah had joined in one revolt in 701 B. C., with the result that Sennacherib had rattled Judah's teeth, capturing 46 of her cities and shutting Hezekiah up "like a bird in a cage in the midst of Jerusalem," as the Assyrian king is quoted in a secular history. Tribute exacted was so heavy that Hezekiah had to deplete his royal treasury and strip adornments from the temple to pay the assessments (2 Kings 18:14-16).

When Sennacherib had "big trouble in Central City" (Babylonia, that is) around 691 B. C., Hezekiah made noises like a rebel once again; and the Assyrian king, marching against Egypt between 689 and 686 B. C., took rounders to go by Jerusalem and shake Hezekiah like a dog shakes a caught rabbit. The Assyrian king is camped at Libnah, less than a half day's march away, when today's lesson opens.

## I. A terrifying ultimatum.

The ultimatum sent to Hezekiah by Sennacherib via the Rabshakeh (not a proper name but an official title meaning "chief steward" or "principal envoy") was an impressive attempt at psychological warfare. Isaiah 36:4-20 and 37:8-13 show why the man had risen to such a trusted post; he was a master at persuasion with a mailed fist covered by a velvet glove.

The envoy says, in effect, "Why trust your God and sentence yourselves to suffering and death? Look at all the other countries that trusted their gods and fell before our army. Do you want to suffer the same fate? Of course not! So just surrender, save yourselves, and save us the trouble of killing you."

If Hezekiah had counted on secret help from Egypt, there could not have been much comfort in the Rabshakeh's words, "Behold, you are relying on Egypt, that broken reed of a staff, which will pierce the hand of any man who leans on it. Such is Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to all who rely on him."

The envoy further taunted the people with their own military weakness by saying, "Come now, make a wager with my master the king of Assyria: I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders upon them" (36:8).

The ultimatum demanding capitulation was sent to Hezekiah on a scroll, which he unrolled with hands that undoubtedly trembled.

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Isaiah 37:14-21a, 33-35

## II. An agonizing prayer.

To Hezekiah's credit, he did not rant, rave, cry, or flip his wig. What he did do—pray—was a little out of character in the light of some of his past reliance on Egypt instead of God, but maybe there were not any atheists in foxholes even then.

Taking the scroll with him to the house of the Lord, Hezekiah spread it out and then poured forth his heart to God. His prayer was humble, fervent, and beautiful (37:14-20).

After praising God, begging him to hear the petition, and saying that the people who had been destroyed had trusted in false gods made with their own hands, Hezekiah closed passionately, "So now, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou alone art the Lord."

Hezekiah's plea is one that we might well pray as a people: "Save us. . ." We need to be saved not only from our enemies but from ourselves, from a dependence upon the works of our own hands.

## III. A reassuring answer.

Isaiah, God's spokesman, sent to Hezekiah reassurance that God had heard his prayer and would heed his petition. "Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city, or shoot an arrow there, or come before it with a shield, or cast up a siege-mound against it. By the way he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come into this city, says the Lord. For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David" (37:33-35).

The Bible does not say so, but there were probably scoffers in the local bars who hee-hawed loudly at the king's religious "kick" and at that prophet creep's pious pronouncement. And the logistics of the situation would have tended to support their skepticism about the power of prayer as over against archers, spearmen, and horsemen.

That God keeps his promises is revealed in the outcome, however. A divinely-originated epidemic of some sort knocked off 185,000 of Sennacherib's troops, and that noteworthy retreated to Assyria. Judah was saved, Hezekiah's trust was rewarded, and God's name was exalted.

God still represents the best security a nation possesses.

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Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Ch. Addns.
Alzheimer First	146	87	
Ashdown Hicks First	48		
Berryville Freeman Heights	157	74	2
Blytheville			
Gosnell	247	80	1
New Liberty	313	46	
Camden			
Cullendale First	427	150	2
First	502	129	
Crossett			
First	578	167	
Mt. Olive	236	126	1
El Dorado			
Caledonia	.49	41	
Ebenezer	169	65	
First	747	483	
Immanuel	484	183	
Trinity	214	105	1
Foreman First	175	79	
Ft. Smith Towson Ave.	170	80	3
Greenwood First	925	141	
Gurdon Beech St.	184	66	2
Harmony	70	40	
Harrison Eagle Heights	296	133	10
Imboden	130	66	1
Jacksonville			
Bayou Meto	113	87	
First	482	125	3
Marshall Rd.	257	147	1
Jonesboro			
Central	507	188	2
Nettleton	297	104	1
Lavaca	258	124	1
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,174	447	
Rosedale	299	120	4
Magnolia Central	722	248	3
Manila First	159	88	
Marked Tree Neiswander	120	74	
Monticello Second	224	141	
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	634	171	1
South Side	39	16	
Calvary	408	174	
Forty-Seventh St.	222	101	
Gravel Ridge First	178	91	3
Runyan	56	37	
Levy	521	137	3
Sixteenth St.	51	36	
Piggott First	389	173	4
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	307	118	
Second	236	77	
South Side	781	224	3
Tucker	24	17	
Plainview First	92	30	
Springdale			
Elmdale	311	109	2
First	468	116	2
Texarkana Beech St.	535	159	1
Community	27		
Van Buren			
First	493	186	1
Oak Grove	167	123	
Vandervoort First	57	38	
Walnut Ridge First	283	117	9
Ward Cocklebur	39	40	
Warren			
First	432	110	
Southside	105	91	
Immanuel	315	102	1
West Memphis Calvary	361	141	1

# A Smile or Two

## 'Forgive us our sins'

It had been a rough day for a Baptist Building department head, recently returned from work on the field to find his desk piled high. From early morning until late afternoon he had been dictating. Finally all the correspondence had been taken care of and he returned home in time for the evening meal.

The family sat with head bowed, and papa began to return thanks:

"Dear Lord, comma . . ."

## One way to go

An English lord was talking to an American boy about his ancestors. "My grandfather was a very great man," he said. "One day Queen Victoria touched his shoulder with a sword and made him a knight."

"Aw, that's nuthin'," the American boy replied. "One day Red Wing, an Indian, touched my grandfather on the head with a tomahawk and made him an angel!"

## We've ridden it

"I have been on this train seven years," said the conductor of a slow-moving passenger train.

"Is that so?" said a passenger, "Where did you get on?"

## Farm philosophy

An old farmer, asked why he had never married, explained: "Well, I'd rather go through life wanting something I didn't have, than having something I didn't want."

## Remedy

"If you suffer from indigestion, what is better than a meal of dried fish and plain water?" asks a writer.

Indigestion.

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## Blasphemy charged

HELSINKI—Hannu Salama, well-known Finnish writer, was sentenced to three months imprisonment by the Helsinki Court of Appeals for "deliberate blasphemy" in his latest novel, "Midsummer Dances," a best-seller in Finland. The sentence was suspended because the law involved may be abolished by the government.

The court also ordered the printing plates and all copies of the novel confiscated and destroyed.

In a written statement to the court, Mr. Salama said "a specific motive of my work was to blaspheme against God, as well as to question the so-called Christian values."

At an earlier hearing of the case, the Finnish Minister of Justice described the 19th Century law on which the writer was brought to trial as "archaic." He said steps were being taken by the government to have it annulled. (EP)

## Cooperation urged

BERLIN—A Protestant missionary leader declared here that added cooperation between Protestant and Roman Catholic missions in Asia, Africa and Latin America was essential for "an efficient dissemination of the Christian message."

Professor Hans-Werner Gensichen spoke at the annual congress of the German Evangelical Mission Day, the standing conference of 35 missionary societies of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID), as well as of 14 other organizations supporting mission work.

Declaring that Vatican II had challenged Protestant churches and mission bodies to enter into theological discussion with the Catholic Church on the principles of missionary work, he urged Protestant missions to make every effort to achieve practical cooperation with Catholic missions throughout the world. (EP)

## Graham has check-up

LONDON — Doctors who advised Evangelist Billy Graham to cancel a scheduled trip to Scotland because of doubts about his physical condition reportedly found no serious condition.

The evangelist, here to conduct follow-up meetings to his earlier Greater London Crusade, went through a series of tests at a clinic.

Last year, Mr. Graham underwent an operation at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for a prostate con-

dition. After early complications which required additional surgery, he regained his strength and returned to his busy speaking schedule.

Mr. Graham had scheduled a visit to Scotland after a planned trip to Poland was canceled by government authorities there. He had intended to take part in events marking the 1,000th anniversary of Christianity in Poland. (EP)

## Fears for King

CAPETOWN—Fear that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., may die a violent death was expressed here by Pastor Martin Niemoeller, famous German preacher who has been touring and preaching in South Africa.

Asked for his views on the American integration leader, Dr. Niemoeller said: "He's a dear friend of mine and a great Christian, fighting extremists of his own race by preaching non-violence. But I fear he may die a violent death one day at the hands of his own people, many of whom oppose his view that his people must use rights they already have to go ahead under the American Constitution." (EP)

## Problems 'agonizing'

SYDNEY, Australia — Archbishop P. N. W. Strong of Brisbane, Primate

# Cites plight of American Indians

The American Indian suffers not only from the social hurdles of poverty, lack of education, language barriers and racial discrimination but also from a deep-rooted indifference to his position in the modern world. This indifference was cultivated many years ago when the government isolated him on reservations, putting him in a social deep freeze where all stimulation from the outside world was cut off.

Most of the 523,591 American Indians earn less than \$1,500 annually. Unemployment is seven to eight times that of the national average for all Americans. Ninety percent of the housing is substandard. Most Indians are still caught in the fears of primitive religions.

This is a good time to let charity begin at home by doing something for our neighbors in need. In Los Angeles, Calif. these days, workers of the American Indian Liberation Crusade are busily preparing packets of literature and films, food and clothing for disadvantaged people on the snow-swept reservations in Southwestern United States. Dr. Henry E. Hedrick, director of the Crusade, believes that a good deed done for the Indians has boomerang on the donor. "We have found," he says, "that many people have had a merrier Christ-

of the Church of England in Australia, said here that the situation facing Australia in Vietnam is an agonizing one which fills Christians with forebodings and uncertainties.

In his presidential address to the Anglican Quadrennial General Synod, he said that "whatever our views may be on the causes, policies and ends underlying the war, our hearts cannot fail to be riven by the sufferings which it is bringing to God's children both in North and South Vietnam."

It would be wrong for Western nations to assume that they had "a monopoly of divine aid," he declared, warning that "in striving for peace, we need to realize that peace is positive, not just negative." (EP)

## Attacks Pope Paul

TOKYO—Pope Paul VI has been assailed by a Communist China press organ which called the pontiff a "mouth-piece" of reaction.

Hung Chi, a Communist party journal, replied to the Pope's comments on Red Guard uprisings which desecrated Catholic and Protestant churches and led to the deportation of European nuns. (EP)

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