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**Arkansas Baptist**

*newsmagazine*

SEPTEMBER 17, 1964



## LEADERS SPEAK OUT AGAINST GAMBLING

**Gene Herrington, Little Rock**  
Managing Editor, Arkansas Democrat

"GAMBLING has been described by Florida's former governor Leroy Collins as a dose of moral poison. While legalizing the potion may make it easier to swallow, the results remain just as deadly. Attracting unsavory characters from throughout the world, increasing crime rates and juvenile delinquency, growing disrespect for law—these are but some of the fruits. To guard against such a 'harvest,' refrain from planting the seed."

**Mrs. Margaret Kolb**  
Little Rock, housewife

"AS A mature citizen of the State of Arkansas, as a mother and as a Christian, it is my duty to speak out against gambling in any form—legal or illegal. As responsible citizens of our State, may we all keep in mind that gambling has nothing constructive to contribute. I feel that there is no room in our State for anything that has nothing worthwhile to offer our people. We need to provide by positive example a climate for wholesome, healthy growth for our children and youth. Wisdom and logical reasoning dictates that we cannot afford to vote for legalized gambling in Arkansas because we are not the kind of people whose conscience will let us prey upon the weakness of our fellowman."

**Dr. Marshall T. Steel, Conway**  
President, Hendrix College

"I AM strongly opposed to the proposed constitutional amendment to legalize gambling in Hot Springs. I think that the proposal is morally wrong, economically unsound, and socially degrading. For the sake of every wholesome interest in Arkansas I earnestly hope that our voters will overwhelmingly reject this proposal."

**Dr. Ralph A. Phelps Jr., Arkadelphia**  
President, Ouachita College

"I AM deeply convinced of the inherent wrong and potential danger of legalized casino gambling. Arkansas has more to offer the world than a chance to misbehave. It is my firm conviction that if the good people of Arkansas know the real issues involved, they will soundly defeat the casino gambling proposal."—From the brochure, "The Case AGAINST Gambling in Arkansas," available from Churches United Against Gambling, Walden Building, Little Rock, Ark.

**S. H. Allman, Hot Springs**  
Retired businessman

"THE City of Hot Springs was built on sound business principles by unselfish, hardworking, philosophical Americans, offering to those in need, healing waters and clean, honorable physical recreation. The descendants of those founding fathers are unalterably opposed to gambling because it is non-productive, creates no new wealth, performs no useful service, and diverts savings and potential investments into a channel that serves no need, and is economically and morally hurtful to our community and state and nation."

**Clarke Kinney, Forrest City**  
State Representative, St. Francis County

"A CRISIS in moral leadership is now developing in Arkansas over the issue of legalizing casino gambling. Make no mistake about it, gambling is inherently evil and must be opposed by men of good will everywhere. Let us never give gambling an apparent official stamp of approval by legalizing it. No compromise is possible on this question."

### Peace And Unrest





# personally speaking

## Down in Arkansas

THIS really happened "Down in Arkansas," according to my friend Miss Dollie Hiatt, of the staff of the Baptist Book Store, Little Rock.



ERWIN L.

Last spring when Dr. Frank C. Laubach, the noted general of the "Each One Teach One" world war on illiteracy, was in Morrilton for an autograph party, his many friends kept him standing for three hours.

Near the close of the party, the noted octogenarian was near exhaustion. Soon after he had taken a seat, Miss Hiatt, who had been too busy herself with the autograph party to ask Dr. Laubach to autograph one of his books, approached him with the book.

Although tired, the great man was still all smiles as he took his pen to comply with her request for his signature. As he was about to begin, it suddenly occurred to Miss Hiatt that she'd like to have a verse of scripture with the noted signature.

"What is your favorite verse of scripture?" she asked.

"Right now," Dr. Laubach replied with a twinkle in his eye, "the only verse I can think of is Matthew 11:28: 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'"

So, along with the autograph, Miss Hiatt received a Laubach anecdote that will live on in memory if not in history.

SISTER Street, the producer of our widely-acclaimed weekly feature on "Courtship, Marriage and the Home," might not agree with me, since she is herself of the weaker-wiser sex, but it seems to me that nobody, and I do mean NOBODY, can puncture a poor husband's ego like his wife.

And, to be sure, the wife that I know most about is my own Maria.

Hear my tale of woe and give me a few encouraging words, if you can:

On a morning recently Maria suggested that she put together a lunch for me to take to the office for the noon repast.

Without stopping to ask why she was being so thoughtful so early in the morning, I said, "O. K. You fix it and I'll eat it."

A few minutes later, as I was about to take off like one of those new B-58s, I was exulting in what a good memory I have. I remembered that the last three times my wife had fixed my lunch I had walked right by it on the kitchen table without ever seeing it and had gone to work without it.

I not only was proud of me and my good memory that particular morning, but I just knew my wife was

going to be proud of me as I remembered to get my lunch on the way out.

But my wife was nowhere in sight. And neither was my lunch. I looked not only on the table where it had always been before, but all over the kitchen. The lunch was not to be found.

Finally, in desperation, I started on my way. And right there in front of the door I had to walk through to get out of the house, on a sofa pillow square across my path, was the lunch!

Like I said, nobody, but NOBODY.....

*Erwin L. McDonald*

## IN THIS ISSUE:

BITTER feelings . . . bad repute . . . difficulty in replacement—these are some of the things that may result when a church fires a staff member. Always a touchy situation, there are some helps to ease the way. They are outlined for you, on page 5, by G. W. Brockwell Jr. of Blytheville.

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HOPING to visit Glorieta or Ridgecrest next year? For your convenience in planning we are today printing the schedule of events at both assemblies. You'll find it on page 18.

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FROM the college president, the housewife, the editor, the legislator, the retired business man come denunciations of the legal gambling amendment to appear on the ballot in November. You'll find some of the reaction from across Arkansas on the opposite page.

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THE Editor attended festivities at Blytheville First Church recently. His picture report is on pages 10 and 11.

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COVER story, page 4.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## *the people SPEAK*

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

### Goldwater or Johnson?

I HAVE just received the current issue of the Newsmagazine and note that, for the last three consecutive issues, it has contained an item derogatory to Senator Goldwater, republican nominee for president. As they are being printed so regularly, and none against any other candidate, I wonder why.

In the August 13th issue, on a page devoted to the Green Felt Jungle, extra paragraphs are used to link the Senator with the late Willie Bioff, a labor racketeer. None of his defense is included, that this happened back in 1952-55, that Bioff was living under an assumed name, that the only proven charge was a campaign contribution made thru a third party, that Senator Goldwater voluntarily gave out the news which was widely published in the spring of 1956, and that he was easily re-elected senator in 1958. You also listed Bobby Baker but did not link him with President Johnson who, as majority leader, had Baker as secretary of the senate majority, and some suspicious personal deals between them were widely publicised.

In the August 20th issue there is an item by the president of New York's Union Theological Seminary denouncing Senator Goldwater before a Roman Catholic audience. No charges are listed except that the Senator's views run counter to some modern social teachings of the Catholic and Protestant Churches. Note this "modern social teachings" which coming from, I believe, a liberal president, of a liberal seminary, in the most liberal city in the country, should be self explanatory.

In the current issue you have to go to Europe to publish an item from a Dean of the Church of England to the Archbishop of Canterbury condemning the policies of Presidential nominee Goldwater. As in the other items no specific charges are listed except that his policies are repugnant to the Christian conscience, and that we have a "fascist mentality." It seems to me that I have read of some rather loose things being practiced by some of the Churches of England and, also, that one of these officials is known as the Red Dean of Canterbury because of his communist views. If this is correct I doubt that we would want to work to their conscience or, because we are not communistic, that

we appreciate being classed as fascists, or that we desire any more advice from foreigners on selecting our officials.

Several weeks ago I recall reading newspaper items of beer parties at the Johnson Ranch, and of President Johnson speeding his automobile at ninety miles an hour and losing his secret service men. And I do not recall reading any item, in the Newsmagazine, on that. If that is correct, why the partialty?—A Baptist and independent voter

REPLY: No partiality intended, as far as our editorial position is concerned. We try to take the news as it comes.—ELM

### Locates in Searcy

I WOULD appreciate your stating in the News Magazine that I am available for supply and I now reside at 817 Sunnyside, Searcy, phone CH 5-3265.—W. W. Dishongh

### Ashamed of Baptists

PEOPLE like you make me ashamed to be called by the name of Baptist. After reading your comment in regard to the letter from Mrs. Verlee Dickerson (Sept. 3rd) I feel impelled to speak. Your magazine is the biggest bunch of socialist hogwash anybody ever tried to read.

Yes, I think its safe to say that most Baptists would, indeed, go along with integration or anything else rather than have their federal loans cut off because, after all, what can God Almighty do that the Federal Government can't do better? Lets teach our children never to stand up for mere principle when there's money involved. Lets spend all our time squalling about slot machines and other important things and maybe we'll change the world! We've only had two thousand years to do this in and just look what Baptists have accomplished!

Could it possibly be that this is exactly what's wrong with so-called "Christianity" today, or didn't you know that this world is in one more heck of a mess?

Maybe you were too busy writing books on the plight of the pitiful integrationists to look around you. You ought to try it sometime.—Mrs. W. B. Miller, Jr., Cotton Plant, Ark.

REPLY: I agree with your strong implication that a Christian should have much better motivation than hope of financial profit, in determining how he

## The Cover



### Beauty from Ouachita

DONNA Axum set a precedent when she won the Miss America title last year at Atlantic City, and her followers among Arkansans in winning beauty pageants has been phenomenal.

Another Baptist girl has racked up an impressive list of titles during the past 15 months. She is today's cover girl, Cheryl Jane Bechtelheimer, 19 - year - old Ouachita College sophomore from Camden, who was recently named second runner-up to Miss American Beauty and the most popular girl in the International Beauty Pageant at Long Beach, Calif.

Her list of titles is lengthy: Miss Camden Boat Club, South Arkansas Poultry Princess, Miss Arkansas Poultry Princess, Miss Arkansas Universe, Ouachita beauty, Miss Arkansas Chic, Miss Eggtober, Miss Arkansas Personality of 1964, Arkansas' American Beauty and the two honors at Long Beach.

To beauty, Miss Bechtelheimer adds a singing voice that won her a four-year presidential scholarship at Ouachita. She sings with several college groups and solos at her home church in Camden.

will stand on such a great social and religious issue as race relations. But, let us face it, many do not.

As to our campaign against gambling, I do not see where the integration-segregation debate is involved.—ELM



# When a church fires a staff member . . .

BY C. W. BROCKWELL JR.  
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BLYTHEVILLE



WHAT happens when a church fires a staff member? Is there a winner and a loser or are both losers? Does a church gain by ridding itself of an undesirable leader? How often does God lead a church to do this?

These are hard questions to answer. They are hard because emotion rather than reason often determines the answers. Just raising the questions is enough to anger some pastors, laymen or even churches. It is very difficult to find cold facts in a hot situation.

The apostle Paul instructed the Corinthian church to exorcise from its membership certain individuals who were disrupting the fellowship (I Cor. 5). Even before that terrifying instruction was given, the Holy Spirit removed Ananias and Sapphira from among the congregation of God's people. If all this happened to laymen what will happen to church leaders who go wrong?

When a church fires a staff member several things may happen. The influence or reputation of the church may suffer greatly. Such stories spread fast and abound with excess facts. Many people never really learn the truth of the matter. In fact the church might not face the whole truth itself if the matter is done hastily. Perhaps this provides the basis for "conscience" money and a well written letter of "commendation" to sister churches. In spite of this, there are churches who sincerely give financial aid to the staff member to help him until he is called to another situation.

Bitter feelings in the church is another result of firing a staff member. Often the congregation will split in two. Words spoken in anger become walls of separation. This unforgiven sin grows over the years and stifles the work of God. Few lost people want to attend such a church and fewer unaffiliated Baptists want to affiliate. Only the Holy Spirit can bring the two sides back together but much of the damage will be unrepairable.

Still another result will be the difficulty involved in replacing the staff member. Pastors and others are often reluctant to ac-

cept a situation where they may be treated in the same manner as their predecessor. Even where the church acted wisely and discreetly there is planted a doubt in the beginning. This is not to say it remains and the church repeats itself for many churches have significant growth following such an incident.

Whether a church has or has not fired a staff member, it should do two things.

First, there should be a thorough understanding on the part of the church and the one being called. As in a marriage, this must come before the two agree, not after. The staff member should be acquainted with the church and the church should know a good deal about the staff member.

Second, when it becomes necessary to ask a staff member to leave, it must be done under the leadership of God. If God calls the person and the church to each other will He not separate the two when both leave it in His hands? This should be the basis of fairness on both sides as the relationship is a sacred one entered into before God. Let neither commit a greater sin to remedy one already committed.



THE place the pastor's wife fills is a paradox:

She must be a devoted, fulfilling wife;

But she must be free from jealousy and ready to share her husband generously with other people;

She must be sensitive to people, circumstances, things, and happenings about her;

But she must be "silent as a clam" about gossip and tenaciously hold sacred confidences entrusted to her by her husband;

She must know the most effective methods and leadership plans;

But she must often use indirect approaches to better procedures in her church and always see to it that her husband and her fellow church people are in the foreground: she modestly in the background;

If she has talents, she will dedicate them;

But she must take care to give of her talents in such a way as not to offend or arouse jealousy on the part of other talented people in the church;

She must be all that her husband needs in a wife in soft, feminine ways;

But she must also be a powerful re-generator for his faith and self-confidence, and a tower of strength for his low moods and periods of discouragement.

She must be a living interpretation of Luke 9:24—"For whosoever will save her life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose her life for my sake, the same shall save it."

What parts in the role of the minister's wife are the most difficult for her?

(1) The disproportionate share of her husband's time and interest she must give to others.

Remedy: Marriage with his motives and his calling as well as with his personality and his physical self.

(2) Constructive reaction to criticisms of her husband.

Remedy: Poise, whose component parts are dignity and tranquillity; sincerity and genuineness; and, above all, spirituality,



# The pastor's wife

which grows only out of prayer—personal communion with God and times of family prayer.

(3) Foregoing of the cultivation of intimate friendships on her husband's church field.

Remedy: Giving herself with abandon to the joys of her husband's life and her family experiences and maintaining friendly relationships with all members and acquaintances.

Gleaned bits of wisdom for the pastor's wife:

(1) "Within Our Income"

should hang before your heart as its motto and be as safely entrenched as "In God We Trust."

(2) Be on time. Do not keep him waiting.

(3) Look for and expect only the best in others, and help your husband do this. Avoid suspicious and critical attitudes.

(4) Read. Keep your mind alert—even if the reading must be done in bits from a book placed before you as you wash dishes. Keep an open, growing mind.

(5) Remember this truth expressed by Kathleen Nyberg: "A minister is a man of finite limitations committed to a job of infinite dimensions."

(6) Be a good mother.

What of the pastor-husband's part?

(1) Remember that your wife is human, even as are you.

(2) Love her. Tell her often and again of your love and appreciation. Never, never, never take her for granted!

(3) Make her know that you feel she deserves a wardrobe fit for a queen, even though financial circumstances may necessitate her purchasing from budget departments.

(4) Be patient with her. She has much more to do to be on time than you have.

(5) Be considerate of her physically. Remember that marriage is not a fifty-fifty deal. The woman must invest more than half if the marriage is to be true fulfillment.

(6) Let your role in the home be that of affectionate, helpful husband and loving, wise father. The line is very thin between the minister's accepting extra consideration to relieve the tensions of his profession and his crystalizing into a rather self-centered dictator. Make up for the limited quantity of family time by enriched quality of home and family relationship.

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# The Bookshelf Baptist beliefs

Letters From the Peace Corps, selected and edited by Iris Luce, Robert B. Luce, Inc., 1964, \$2.95

This collection of uncensored letters from the first band of Peace Corps volunteers reveals just what life is like in this service organization. The letters carried here were written mainly to the Corps Headquarters in Washington from remote and underdeveloped corners of the globe. Among other things, the letters reveal that even some of the volunteers of the Peace Corps had to fight suspicions and prejudices that had long been ingrained.

Predestination and Other Papers, by Pierre Maury, John Knox Press, 1960, \$2.50

Here is a bold reinterpretation of the central doctrine of Calvinism, together with sermons and papers left by the noted French protestant theologian and with assessments of his influence by Dr. Karl Barth and Dr. Robert Mackie.

In the Service of the Lord: the Autobiography of Bishop Otto Dibelius, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1964, \$5.50

Dr. Dibelius, Bishop of the Evangelical Church in Germany for Berlin and Brandenburg, is one of the best-known and respected religious leaders of our time. His review of his life in the church, highlighted by courageous opposition to Nazism and Communism, reveals the personal voice of a man who has constantly grown in his understanding of the Christian ministry, one who has been guided by the conviction that "the Christian is always on duty."

Beloved Yankee, by David Wynbeek, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1964, paperback, \$2.25

The diary and journals of this beloved early American missionary were the main sources of information for this book which was first published in 1961. The book is divided into five parts—The Initiate, The Probationer, The Evangelist, The Apostle, and The Saint.

Much of the material covered here had not been printed before.

The Ever-Present Past, by Edith Hamilton, Norton, 1964, \$4.50

This collection of essays, reviews, and addresses begins with essays on Plato and the Greek theater. It moves in later sections to an examination of Goethe's Faust and to the classical French theater of Corneille and Racine. In the essay "Comedy," Miss Hamilton discusses the illusive Genre in relation to the plays of Moliere and Shakespeare. Modern poetry and prose also come in for a sharp critical appraisal by Miss Hamilton.

## CLOTHED WITH POWER

BY HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Past President, Southern Baptist Convention  
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(LUKE 24:49)

"AND, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."



DR. HOBBS

this verse.

It naturally divides itself into two parts: a promise and a command. Jesus promised to send "the promise of my Father." This "promise" is the Holy Spirit. The word "send" is a futuristic present tense or a present tense with a future effect. It is the normal word for "send" prefixed by a preposition which gives to it an intensive meaning. So Jesus said, "I will surely send" the Holy Spirit. This promise was fulfilled at Pentecost.

And then Jesus gave a command. The apostles are to "tarry" in the city. This is an imperative form, and so is a command. Instead of rushing out in their mission they are to "take a seat." This may sound strange in view of the urgency of the need. They are to "tarry . . . until." Until when? "Until ye be endued with power from on high." "Endued" means to be clothed. The King James version and others render this "ye be endued" as though it were a passive voice, suggesting that they are to tarry until God does something to them.

But the Greek word is a middle voice, meaning something that they were to do for themselves. Thus it should read "until ye get yourselves clothed with power from on high." They were not merely to sit and wait passively. They are to wait until they have done something for themselves.

Two pronouns are worthy of note. In Greek normally the pronoun subject is present in the verb form. But when in addition the pronoun is written out it adds emphasis. In the cases of "send" and of "tarry" and "clothed" the pronouns are written out. So it reads, "I send the promise . . . tarry . . . until ye get yourselves clothed."

Thus there is something for the Lord to do—"send." And there is something for us to do—"tarry" and "get yourselves clothed." The Holy Spirit came in power. But we must get ourselves clothed with that power. The ten days of prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost suggest how they got themselves clothed. They prayed for forgiveness of their sins of failing and forsaking the Lord, for a restoration of their fellowship which had been marred by bickering, strife, and unholy ambition, and for dedication that they might become instruments through which the Holy Spirit might work.

Therefore, when the power came they were ready to be used of Him. The power of the Holy Spirit is here. God grant that we may get ourselves clothed with this power from on high.



# LOCATING PAIN

BY J. I. COSSEY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
LEWISVILLE

AN old time country doctor was called in to see a very sick man. The doctor carefully examined the man but could find nothing wrong with him. Consequently he could not treat him. He paused for a moment wondering what he could do. He remembered that he had a good remedy for fits, so he gave the man some medicine to make him have fits so he could give him the medicine that would cure fits.



MR. COSSEY

Several years ago there was a churchman who was off-side most of the time and was as unpredictable as a horse with the blind-staggers. Another churchman said of this man, "He seems to be hurting in one place and grunting in another place."

A medicine man was describing his medicine and the pains of the listening audience. When he described a pain and located it, they immediately began to hurt in that place, and began to walk forward with their dollars. As soon as they bought the bottle of medicine and started home, their old pain started up again and the medicine was no good.

Some church members find fault with everything that is suggested by someone else. The things they have a "hissy" about may be as different as the poles, but the "hissy" is always the same. Please tell just what you would do with a person who majors in nothing but a "hissy!"

The first sermon I ever tried to preach was well prepared, I thought, but my pain was one of fear. I knew I would forget and I did. It did not take me long to forget what little I knew about the text. When I got up on my feet my mind sat down and hard. My pain was changed to embar-

"YOU can't legislate morality!" You, no doubt, have heard someone make that statement. Perhaps you have been guilty of making the argument yourself. However, there must be some virtue in laws for we certainly have enough of them. "But," some would cry, "laws that effect morality, such as gambling, drinking, etc., these do little good because they fail to hit the real problem." This is true to a degree. Yet, do not all laws affect man's morality? Morality pertains to action with reference to right or wrong; therefore, all laws, would to a large degree, affect man's morality.



MR. CLACK

Let me go a step further. If laws and the enforcement of them affect man's morality then those who make and pass and enforce laws have a tremendous responsibility. This means there may be immoral laws and moral laws made and passed and enforced. I speak from the legislative standpoint. A law passed which would permit man to do something wrong, wrong to be determined by the supreme Law of God, is an immoral law. Those making it a law would be as gravely injured as those using it as a license to do wrong.

In a few weeks each voter of our state will have a choice. He may choose to make an immoral law by voting to "legalize," thereby also encouraging, gambling. Those who choose to make this immoral law will either be a pawn of organized gambling or misinformed because of the redolent lies issued by those who stand to make a profit.

**YOU CAN LEGISLATE MORALITY.** You can't change a man's heart by legislation, but you can sure regulate his actions or make him wish he had done so. I trust that none of us will have the sin spot upon our lives of voting for any such measure! Anyone except those mentally and morally impotent surely will vote against legislating any more immorality.

rassment. I called upon an elderly preacher to conclude. He did and was very kind. He said, "The young brother has said a few things, but most of what he said is not so." However, he said it so nice and kind that I felt "plumb" good. I still feel that he let me down easy.

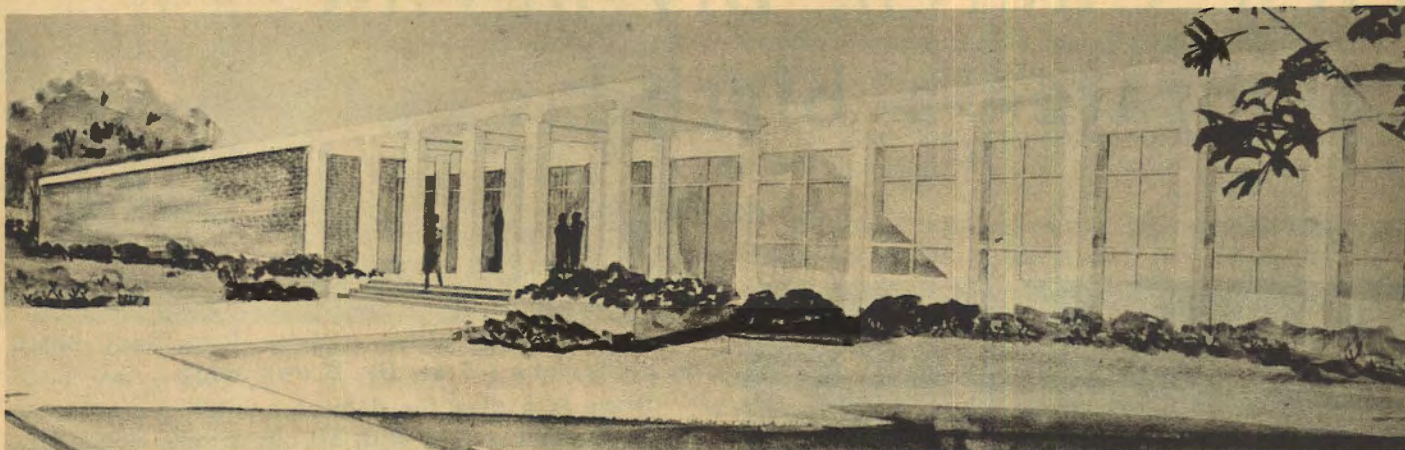
Don't feel sorry for yourself. Practice the art of feeling good. What I want for every day of my life is a clear, open road filled with opportunities for service. God opens the road and will keep it open as long as I am willing to serve. It is safe to stay out of roads that have dead-ends. Usually there is sin at the dead-end

of a road. When you dive into a road with a dead-end, you will likely have to back out regardless of the distance.

Remember, there is no remedy for a pain that cannot be located.

**"There is not enough darkness in all of the world to extinguish the light of one single candle."**  
Laubach Birthday Dinner  
7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21st.  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Tickets \$1.50 each  
Morrilton World Literacy  
Committee  
by Mrs. John F. Cox, chrm.





*BIDS for the construction of The Felix Goodson Library on the campus of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, will be let sometime in September. This building is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clement Stone of Chicago. The Library will contain 12,000 square*

*feet and will house 40,000 volumes. It will accommodate 600 students. The construction will be of brick and white concrete. The reading room will have carpeting and velvet drapes. Also, the building will contain adequate offices and workrooms.*

## University Church buys Broadmoor's property

BROADMOOR Baptist Church, Lakeshore Drive, Little Rock, has contracted to sell its property to University Church, immediately south of the Broadmoor church. Possession will take place in the immediate future.

Broadmoor Church, Rev. Wesley Pruden, pastor, was established when the Broadmoor subdivision was being opened, and University Church was established in January, 1959, under the leadership of Rev. O. C. Robinson, superintendent of missions, Pulaski County Association, with 44 charter members. The Rev. Fritz E. Goodbar was called as its first pastor and the present church home at 6120 West 32nd Street, was purchased. The property had been used by the Broadmoor kindergarten and University Church has continued to sponsor a non-sectarian kindergarten with capacity enrollments.

Following the resignation of the Rev. J. H. Street, who had served University Church for a number of years, the church recalled Mr. Goodbar as interim pastor. The church has a present membership of more than 200. Acquisition of the additional property will enable it to expand its facilities and activities.

## Hospitals under study

SHIN J. Suzuki, 34, Kyoto, Japan, who is head of general affairs for Kyoto's Baptist Hospital, is in Arkansas undertaking part of his six-month study of hospital administration.



MR. SUZUKI

The visit is sponsored by his hospital and Mr. Suzuki expressed hope that something of value could be incorporated into its administration system by observing practices of both North Little Rock Memorial Hospital and Little Rock's Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

Among the differences in the Japanese and American systems, he said, are the national health insurance plan of Japan, the American custom of allowing doctors in private practice to use a hospital's facilities to treat patients, and the Japanese requirement that a hospital administrator be a doctor.

The Baptist Hospital in Kyoto is a missionary enterprise of the Southern Baptist Missionary Board and is staffed by four American doctors from the board, including the Japanese doctors.

Mr. Suzuki attended St. Paul University, Tokyo. He is married and has three children. (OP)

## Mrs. Smith dies

MRS. Maxine Smith, 34, wife of Rev. A. V. Smith Jr., died Aug. 8. Mr. Smith has been pastor of Tennessee Church near Texarkana since 1951.

Mrs. Smith taught in the Sunday School department and had held many offices in W. M. U. She was counsellor for the GA's. She had served as prayer chairman and secretary of the WMU of Hope Association.

## Pillow licensed

LARRY Pillow was recently licensed to preach by Rowe's Chapel, Mt. Zion Association. A graduate of Monette High School, he is now enrolled at the University of Arkansas.

The young minister is doing supply now and has preached at Rowe's Chapel, Black Oak, New Hope and Southside, Kennet, Mo. He is 21.

## Revival

GRAND AVENUE Church, Hot Springs, Aug. 23-30; Jesse S. Reed, state director of Evangelism, evangelist; Garland Morrison, pastor; Herbert "Red" Johnson, song leader; 33 decisions; 20 for baptism at church; 2 for baptism at Gravel Hill; 9 by letter; 2 professions of faith, not joining.



# First Church, Blytheville, celebrates a birthday

—By the Editor—



LABOR Day week-end was celebration time for First Church, Blytheville, as this Baptist stronghold in the northern capital of Mississippi, the cotton county, observed its 75th anniversary.

Like the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, First Church, Blytheville, existed many years before it became known by its present name. (The Blytheville church goes back to 1889, and the newsmagazine, to the early 1850s.)

The state paper and the church have something else in common—the year the church was named First Church, 1902, is the date of origin claimed by the paper as it is known today.

Two of the four living former pastors of the church were present for the celebration, which began with a picnic in the Blytheville city park Saturday, Sept. 5, and included the regular Sunday services, Sept. 6, concluding with a reception Sunday night.

Speaker for the Sunday morning service was Dr. E. C. Brown, now pastor of Shandon Church, Columbia, S. C., who was pastor of the Blytheville church 1943-1954. Dr. Charles Frank Pitts, pastor of the church 1955-61, and now pastor of Tarrytown Church, Austin, Tex., was the speaker for the Sunday night service.

Regrets were received from the other two former pastors—Dr. Perry F. Webb, now retired and living in Little Rock, who had a conflicting engagement,

and Rev. O. J. Chastain, now retired and living in Austin, Tex., who could not come because of illness.

In a sermon entitled, "Divine Priorities," based on Philippians 1:7-11, Dr. Brown said:

"Here is a plea for dedicated intelligence in religion, for loving God with all our minds. Some successful business men who use every advance business technique in their business leave all of this behind when they come to church. They believe in sales meetings and daily staff conferences for their business employees, but see no need for them in the church.

"Intelligent love is an essential in the Church. There is no room in the authentic religion of Christ for sanctified stupidity, as someone has said. Love and truth are inseparable. To love God completely is to seek truth and be guided by its dictates in all things. To know the truth about sin, salvation and service and the life to come is to become free in Christ.

"Paul prays that we will approve of the things that matter most. This calls for all-out loyalty to Christ and dedication of one's talents, time and possessions to Christ."

Taking as his subject, "Status or Stature?" Dr. Pitts said:

"Your having attained the age of 75 years officially seats you among the 'elders of Israel.' With that position goes honor, dignity, and prestige.

"As the 'roll-call of the faithful,' the text your committee selected, points out, there is a continuity in history which reaches to all men of faith in every age. There is, likewise, a duty to the future. For you, as a church, there can be no hovering between two eternities, 'one dead, the other powerless to be born.' Yours is a living link in the midst of the years.

"But, having attained the dignity of age, the honor of size and the glory of material wealth, you, as did the various men of our text, must constantly consider your mission—is it to be *status* or *stature*?"

"Our age worships before the shrine of status. We want to be first with the most. We want to fly the highest, dive the deepest; drive the fastest, die the slowest; work the shortest, play the longest; spend the freest and save the calmest.

"Our denomination, long one of the 'have-nots,' has become relatively well off. As many men of underprivileged background who, becoming affluent, believe that status rides in Cadillacs and clothes itself in expensive garb, so are these churches who

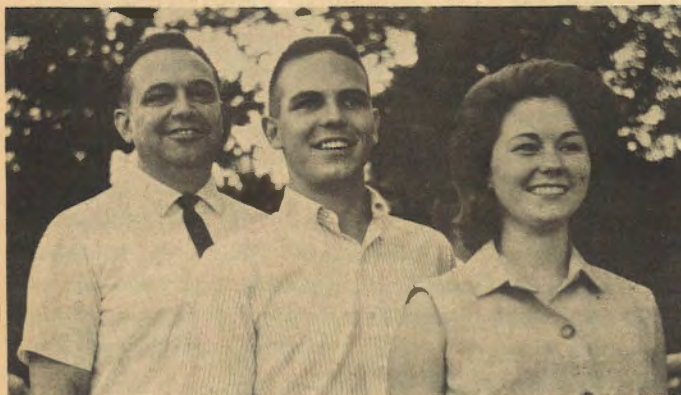




*Dr. McClanahan, Dr. Brown and Dr. Pitts at the church entrance.*



*Two long-time active members of Blytheville First Church are shown in the 40 acres of cotton that will be picked this year during the National Cotton Picking Contest. Rosco Crafton (left) is originator of the contest, which will be held for the 25th time this October. J. P. Friend (right) is official statistician in the Southern and Texas baseball leagues.*



*Dr. Pitts, his son, James, and James' bride, the former Miss Carol Ann Carrington of Austin, Tex., stand in the food line at the picnic. The young Pitts were in Blytheville on their honeymoon, having been married in Austin, Aug. 29.*

—ABN photos

apparently believe that spiritual success is expressed in outward show.

“What matters that our comparative giving to missions is a national scandal so long as our buildings are larger than the Methodists’, our spires taller than the Catholics’, our windows more ornate than the Presbyterians’?

“For the church, however, who remembers that stature, not status, is the goal, a new force emerges. that church seeks in humility to serve Christ. It admits that most social and community evils can be traced to Christian failure. A new concept of missions arises. A greater sense of duty to the poor, the uncultured, the ignorant and the vulgar is in evidence.

“Even the willingness to die as a congregation must sometimes assert itself if we are to be in the spirit of him who ‘made himself of no reputation.’ The only real status is that which comes from being more nearly like the stature of the manhood of Christ. Thus, stature eventually brings the too often sought-for status.”

One of the valuable side developments of the church’s observance of the anniversary, as Dr. John H. McClanahan, pastor of the church since 1961, said to me during my visit, was the writing of a history of the church, which is soon to be published. I am grateful for a mimeographed copy of the history, prepared by Miss Effie Lee Terrrell and James M. Gardner, who had the assistance of Mrs. E. E. Alexander, Mrs. O. R. Redford, C. M. Smart Sr., and Mrs. Lloyd Stickmon.

A quotation from the history reveals not only the perspective of First Church as it looks to the future, but shows something of the interesting and rather polished style of the history:

“As the congregation of the First Baptist Church pauses at the threshold of the present and looks to the future, much of challenge and opportunity can be seen. We are located in a growing community in this agriculturally rich region of the Mississippi Delta. The area and the people reflect the warmth, graciousness, and gentility of the best Southern tradition. We are increasingly being drawn, however, into the complexities of twentieth century space-age living. We boast of the present industrial plants located in our city, and we covet additional progress in this area. The location of the Strategic Air Command Flight Groups at the Blytheville Air Force Base places us on the front line of national defense, and puts us in contact with the growing edge of man’s exploration into space. The old and the new, the world of the past and the world of the future, rub shoulders in our compact community of 26,000 people. Ours is the challenge and opportunity to bear significant witness to the Gospel of Reconciliation in this age and generation.”



## McKinney to Missouri

RHEA E. McKinney, who has served First Church, Nashville, as minister of music for the past three years has accepted the position of minister of education of First Church, Kennett, Mo., effective Oct. 1.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McKinney, the former Linda Sanders of Little Rock, are graduates of Ouachita College, where Mr. McKinney received the Master of Arts. A native of Seminole, Okla., he has served churches in Oklahoma, Arkadelphia and Prescott.

Dr. W. E. Martin is pastor of the Kennett church.

JOHN Bliss has accepted the pastorate of Horseshoe Church, Black River Association. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss and son and daughter have moved to Southern College, where he will enroll.

## Goodner ordained

REV. Albert Goodner Jr. was ordained to the ministry, July 26, at Board Camp Church.

Pastor Wyndell Deaton of the Board Camp Church served as moderator. Rev. Bill Harrison was assistant moderator.

Rev. Dillard Miller, pastor of First Church, Mena, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. A. G. Escott, associational missionary, Ouachita Association, gave the charge. Pastor Deaton questioned the candidate. Bun Hilton, chairman of deacons of Cherry Hill Church, led the ordination prayer.

MISS Josephine Harris, Southern Baptist missionary, plans to return to Hawaii Aug. 15 after furlough on the mainland. She directs Baptist student work at the University of Hawaii's Hilo branch (her address: 1409 Kapiolani Ext., Hilo, Hawaii). Daughter of a Baptist minister, Miss Harris was born in Brinkley, Ark., and lived in Little Rock and Jonesboro, Ark., during childhood.

## Castleman ordained



DAN D. CASTLEMAN

DAN D. Castleman, son of Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Castleman of San Jose, Calif., was ordained to the ministry Aug. 16 at Lone Oak Church, near DeQueen.

The new minister's father preached the sermon. Others participating in the service were Rev. James Dean, Little River, associational missionary; Rev. Curtis Zachary, pastor, Ben Lomon Church; and Glen Miller, Lone Oak deacon.

Mr. Castleman surrendered to the ministry at the age of 12. He was licensed to preach by Lexa Church when he was 17. He begins his junior year at Ouachita College this year and continues to serve Lone Oak Church as pastor.

## Wins youth award

JIMMY COATS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Coats, 2103 West 33rd, Pine Bluff, received his church's annual Youth award Sunday, Aug. 23. Jimmy is a member of Immanuel Church. Dr. L. H. Coleman, pastor, made the presentation.

Said Pastor Coleman: "Jimmy's spiritual growth has been an inspiration to all of us this past year, especially through the Youth Program."

FIRST Church, Judsonia, held a coronation service for Junior GA Aug 30: Princess, Leah Bauer; Queen, Sandra Stevens. Miss Doris Wineman is counsellor.



WARREN FIRST CHURCH'S general superintendent, Dr. Stacey L. Toole Jr., holds the Advanced Standard Sunday School Banner which was recently received from the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. To the left is the pastor, Dr. James T. Draper, and E. L. Crosby Jr., assistant to the pastor in the ministry of education, is to the right. This Sunday School is the second in the state known to be so recognized during the 1963-1964 year.

Dr. Toole has been general superintendent of the Warren Sunday School for 12 years. The school has been standard for the past eight years.



### Assembly successful

DR. ANDY Setliffe, who had charge of the registrations at the Concord Assembly, reported there were 701 registered for one or more nights and around 690 of these were registered for the whole week. There were 20 professions of faith, 19 surrendered to special service, and a total of 230 rededications. Dr. J. P. McBeth was the Bible teacher, Eugene Troop of Brazil, the mission speaker, and Wade Carver, Ft. Smith, camp pastor.

CLAUDE Stewart, formerly pastor of First Church, Lavaca, and now pastor of Eastern Heights Church, Muskogee, Okla., has had two major surgeries during the past three months.

JIM Pleitz, pastor of First Church, Pensacola, Fla., is arranging a tour of Europe and the Holy Land for 1966. He was formerly pastor of the Grand Avenue Church in Fort Smith.

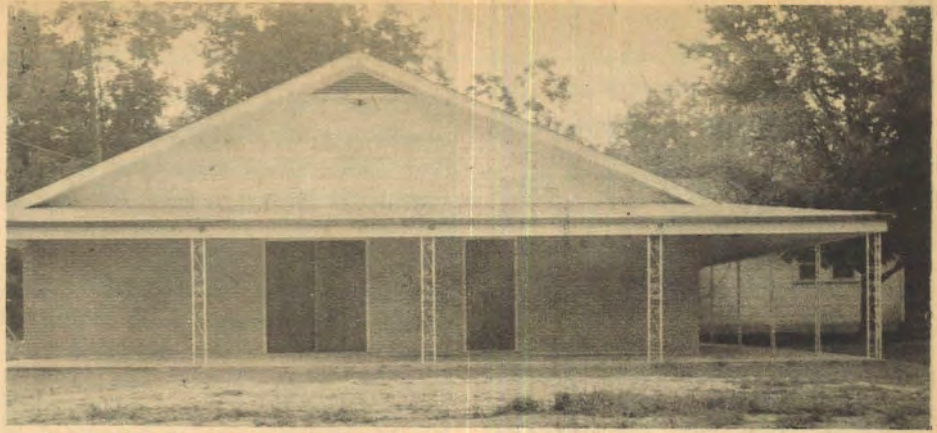
DR. EARL Humble, pastor of Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, will be the instructor in the Concord Extension Center, beginning Tuesday night, Sept. 22. The book, *The Rural Church*, will be taught.

This is the eighth year for the Extension work. Around 25 have pre-enrolled for the course.

REV. RALPH Dodd, pastor of First Church, Greenwood, has resigned to become associated with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and will work in the states of Tennessee and Kentucky.

During the nearly five years he was at Greenwood, the church received 253 additions, 105 by baptism. The Sunday School enrollment grew from 336 to 405. A \$17,000 parsonage was constructed.—Reporter

IMMANUEL Church, Warren, held a GA coronation Aug. 12. Crowned Queens were Regina Herring, Pamela O'Neal, Marsha Herring and Harriet Ashcraft. Attaining the step of princess were Kay Wood, Rose Herring, Donna Wheeler and Ruth Herring. Mrs. Cravon Herring is director.



FIRST CHURCH, DES ARC, dedicated its new educational building Aug. 16, marking the completion of the first phase of a two-unit building program. Participating in the service were Charles Bacon, chairman of deacons; Rev. J. M. James, Caroline Association, missionary; Rev. Lawson Hatfield, state Sunday School secretary. Archie Patterson was chairman of the building committee. Rev. Ernest Banton is pastor.

### Surprise pastor on anniversary

NORMAN Lerch, pastor of First Church, Booneville, was surprised on two occasions Sunday, Aug. 16, when he was observing the 25th anniversary of his ministry.



MR. LERCH

At the morning service, the congregation presented him with a Bible. After the evening service, he was the honor guest at a reception and received a copy of his ordination certificate from First Church, New Iberia, La.

Letters of congratulations were read from churches he formerly served in Avery Island, Mt. Olive and New Orleans, La., and in Marion, Rison and DeWitt. He has been pastor of the Booneville Church for five years.

### To print history

AT a meeting of the Mission Board of the North Pulaski Association on Monday evening, Aug. 17, it was voted to allow as much as \$350 to print a history of the North Pulaski Baptist Association completed by W. B. O'Neal, association historian.

The material is in the hands of printers for their bid on the printing.—Reporter

### Revivals

FIRST Church, DeQueen, Aug. 16-23; Eddie Lieberman, Greenville, S. C. evangelist; Jimmy Snelen, Dallas, Tex., music director; 16 for baptism; 7 by letter; E. Butler Abington, pastor.

CANFIELD Church, Hope Association, Aug. 16-23; Harold Hightower, pastor, Tyler Street Church, Little Rock, evangelist; M. T. McGregor, Hope Association missionary, music director; 5 by baptism; 1 by letter; 30 rededications.

FIRST Church, Gravel Ridge, North Little Rock, Aug. 16-23; Bill Newton, pastor, Howland Church, Paris, Tex., and a student at Southwestern Seminary; evangelist; Fred Ferguson, music director, Westlawn Church, Oklahoma City, music director; 10 additions; 3 for baptism; Jack Livingston, pastor.

NORTH Side Mission, Star City, Aug. 17-26; Johnny Green, Muskogee, Okla., evangelist; Royce Christmas, Beirne, singer; 20 by profession of faith.

NEW HOPE Church, Pollard; Billy Walker, evangelist; Edwin "Doc" Geurin, College Park Church, Orlando, Fla., song director; 14 for baptism; 4 by letter; Edgar Griffin, pastor.



## Executive Board

### Stewardship chairmen for associations

THE annual associational meetings are now being held across Arkansas. At these meetings all of the officers will be elected for next year. In this select group will be an associational Stewardship chairman, whose duties are to help promote a year-around program of education to help Baptists give more money to their churches.

The average Baptist church member gives approximately three cents out of each dollar that is earned to the church. According to the Bible standard this is not enough. Oh, yes, the church may be getting enough money to pay salaries and bills as they come due, but that is not enough. Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

In these days of prosperity three percent of the earned dollar to Kingdom causes is not enough, therefore, the churches must do more to challenge the people so that they can grow in the stewardship of giving.

The associational Stewardship chairman can help by—

1. Promoting the *Stewardship Development Program for Associations* at all meetings.
2. Promoting the *Growth in Christian Stewardship* at all meetings.
3. Promoting the *Forward Program of Christian Stewardship* at all meetings.
4. Promote one combined Sunday School, Training Union, and Stewardship meeting in the association each year.
5. Urge each church to order a packet of the Stewardship ma-

### CORRECTION

PLEASE change the date in your 1964 calendar for the State Training Union Leadership Workshop from Oct. 30 to Nov. 13.—Ralph W. Davis, Training Union Dept.

### Student Union

#### Report from Miami

THE Miami Good Will Center is located in the center of a Negro neighborhood; it is surrounded mostly by apartment houses and small stores in which liquor is sold. On the corner is a so-called grocery store which has a jukebox and sells liquor. Here you can find teenage boys and girls till all hours, either standing or dancing on the street corner.

The thing I enjoy most is visiting in the neighborhood. Very seldom do you get a chance to visit in the homes. Most of the visiting is on the streets for this is where

terial and pass it around to the church leaders to read.

6. To set an associational goal for number of churches using the denominational programs to teach stewardship.

7. To find out the percent of each Baptist dollar given to the church and then challenge the churches to adopt an increase for next year and work toward the increase.

So, we hope that all can see the need of electing an associational Stewardship chairman for next year.

All but five associations elected a Stewardship chairman for 1963-64. Why not make it unanimous for 1964-65? We believe that next year will be 100 percent. Please! Don't let us down! Elect a Stewardship chairman at your annual associational meeting.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

you find the children. Both parents are usually working, and the children have nothing to keep them at home. They are left with no supervision all day and sometimes most of the night. I had the opportunity to go visiting with Dora Moss, a Negro Home Mission worker who has now gone to Virginia to open a Good Will Center there. Also one of the girls from my teen-age club goes visiting with me.

Another thing that thrilled me happened the very first morning I was here. At 6:30 a.m. I heard a voice outside the house asking, "Is it time for Vacation Bible School yet?" The children are eager.

I can't forget to tell about the parades. Each morning we have a parade. My co-worker, Dean Newman, a wonderfully devoted and talented person, and I go in different directions with groups of children. We parade down the streets singing "Daily Vacation Bible School, Bible School, Bible School, Daily Vacation Bible School, the best school in town" to the tune of "Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush." We carry American flags, and it is a wonderful feeling to watch kids fall into the line and join in the song.

Our last school was held at Greater Israel Bethel Primitive Baptist Church. Here we had such a small room for Beginners that there was not room for the children to sit on the floor. So we met out on a stairway in back of the church. It was really an experience trying to keep the children sitting there. Our teacher faculty was a teen-age Negro girl; a teen-age Cuban girl, who just came from Cuba a year ago; and I.

Remember to pray for the Miami Good Will Center.

Sincerely,  
Nora Pyle

(Nora Pyle, a student at Henderson State Teachers' College, has just completed serving as a BSU Summer Missionary at the Good Will Center in Miami, Fla. She served without pay along with seven others appointed by the Student Department.)



**More about—**

THE Sunday School Bible Teaching Conference. We have been enthusiastic in being privileged to give you something new and exciting each week concerning the conference. Oct. 5-6 will soon be upon us when we meet at Park Hill Church, North Little Rock. In this

meeting we plan to major on the first Sunday school task, "Teaching the Biblical Revelation."

We hope becoming acquainted with the program personnel will spark the interest of all to attend.

It is a unique pleasure to present the conference leaders for the two home ministry departments. Both are our own Arkansas qualified workers.

Conference leader for the Cradle Roll workers will be Mrs. James A. Griffin, First Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Griffin recently came to us from Louisiana where she led many conferences on Cradle Roll work having been the Cradle Roll qualified worker for that state.

Then we have Mrs. A. C. Kolb, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, as conference leader for the workers in the Extension department. Mrs. Kolb is kept quite busy as a conference leader in Arkansas as well as neighboring states.

May we keep in mind that everyone attending will have the unusual privilege of hearing also the Sunday School lessons for 1964-65 in all areas previewed by very capable Bible teachers.—Mary Emma Humphrey, State Elementary Director



MRS. GRIFFIN



MRS. KOLB

**Conference planned**

DR. T. B. Maston, professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Seminary from 1922 to 1963, and Dr. J. P. Allen, pastor of Broadway Church, Ft. Worth, will be the featured speakers at the 1964 Southern Baptist Conference on Guidance and Counseling at Nashville Sept. 28-30.

Arkansas pastors interested in information may write, prior to Sept. 20th, Horace O. Duke Jr., First Baptist Church, Tyronza, Ark., or The Christian Life Commission, 466 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn. 37219.

**Woman's Missionary Union**

**Attention GA leaders!**

DRASTIC changes! *Wonderful changes!* have been made in Forward Step Requirements. This

makes it necessary for leaders and members to have the revised *Manual* (green cover). Any girl just starting Forward Step work should follow the new plans.

To help GA directors and counselors interpret Forward Step requirements, two "brand new" books have been published—*Forward Step Handbook for Intermediate Leadership* and one for *Junior Leadership*. They are 35c each and should be or-



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**Bible study in WMU**

Bible study in Woman's Missionary Union is not new, but a new plan for individual or group study is being introduced.

Beginning with the October issue of *Royal Service*, lessons on the missionary message of the Bible will be provided monthly. For a deeper study, and designed particularly for use with a group, there is available at the Baptist Book Store teaching helps entitled, *Helps for Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible: the Pentateuch* for 50c.

This study is for those desiring to "go the second mile" in the study of missions. It goes back to the foundation. *God's Mission Study Textbook* must be understood to give full import to responsibilities resting upon this generation to be aware of the spiritual needs of the world.

This study is "to support, not supplant, a study of contemporary missions." This will be in addition to the organizational plan of work outlined in *Aims for Advancement*.

This study is an answer to the heart hunger of many missionary minded women. Take October *Royal Service* and start a rich exploration of the Scriptures as you discover the *Missionary Message of the Bible*.—Nancy Cooper, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

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## Brotherhood concept of missions

"Missions . . . is what church members do to extend the Gospel beyond the doors of the church building."



MR. TULL

This concept is set out in the revised chapter on Brotherhood (Chapter 7) in the book, *A Church Organized and Functioning*, by House and Thomason.

The above concept leads naturally to its corollary: "Missions includes all that God's people do outside the four walls of their church building to spread the Gospel throughout their church community and on to the ends of the earth."

The concept also comprehends those activities which are necessary for a church to engage in Missions. One Mission activity is GOING with the Gospel. Another activity is SENDING the Gospel, or being sent with the Gospel. Going with the Gospel is not only Missions but it is stewardship in its highest expression. Sending the Gospel enables God's people to get the Gospel where they, themselves, cannot go.

Now where outside the church building can people go in Christian service? The answer is, practically everywhere! Going to individuals to try to win them to Christ; going to lost and unchurched families; going out into communities where there is no church or where the Gospel is not being taught or preached in truth; and going into institutions such as jails, prison farms, penitentiaries,

## N. O. sabbatic leaves

NEW ORLEANS—Four New Orleans Seminary professors will begin a year of sabbatical study this fall.

Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew T. J. Delaughter plans to study at Regents Park College, Oxford University, Oxford, England, under the supervision of Regents Park Principal G. Henton Davies. Dr. Delaughter will give special attention to historical background, archaeology, exposition and theological emphases in the Old Testament filed. His wife and family will accompany him. Travels throughout Europe, Asia and the Near East, including two weeks in Palestine, are also planned.

R. E. Glaze, professor of New Testament and Greek, will spend the year at Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. During the first semester he will attend classes and do library research in New Testament and historical theology. The second semester will be spent in concentrated study in the New Testament field under the direction of Dr. Bruce M. Metzger. Mrs. Glaze and the two younger

reform schools, Florence Crittenden homes, rest homes, retirement homes, hospitals, etc.

Many years ago, the writer had the privilege of going one Sunday with a group of God's people to survey an unchurched community. In the community we found ample evidence that the Holy Spirit was leading us. There is now in that community a thriving Baptist church, a church which had its beginning that Sunday afternoon, long ago.

"Lo, I am with you always," is the promise of the Lord to those who follow His beckoning hand. That is Missions!—Nelson Tull

children, Joe and Betty, will accompany Dr. Glaze to Princeton.

Assistant professor of social work Miss Margaret Leverett plans to study at Washington University in the George Warren Brown School of Social Work, St. Louis, Mo. She will also assist in a pilot program of week-day activities in inner-city Baptist churches.

Genter L. Stephens, associate professor of church music administration, will spend his sabbatic year in the British Isles. From September to January he plans to work in Edinburgh, Scotland, with Dr. Eric Routley, a foremost Free-Church authority on worship and church music. The second half of the year will be spent in study in London.

TWO thousand persons attended the final week of conferences at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly as the 1964 season drew to a close, Aug. 26.

### Arkansas Radio-TV Stations Give \$39,052 Worth of Broadcast Time

That's the annual value\* of the 15¼ hours of public service time provided each week by Arkansas radio and television stations to programs produced by Southern Baptists' Radio-Television Commission.

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## 'Reaching all Prospects for the Church'



NASHVILLE—DR. A. V. WASHBURN and Mrs. Harold Marsh examine first copies of the study course book *REACHING ALL PROSPECTS FOR THE CHURCH* and the teaching guide, recommended for Sunday School preparation week, Sept. 20-27.

Dr. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, compiled the text. The teaching guide was prepared by Mrs. Marsh, a Nashville resident, who is an avocational religious worker and writer for denominational publications.

*REACHING ALL PROSPECTS FOR THE CHURCH* shows how the Sunday School may function in discovering prospects, maintaining visitation, and leading prospects to enroll in Sunday School and other church activities. The text and teaching guide, both Convention Press books, are available at Baptist book stores.—BSSB Photo

## Facts of interest

... THE Nippon Electric Company in Japan has announced the development of a "one-touch dial phone" that it hopes to introduce to American telephone companies and users. The new unit, which is attached to an existing telephone, allows users to dial up to thirty different numbers simply by pressing a preset labeled button. Heart of the system, according to Nippon Electric, is a memory-core unit that forms the base in which the telephone rests.

... An electric eye that can see in four directions at once has been developed for use as a tracking device. A multiplier photo tube, it could be valuable in tracking stars and laser images. It was built at the International Telephone and Telegraph industrial laboratories for the Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama.

... The General Electric Company has announced the development of what it says is the world's largest and fastest process-control computer. Process control computers are digital systems designed specifically to monitor or control industrial process such as steel mills, electric utility generating stations, and chemical plants. The new system, called the GE/PAC 4060, has a work capability three times that of comparable systems, according to the company officials.—The Survey Bulletin

## Answers questions

NASHVILLE — Where can I find information that will tell me about the "Landmark Baptists?"

The church librarian who can refer one to a single volume that will give adequate information on the Landmark Movement will be a real resource person for the pastor, Training Union member, Woman's Missionary Union program chairman, or anyone who is looking for information about Baptists.

One of the features of the 544-page *Baptist Advance* [published this year by Broadman Press] is the complete index. The index was worked out on the basis that the key ideas and thoughts in the book would be of help to all Baptists. Such an index is a helpful tool in this volume of up-to-the-minute Baptist materials.

[Editor Erwin L. McDonald of *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* is one of the contributors of *Baptist Advance*. He wrote the article, "Baptist Editors and Press Association," pages 363-366.]

Every church library needs a copy of *Baptist Advance*. Many pastors will have a copy, but the pastor's copy will not be made available to the members-at-large in the churches. The members will want to find answers to their questions in the resource center of the church, and *Baptist Advance* will answer many of these questions.

The original arrangement on this work was for pre-publication sale and distribution as part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance registration packet only. Because BJA registration was far less than had been anticipated, the balance of the books is being made available now to the public generally.

If you have not obtained your copy of *Baptist Advance*, a paperback issue is available at Baptist book stores for \$1.95. A limited number of clothbound volumes are available at the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, for \$4 prepaid.—News Release



## Assembly schedule for 1965

Nashville—The schedule of conferences at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist assemblies for the summer of 1965 was approved July 30 by the Assemblies Committee of the Sunday School Board at its semiannual meeting.

The following schedule supersedes all previous schedules. Youth Klesis announcements will be made later.

DATE	GLORIETA
June 10-16	Southern Baptist Youth Conference
June 17-23	Training Union Leadership Conference Training Union Youth Conference
June 24-30	Training Union Leadership Conference Training Union Youth Conference
July 1-7	Sunday School Leadership Conference
July 8-14	Sunday School Leadership Conference
July 15-21	Music Leadership Conference
July 22-28	Woman's Missionary Union Conference
July 29-Aug. 4	Young Woman's Auxiliary Conference
Aug. 5-11	Home Mission Board Conference Writers' Conference
Aug. 12-18	Bible Conference Church Library Conference Church Recreation Leadership Conference Christian Life Conference Historical Commission Conference
Aug. 19-25	Foreign Missions Conference
Aug. 26-Sept. 1	Student Conference

DATE	RIDGECREST
June 10-16	Student Conference Writers' Conference
June 17-23	Foreign Missions Conference
June 24-30	Southern Baptist Youth Conference
July 1-7	Music Leadership Conference
July 8-14	Training Union Leadership Conference Training Union Youth Conference
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July 22-28	Sunday School Leadership Conference

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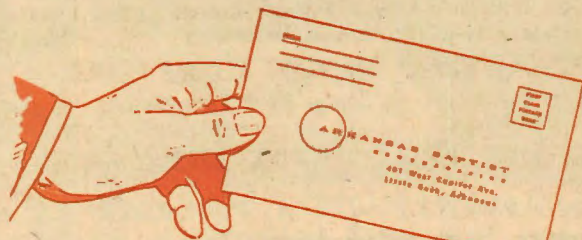
First session—June 9-July 12

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# To the summit!

By Ray Jerome

"WE'RE here." Lonnie cried as his older brother Tom stopped the car. "Challenge Mountain! Look at it, Tom."

"You'd better stop looking at it and get ready," laughed Tom, "if you want to get to the summit, that is."

"Oh, I do, Tom. But it's so high! Do you really think we can climb it?"

"Let's get started and find out," said Tom.

Lonnie and Tom packed their knapsacks with food and camping gear. Then they began hiking up the trail.

"How cool it is here!" exclaimed Lonnie. "The way the trees arch over the trail and shade the sun makes the trail look like a tunnel."

Soon Lonnie and Tom stepped into the bright afternoon sun.

"Now it's hot," gasped Lonnie.

"The woods will get thinner and thinner until we're above timber line," Tom explained. "Then we'll be in the sun all the way to the summit."

"What's that loud roar, Tom? It sounds almost like a train."

"A waterfall—Silver Cascades. We'll stop there to fill the canteens."

"Let's hurry," Lonnie urged. "My mouth feels as though it's full of cotton. I'm so thirsty I feel like I'm drying into a stone."

Soon Tom and Lonnie rounded

a bend in the trail and reached the waterfall.

"Feel that spray," laughed Lonnie. "It's like a shower."

Lonnie cupped his hands into the pool below the waterfall. He slurped thirstily as the shimmering water trickled through his fingers.

Soon the trail grew steep and rocky. The sun beat down on the two boys. Then Lonnie and Tom reached the crest of a slope and the trail became more level.

"Now we'll get a view of the summit," said Tom.

"But it's still so far away," exclaimed Lonnie. "I thought we were almost there."

"We are, Lonnie. It just seems far. It's really closer than you think."

"But I'm so tired," groaned Lonnie. "I'll never make it."

"Sure you will," Tom promised.

Tom and Lonnie trudged up the steep, rocky slope. The summit grew closer and closer. Suddenly, they were there.

"The summit!" Lonnie cried victoriously. "We made it, Tom. It wasn't so far, after all."

Tom smiled happily. "I told you so. Let's have lunch."

Later, as the boys were coming off the mountain, Lonnie said, "I surely hate to go home."

"Why?" asked Tom.

"I have an arithmetic test tomorrow," Lonnie explained.

"Have you studied for it?"

asked Tom.

"Oh, sure, but I'm still worried."

"You shouldn't be," said Tom. "You have just climbed Challenge Mountain. How can you let a little thing like an arithmetic test scare you?"

"That's different," said Lonnie.

"No, it isn't. When you first saw Challenge Mountain, you thought it was too high for us to climb, didn't you?"

"Why, yes, I guess I did."

"Then when you were halfway up, you thought the summit was still too far away for you to make it."

"But that was only because it seemed far away," Lonnie protested.

"Exactly," said Tom. "Just like tomorrow's arithmetic test. It only seems like a big problem."

"I understand," cried Lonnie. "If I just stop making things seem bigger or harder than they are and take them as they come, tomorrow's arithmetic test will be as easy as today's climb."

"That's right," said Tom. "The way to the summit of a mountain is like any task in life. If you just keep at it and don't let it scare you, you're sure to make it."

"You know, I'm not worried at all now," said Lonnie. "Come on, Tom. Let's go. I need to do some more studying."

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# The people demand a king

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.  
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TEXT: I SAMUEL 8-10  
SEPTEMBER 20, 1964

SOMEONE has said that a great political leader is a man who finds which way the parade is moving and then falls in at the head of it.



DR. PHELPS

Though this concept is a somewhat cynical view of greatness, there is undoubtedly considerable truth in the theory that a leader often comes along at a particular historical moment which carries with it the opportunities for greatness. For example, the desperate plight of Great Britain in the early days of World War II furnished an excellent stage on which Winston Churchill could display his leadership abilities.

The time and the man were both suited to each other when Saul was elevated to the position of first king of Israel. No man ever had better physical equipment or a more favorable political setting for greatness than did this son of Kish, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

Today's lesson deals with Israel's demand for a king and Saul's being set aside for the office by Samuel, last of the judges.

## I. The people's clamor

THREE factors seem to have been of great moment in the cry for a king to replace the loose, tribal confederation which had been the pattern of government from the conquest of Canaan through the period of the judges.

The first of these was the desire to be like the Canaanitish people surrounding them. In I Sam. 8:19, 20, the people cry, "We

will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations."

Apparently they suffered from short memories, for they seemed to have forgotten what God had done for them in accomplishing the exodus from Egypt, in caring for them during the wilderness wanderings, and in the conquest of the Promised Land. They wanted to be like their pagan neighbors who were their mortal enemies! Strange as it seems, God's people frequently seem to feel a fatal fascination to be like the godless people with whom they come in contact daily instead of feeling a pride that they are different.

The second of these was the threat of the Philistines—and this was not just imagination. The Philistines, a fierce and warlike people with iron instruments of warfare, were a constant source of danger. The Israelites came to feel that if they had a strong monarch instead of the tribal confederacy they would be in a better position in this crisis situation. They yearned for a king "to go out before us, and fight our battles" (8:20).

The third was a loss of faith in the future leadership of the aging Samuel and his no-good sons. In I Sam. 8:3-5, the people bluntly state truths that must have hurt the venerable leader. In effect, the people said, "You are growing old, and your sons are not fit to take your place." Both of these things were true, but neither was a particular source of comfort to Samuel.

For these reasons, the people demanded, "Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations" (I Sam. 8:5).

## II. The prophet's warning, 8:10-18

THAT Samuel did not jump at the chance to find a king to take his leadership role is a mild understatement. In I Sam. 8:10-18, he points out eloquently the price they will be required to pay if they "buy" this type of government. How amazingly prophetic are these words of Samuel, a man who had never had any firsthand experience with the type of political structure he was analyzing. His words sound as if they might have been written about the time of the French Revolution, they are so descriptive of the evils of an absolute monarchy.

Before a people jump at something that looks attractive, they had better count the cost. This is nowhere better illustrated than in the proposed legalization of gambling in Arkansas. How great the cost—to be like Las Vegas!

## III. The private anointing

SAMUEL'S plea fell on deaf ears. The people had made up their minds and did not want to be confused with the facts—as is often the case with politics. Like the great man he was, Samuel swallowed his pride and started looking for the best prospect he could find to lead his people.

After a series of unusual events surrounding the search for a herd of lost asses, Saul, a young man from the tiny tribe of Benjamin, wound up in the presence of Samuel (cf. I Sam. 9). The day before, God had indicated to Samuel that he would send to him a man to lead Israel; and when Saul appeared, Samuel knew that this was the king-to-be.

At Samuel's insistence, Saul ate a meal with the prophet and then spent the night with him. Early the next day Samuel took a vial of oil, poured it on Saul's head as a sign of anointing, kissed him, and told him that the Lord had chosen him to be a prince over his people (I Sam. 10:1).

Saul came as a herder's son searching for some meandering mules. He departed as king-elect



with the mantle of future leadership draped over his shoulders. God's direction changes life-courses.

#### IV. The public presentation

IN I Sam. 10:17-25 is recorded the story of Samuel's public presentation of Saul and his proclamation of the new position. After calling the people together at Mizpah, Samuel recounts what God has done for them in the past and chides them because of their clamor for a king. Samuel considers their conduct a rejection of God (I Sam. 10:19). While the people had been held together heretofore by their commitments to Jehovah, they now sought unity through political structure.

The world has never seen a candidate apparently more reluctant than was Saul, who was finally discovered hiding among the baggage (10:22). When he was led from his hiding place, he was instantly outstanding—if for no other reason because he was head and shoulders taller than any other man in the great congregation of the tribes. Samuel declared that Saul was the man whom the Lord had chosen and that there was "none like him among all the people."

The reaction of the people was immediate and deafening. "And all the people shouted, 'Long live the king!'" The Israelites had the king they craved and were thrilled at the prospect of his rule. Had they been able to foresee the future that day, they might have raised a different cry.

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## A Smile or Two

### Problems of progress

THE TV service man was installing the hillbillies' new TV set. "Now this," he said, pointing to the antenna, "has to go up on the roof."

The woman of the house looked at her husband. "It's like I always tell you Zeke," she said, "one thing just leads to another. Now we got to put a roof on the house."

### Get in line

"I HAVE come here to make an honest living," the stranger in town said.

"Well, you won't have much competition," the native said.

### What else!

GAS station attendant (pointing to choke lever): You say your car uses too much gas? Know what this is for?

Woman (airily): Oh, that—I never use it, so I keep it pulled out to hang my handbag on.

### Just add nuts

JACKIE—Daddy, you just said a lot of successful candidates would be eating political pie. What is political pie?

Dad—Well, son, it's composed of applesauce and plums.

### Machine age

A STOUT man was walking on the promenade of a seaside town when he noticed a weighing machine with the notice: "I speak your weight."

He put a penny in the slot and stood on the platform. A voice answered: "One at a time, please!"

### Little things count!

HERE, in full, is our nomination for the most necessary correction line sent over the Associated press wire this week: "On Food Page . . . add to blueberry muffins ingredients . . . 1 cup blueberries." It's those little things that really make a recipe.

*Pine Bluff Commercial*

## Attendance Report

Church	September 6, 1964 Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Blytheville First	661	197	1
Chapel Gosnell	40	87	2
Trinity	267	150	
Camden First	223	131	2
Conway, Pickles Gap	472	47	
Crossett First	71		
Mt. Olive	521	185	
El Dorado First	252	109	
Parkview	740	146	6
Ft. Smith Spradling	183	70	2
Greenwood First	232	75	3
Gurdon Beech St.	235	97	
Harrison Eagle Hgts.	158	56	
Huntsville Calvary	259	117	9
Jacksonville Berea	40	19	
Chapel Hill	78	42	
Marshall Rd.	60	41	
Little Rock Forest Highlands	175	77	
Immanuel	152	71	
Magnolia Central	1,007	370	3
Marked Tree First	608	201	1
Neiswander	173	56	2
Monticello Second	140	106	
North Little Rock	176	128	5
Baring Cross	576	166	2
Southside	36	19	
Camp Robinson	44		
Calvary	383	91	
47th St.	173	63	1
Gravel Ridge 1st	218	114	2
Park Hill	805	171	11
Sylvan Hills First	250	93	
Siloam Springs First	303	147	
Springdale First	436	134	
Vandervoort First	59	40	
Van Buren Second	83	42	
Ward Cocklebur	76	45	1
Warren Immanuel	255	80	2
Westside	63	26	

### Home rule

A YOUNG man walked in to the clerk of the court and announced that he wanted a marriage license.

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## In the world of religion

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... POPE Paul VI's encyclical letter, *Ecclesiam Suam*, brought immediate and general favorable comment from newspapers throughout Europe's non-Communist countries. The Italian press, which gave considerable prominence to the far-reaching 15,000-word document, praised it for strongly reflecting the "opening to the world" on the part of the Roman Catholic Church.

... Membership figures for the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.) are more than six times the total of a decade ago. Present statistics list 658,952 members in 6,300 congregations. About two-thirds of the members are overseas. In 1954 the Church had 100,000 members.—The Survey Bulletin

### Humphrey's faith

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (EP)—Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, selected here as the Democratic Party's nominee for Vice President, is a member of the United Church of Christ who holds affiliate membership with a Methodist congregation and "maintains warm connections" with other Protestant as well as Roman Catholic groups.

An advocate of such international peace efforts as the nuclear test ban treaty and the food for peace program, Sen. Humphrey directly acknowledged these themes in the late Pope John XXIII's encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*.

### Novel ruled obscene

NEW DELHI, India (EP)—The Indian Supreme Court has ruled that the unexpurgated edition of the controversial D. H. Lawrence novel, *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, is obscene.

Its ruling came in a judgment rejecting an appeal by a bookseller against a verdict by two Bombay courts, which had convicted him for offering the novel for sale.

### Catholic broadcasts

KYOTO, Japan (EP)—The Good Shepherd Movement, established here 13 years ago to spread the Roman Catholic faith through personal contacts and mass communications media, now reaches six million people by means of radio, claims a report issued here. The movement was founded by Maryknoll Father James F. Hyatt of Seattle, Wash.

### Christmas stamps

NEW YORK (EP)—Christmas stamps in two colors and four different designs, none of them religious, will be issued by the United States Post Office this year in ample time for holiday mail. Holly, poinsettia, mistletoe and a pine cone are featured on this year's stamps.

Uncluttered line drawings, in red and green against a white background, give each stamp the simple charm of a botanical sketch.

This is the third year the Post Office has had special Christmas stamps, but the first time four designs have been offered.

Religious motifs have been purposely avoided, in accord with Post Office policy to recognize Christmas as a national holiday, but at the same time to avoid any possible church-state entanglements.

### Bible reading ruling

MOSCOW, Idaho (EP) — An Idaho law requiring daily Bible reading without comment in public schools was declared unconstitutional by a three-judge federal court which cited the 1963 U. S. Supreme Court decision. The state suit was initiated by a group of Protestant clergymen and church members to halt the practice of "religious indoctrination" in public schools.

### Treatment of Jews

MOSCOW (EP)—Moscow Radio, in an English language program beamed to the United States, broadcast a long denial of charges that Jews in the USSR are persecuted.

Noting that such charges have been made repeatedly in the American press, it said "reactionary circles in the U. S. are alarmed at the growing prestige of the USSR among the American people and are resorting to wild slander in order to turn sections of them against the Soviet Leninist party, state and people."

The Moscow station said its broadcast was in reply to a New York listener—described as "Bruno Popets"—who had written after reading an article in an American magazine which claimed that the Russian government was trying to destroy the cultural background of the Jewish people in the Soviet Union.

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