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SNAPSHOTS as the Executive Board of Arkansas Baptist Convention held its Nov. 27 meeting.

Executive Board organized

THE Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention met for its organizational meeting Nov. 27 in the Baptist Building, Little Rock. The Rev. James F. Brewer, First Church, Helena, had previously been elected president of the Board, in the post-convention meeting earlier in the month. The Rev. Leslie Riherd, pastor, West Church, Batesville, was elected vice president.



DR. WHITLOW

The Board approved the transfer of an additional \$1,800 from the Reserve Fund to further sup-

plement the income of some ministerial students now in college.

The Executive Committee was authorized to study and encourage a plan whereby some of our stronger churches might render assistance to churches in some of the pioneer areas of our country. Some of our churches have already served as sponsors for work in new areas.

A number of areas of work were committed to various committees of the Board for study, the findings and recommendations to be reported back to the Board in its

fall meeting of 1963. These studies include a policy on recognition of Executive Board employees upon retirement; a re-study of our policy on ministerial aid to college students; a long-range policy on the distribution of undesignated receipts between our state mission causes and the Southern Baptist Convention; and a study of our Christian Education program on a long-range basis together with the feasibility of establishing Chairs of Bible in our Baptist Student Centers.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary.

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Prescott pastor leaves hospital

REV. W. R. (Woody) Woodell, pastor of First Church, Prescott, was able to return home Sunday following several months in Arkansas Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

Pastor Woodell underwent the amputation of both legs early last fall, due to a blood-vessel and circulation affliction, and has had a remarkable recovery. For some time now he has had a ministry of visitation and witnessing at the hospital. On Thanksgiving Day he preached by radio a sermon that brought a heavy mail of appreciation from those who heard him.

"I'm going to be back in my own pulpit the last three Sundays of December," the plucky parson said, as he prepared to move home.

Beginning the first of the year, Mr. Woodell is scheduled to have therapy at the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center.



ASSISTING in getting a shipment of clothing under way is Truck Line driver; Pastor W. H. Heard, Mrs. C. E. Gilliam, Mrs. Arah Rodgers, and Mrs. W. J. Rushing, church secretary.

Church ships clothing to Cuban refugees

OVER 500 pounds of clothing left Walnut Ridge recently destined for Miami and distribution among the Cuban refugees. Gathered and shipped by the congregation of the First Baptist Church, the clothing will help to answer the desperate need of a portion of the 120,000 displaced people who now are in Miami.

Recently, Pastor Heard wrote a Cuban pastor and his wife who are now working in Miami after leaving Havana and asked if used clothing could be helpful. The answer received:

"Yes, we can use all the clothing you can send. There are now 120,000 Cubans here in Miami. They came with what they have on and a small case with clothing to change and one pair of shoes, the ones they have on.

"They have no sweaters, or anything for cold weather, no money, no nothing, but they came to freedom. We wish we could receive clothing from other churches because the need here is bigger every day.

"Can you imagine doctors, lawyers, rich people from Cuba calling at our door and asking for help, something to wear and eat? We pray the Lord that He will put His hand upon Cuba and stop all the trouble and we can go back home."

A special committee from the Woman's Missionary Society assisted in inspecting, sorting, and packing the clothing which was shipped by truck line to the pastor of the Spanish Department of the First Church of Miami, Florida. As clothing continues to come into the church office, other shipments are planned.—Reporter

The Cover



Photo by Sfc. Bruce K. Beuzard

CHAPLAIN students attending the Chaplain Officers Career Course of the United States Army Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, N.Y., pause on the steps of the United Nations Headquarters during a recent full-day's visit to the organization to observe operations and procedures.

In addition to taking a thorough tour of the building, the group attended meetings of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

SIXTY-SEVEN Southern Baptist church libraries initially registered with the church library department of the Baptist Sunday School Board during October.

These included two new librar-

ies for Arkansas: First Church, Nashville, Mike Carozza, pastor, and Mrs. A. R. Johnson, librarian; and Brush Creek Church, Springdale, Ray Kesner, pastor, and Mrs. Hubert Anderson, librarian.

Jesus and tithing

DID Jesus tithe?

There is no scripture, in so many words, to say that he did. Only twice does Jesus mention tithing, in all of the New Testament. In Matt. 23:23, he reprimands the "Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites," who tithed their mint, anise and cummin (plants that grew in their gardens), but "omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith." Jesus concluded: "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." This is the only place that Jesus specifically says anyone ought to tithe, and the ones referred to here are not Christians but those of the Jewish faith, those still under the Mosaic law.

The only other reference of Jesus to tithing is in Luke 18, in which he condemns the self-righteous Pharisee who thanked God, as he stood beside a lowly publican at prayer, that he was "not as other men are . . . even as this publican," and boasted in his prayer that he fasted twice in the week and gave tithes of all that he possessed. Jesus said the repentant publican, who "would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner . . . went down to his house justified rather than the other."

That Jesus was a tither is a safe assumption. The Jewish religious leaders never took their eyes off him as they sought to discredit him and destroy him and his ministry. They accused him of being a winebibber and a glutton, attacked him for "eating with publicans and sinners," charged him with breaking the sabbath, and, finally, with blasphemy. But never did they accuse him of refusal or failure to tithe.

Frank Stagg, for the past 15 years a teacher in the New Testament department of New Orleans Seminary, says in his new book, *New Testament Theology*:

"It is clear that Jesus approved tithing as a part of the Temple system, just as in principle and practice he supported the general practices of the Temple and the synagogues. But there is no indication that he imposed any part of the Temple cultus on his followers. Tithes were chiefly produce, formerly eaten at the sanctuary by the one tithing and later eaten by the priests. Tithing as set forth in the Old Testament could be carried out only in a religious system built around a system of animal sacrifice.

"Many Christians find the tithe to be a fair and workable plan for giving. So long as it is not made to be a coercive or legalistic system, it may prove to be a happy plan. However, one may not

validly claim that tithing is taught in the New Testament. It is recognized as proper for Jewish observance (Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42), but it is not imposed upon Christians. In fact, it is now impossible for Jews or Christians to tithe in the Old Testament sense. Tithing today only faintly resembles the ancient ritual practice belonging to the sacrificial system of the Jews. . . ."

Dr. Stagg states that this is not to discredit tithing, but to clarify its relationship to the New Testament. "It is to deny that the New Testament supports the coerciveness, legalism, profit motive, and the bargaining which so often characterize the tithing appeals today," Dr. Stagg asserts. "As a voluntary system, tithing offers much," he continues, "but it must be redeemed by grace if it is to be Christian. To plead that 'it works' is only to adopt the pragmatic tests of the world. Much 'works' that is not Christian. Tithing, if it is to be congenial to New Testament theology, must be rooted in the grace and love of God."

If any have been tithing just because they thought they had to, it is just as well that the record be set straight. One thing is sure, all that we are and all that we have, we owe to the Lord and his loving providence. He has saved us, filled our hearts with his love, and commissioned us to win the lost of all the world to him. This calls for total commitment, not just a tithe.

It is my conviction that we ought to give at least a tithe through our churches, but that we ought to use the other nine-tenths in a way pleasing to our Lord. The one who tithes or does anything else out of selfish motive is missing the mark. But the one who gives and serves out of love for God and for his fellowman will be richly blessed, both in this life and in the life to come.

Christ implores Christians:

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal . . . Ye cannot serve God and mammon . . . Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6).

Dr. Stagg points out that Jesus has two basic concerns with reference to a man and the material: He is concerned that man be free from the tyranny or power of things and that he be actively concerned for the needs of his brothers. He teaches that our attitude to our brothers reflects our true attitude toward and relationship to, God. He taught the only way we can give to him as our Lord is to give to his people (Matt. 25:31-46).

Crime doesn't pay!

TAKING time to count to ten—or to pull over to the curb and show your driver's license—should give you time to remember that you are a professing Christian.



ERWIN L.

We used to have a merchant at London who would say: "You can't be a merchant and a Christian." Well, I don't know so much about that, but it's awful hard to ack [sic] like a Christian when you have just been given a ticket for speeding.

Readers of this column will have to admit there has been a lot of water to run over the dam since I wrote about being plagued with parking tickets. The girls here in the office are due the most of the credit. They got so tired of reading about my fines and hearing me growl about them that they gave me a little parking "clock" that can be set for any amount of parking time from five minutes up to two hours.

Needless to say, this has saved me a lot of parking fines, and has given my readers a much needed rest from this sort of stuff. But now it seems I need some kind of contraption that'll keep my right foot from resting too heavily on the accelerator. For I've done got myself a Little Rock Police ticket for driving 40 in a 30-mile zone—\$15.50!

The best time to get a ticket for speeding is before you run over or into somebody. But there never is a good time, financially, to draw a fine. For example, if I hadn't been worryin' so much over having to "put out" for a new circulating fan motor for our heating unit out at the house, I might not have overlooked that I was driving too fast in the radar zone!

I will say this for the Little Rock traffic police—they are about the politest cops I've run into in all of my crime career. When I pulled up to the stop light at Fifth and Main and stopped the other morning, I thought the cop who parked along side and tapped on my Renault window was just being friendly. I even waved back at him. But he tapped again, this time a little louder, and pointed me over to the curb.

He asked to see my driver's license; the next thing I knew, he was handing me a ticket that had my name and number on it and had been checked in little boxes all over the face of it.

But even then, that fellow was still polite. "You don't have to pay this for 48 hours," he told me.

Well, we live and learn—or die trying! And there are some things you can't even write your Congressman about. Tell it to the grand jury!—ELM

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.

'One of the best'

IF I may sincerely compliment you, I think that your magazine is one of the best I have come across among the Southern Baptists. (I, too, edited a magazine for twenty years). How important is a gifted pen really consecrated to Christ! May our dear Master set His seal on all your ministry for HIM.—J. Sidlow Baxter, 1344 Danielson Road, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Out of Louisiana

ENCLOSED please find cash for one years subscription to your fine news-magazine. I enjoy each issue so much and the Sunday School message each week in connection with our Sunday School lesson helps me to understand the lesson. I use it as regular as I use my quarterly. Keep up the good work. — (Mrs.) John T. Rea, Route 2, Box 42, Bernice, La.

Dreamed too late

AT this hour the second Vatican Council in Vatican city is in progress. The ultimate purpose of this council is to bring the so-called lost sheep into the fold of the Roman Catholic Church. Rome has not changed her purpose: she has only changed tactics. There was a time when she used the bloody crusades in an attempt to accomplish this purpose. Now in this present enlightened age she has changed from crusades to councils.

Unfortunately many protestants, upon invitations, are attending this council. Most, if not all, of the Protestants attending the council are affiliated with the World Council of Churches. The National Council of Churches in the United States is determined to bring every denomination within its structure. Many former great evangelical bodies have already surrendered. The aim of the National Council of Churches in the United States is to ultimately dissolve into the World Council of Churches and the leaders of the World Council have intimated that the ultimate purpose and goal is union with the Roman Catholic Church.

Both the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches contend that the Christian witness is hindered by the many existing denominations. They feel that churches should broaden their theological concepts even to the point of denying basic truths and

unite under a common banner. The fallacy of this line of reasoning is revealed in the Back To Rome Movement. How can they be sincere in asking churches to give up certain basic beliefs which seem dogmatic to others for the sake of Christian unity, and then make overtures to the Church of Rome, the most dogmatic and authoritative organization ever to be called a church? The liberals in protestantism are the ones who are ardently seeking a reunion with Rome.

Southern Baptists are frequently criticized by many newspaper articles and magazines for not affiliating with the National Council of Churches. The accusation of being prejudiced and bigoted is frequently hurled. The opposite is true. The dream of both the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches is to have one great fellowship of believers. This is a dream which they dreamed too late. Baptists throughout the centuries have believed that every person who has been regenerated by the Spirit of God is a member of the kingdom of God. Most leaders of the National Council of Churches take the position that salvation comes to a human soul through the sacraments.

On the Sacramental idea of salvation the National Council of Churches, The World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church agree. The disagreement at present is over the validity of the sacraments outside of the Roman fold. The position of salvation by and through the sacraments is well affirmed in a book published by the World Council of Churches in 1960, entitled **One Lord One Baptism**: "By baptism we are incorporated into Christ, made members of the body of Christ . . . by baptism one living stone after another is built into the temple of the Lord, one member after another into the body of Christ." . . .

Baptists have believed throughout the centuries and still believe that every one who trusts Jesus Christ as personal saviour is united with Christ regardless of church affiliation. Is it not both bigoted and scripturally unsound to insist that one must be baptized into some church and partake of the sacraments in order to be saved? Baptists have never been so dogmatic and Baptists will not now give up this freedom to those who have prejudiced ideas and demand conformity.

As is frequently the case, those who accuse Baptists of being narrow and prejudiced are themselves guilty of the greater sin. External mechanics such as baptism and the Lord's Supper can never be substituted for regeneration. A plea for Christian unity only to circumscribe the adherents with the doctrine of salvation through the sacraments is a plea based upon a greater difference than that which exists presently among many denominations. May we hear not the cry of the sacramentalist who attempts to feed the flock on the stones of ceremony. — Carl Scott, Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Clovis, N.M.

Keeping the 'true' Christmas

"Motherhood is a profession—with undefinable benefits and no vacation."—Cynthia Seton (*I Think Rome Is Burning*)

QUESTION: You have asked again, as you asked last year: "How shall we attain the true spirit of Christmas in our family?"

ANSWER: This achievement is a challenging one, with our families set in the midst of overwhelming propaganda toward paganism.

Cynthia Seton declares that we live in an age in which there are no longer secure retreats, neither inside ourselves nor out.

Then she makes this common-sense observation: "Whether the bride is young or not; whether she is educated, intellectual, artistically productive, or none of these; whether she works, rears children, or does both, nest-building is her major function."

Bringing about the true spirit of Christmas in one's home is a part of the nest-building.

You must recognize, Mrs. Nest-Builder, that the Christian observance of this holy season has become entangled with traditions of secular origin. These customs have colored our concepts and interpretation of Christmas. Holiday celebrations threaten to edge out recognition of the One born that holy night.

The fact that some of our customs are of secular descent, while others stem from sincere worship of Christ, need not upset us. Recognizing this truth is as logical as maintaining the separation of church and state. That "separation" does not preclude our part in civic and governmental activities; nor does it hinder true worshippers from devotion to their church. The better the Christian, the finer the citizen.

The clearer the recognition of facts connected with Christmas, the more wholesome the holiday festivities and the more genuine the family worship in recognition of the birth of Jesus.

Why not get your family interested in a review of Christmas traditions in other countries. Of course, 'tis likely that you, the nest-builder, will be the one to do the research and check out the book from the library; you the one to subtly and tactfully draw your family into the game of distinguishing between the customs of pagan background and those of Christian origin; and perhaps you the one to steer them into reading various Bible passages that set forth different angles of and different reactions to the glorious event, our Saviour's birth.

Surely Christ Himself approves our giving to each other expressions of love and friendship. This practice develops the habit of thoughtfulness and consideration of others. Only let the giving be meaningful. Not extravagant, mercenary gift-exchange that reduces people to the status of "atoms" and "statistics" afloat upon the sea of propaganda and high pressure.

Lead your family to create happiness for some person, or persons, who can do nothing for you in return. Give them practical things. Add some handmade gifts produced through cooperative family effort such as goodies, in the cooking of which all will have part.

Make a worthy gift to Christ's cause through your church. Decide about the size and purpose of the gift in family council. Make this offering at least as generous as the most expensive gift on your list.

A young medical student wanted extra money for a very special gift, one Christmas. His folks adjusted the family budget and managed so that he might have the extra money requested.

Then, something went awry with his dreamy plan, not an un-

usual turn in the affairs of those engaged in the all-absorbing study of medicine.

Soon after the young med student arrived home for the holidays he said to his mother, "Things didn't work out for the special Christmas present, Mom. Here's the check you and Dad sent me. Let's add it to our Lottie Moon Christmas offering."

Family practices at Christmas leave an imprint upon the lives of those who go out from our homes.

Make and take time for shopping with your family. There's something exciting about being a part of the crowds of Christmas shoppers. Think of them as friends and neighbors. Respond to every smile and courtesy from people you brush against. Be patient with those who are thoughtless, or rude.

Find some time to read Christmas stories, old, and new. Better to have fewer goodies and a modest Christmas dinner, with a spirit of happiness, than to have a profusion of sweets, an overloaded table, with a weary, tense mother and a touchy atmosphere in the home.

Seek direction from the One whose birthday is commemorated. If He is invited, He will come to His birthday celebration at your house. If He comes, He will instill a spirit of good will and fill the hearts of your family with peace that will last on into the days ahead.

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace . . ." (Isaiah 55:12a).

Have you developed some helpful ways in which to keep Christmas at your house? Jot them down and mail immediately to "address below." Your idea will then become a friendly Christmas greeting from you to many other mothers who seek to "acquit themselves with dignity in this role."

Rosalind Street

Mrs. J. H. Street

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

PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

President, Southern Baptist Convention

First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

THE purpose of the church is "the eternal purpose which he [God] purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Eph. 3:11). It is God's age-abiding purpose of redemption made available to all men through Christ. Paul speaks of it as "the mystery of Christ" (Eph. 3:1-11). And it is to be made "known by [through] the church. . ." (v. 10).

For this purpose Jesus Christ built His church. To it He gave "the keys of the kingdom of heaven. . ." (Matt. 16:19). Note that "shall be bound in heaven . . . shall be loosed in heaven" reads literally "shall have been bound in heaven . . . shall have been loosed in heaven." Christ committed the "keys," the gospel, to His churches. Heaven has already decreed ("shall have been") that if the churches *bind* the gospel, failing to proclaim it, there is no other way whereby men can be saved (of. Acts 4:12). If the churches *loose* the gospel, men who hear and believe it will be saved thereby.

Christ commissioned His churches to preach the gospel to, or to make disciples of, all nations (Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24: 46-49; John 20:21-23; Acts 1:8). He promised His presence and power through the Holy Spirit. And when the churches have followed Him in world conquest, He has blessed their efforts.

The public ministry of Jesus was characterized by preaching (Mark 1:14-15), teaching (Mark 1:21-22), and healing (Mark 1:23-42). Individually and cooperatively His churches are to continue this threefold ministry in His name. But it is all to be centered in our Lord's redemptive purpose.

The purpose of the church is embodied in God's purpose of grace as seen in the doctrine of election. God elected a plan of salvation. He elected a people to proclaim this plan. This elected people is seen, first, in Israel (Ex. 19:1-8), and, second, in His churches (I Pet. 2:5-10).

The fate of Israel (Matt. 21:28-45) serves as a warning to the churches (Rev. 3:14-16). God's "eternal purpose" is at once our great privilege and our greatest responsibility.

Gleanings from the Greek New Testament

Work and the Sabbath

By V. WAYNE BARTON

GOD never rests. That is to say, he never rests completely. Oh yes, according to Genesis 2:2-3 God rested from his *creative* activity on that "original" Sabbath.

But along came Jesus (who knows how many years later?) and said, "The Father works continuously, and I work continuously." That is literally what Jesus said in John 5:17. If so, then how can John 5:17 be reconciled with Genesis 2:2-3?

Unless you are willing to concede hopeless contradiction — in meaning if not in words — there must be some explanation. There is an explanation that is rooted in the context of John 5. Jesus had just healed a man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. Significantly, the author of the Fourth Gospel pointed out: "On the same day was the sabbath" (John 5:9). The point is that healings on the Sabbath, except for emergency cases, were strictly forbidden by current application of Jewish law. Moreover, Jesus had ordered the man to take up his bed and walk. This too was forbidden on the Sabbath because it involved work in its most ordinary and offensive sense.

Jesus' critics on that occasion (John 5:10-16) presumed to speak for God and doubtless thought they were following God's example by their negative and "do nothing" approach to Sabbath observance. But they erred when they evidently assumed that God rests

When gloomy skies are as bleakly gray

As winter's field-racked, rain-washed hay,

A rendezvous with prayer will keep

One's faith awake, not let it sleep.

Firm faith can clear a clouded sun
And make one's day a sunny one.

—Anna Nash Yarbrough, Benton

Rendezvous

from all activity every seventh day. Maybe he *did* rest on the *original* Sabbath, but, if Jesus is to be taken at all literally, God didn't even rest *completely* then. Surely he continued active as Maintainer, Sustainer, and Superintendent of his creation. Had he not done so, the universe would have fallen apart. Moreover, when Jesus healed the sick man on a sabbath, he indicated that God the Great Physician remains on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

God never rests. For that we can be grateful. But, in addition, we *can* and *should* follow his example. Don't you think that that is precisely the point Jesus sought to convey by healing the sick man in the first place? How could Jesus' critics possibly have thought they were worshiping God when a sick man lay near at hand in need of mercy? Jesus' action on that occasion had the effect of saying: Work and worship are not mutually exclusive. Rather does work *become* worship when two conditions are met: (1) when it is the kind of work which God does, and (2) when it is the kind of work which meets the needs of men.

No wonder then that Jesus said on another occasion in defense of his activities on the sabbath: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27).



CHARLES A. WELLS
Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine Photo

Says Christianity thrives in Russia

THE biggest crack in the armor of Russian communism is a resurgence of the Christian religion among the Russian people, Charles A. Wells, noted religious journalist and world traveler, said here last week, in an interview with the editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*.

In Little Rock for a week's speaking engagement at Second Church, Mr. Wells said crowded church buildings for religious services in all sections of Russia are an eloquent witness to the failure of communism to capture the hearts of the people.

The collectivist agriculture program has failed in Russia because of the lack of incentive state ownership brings to the farm, Wells said.

"When a farmer owns his land and his livestock, he develops a love for them. But when he knows that he has no claims on the property, he does not take the same interest in the work.

"For example, if the cow that's sick belongs to him, he'll stay up all night doctoring her. But if it's the state's cow, he does not care what happens to her."

Declaring himself to be optimistic over the outlook for an easing of tensions in the relations between the United States of America and USSR, Wells said there

was much to indicate that these two world powers may soon be forced by Red China to become allies again.

One of the factors pointing to this, he said, is the prospect that Red China may soon be making nuclear weapons.

Reliable information trickling out of Russia indicates great unrest, with rioting in widespread cities, Wells said.

Russian physicist Kapitza, one of the world's leading authorities on hydrogen, has been speaking out boldly against the dialectical materialism on which communism is based, Wells said. In Kapitza's declaration that "We can't study the atom without seeing the demonstration of divinity," Kapitza is coming close to the conclusion of the late Mr. Einstein that "you can't study the atom without seeing the face of God," Wells asserted.

A Quaker by faith, Mr. Wells feels the world Christian missions movement needs to have more of the approach of the Quakers, the missionaries going in to mission fields to help the people in many areas of life in addition to formal religion.—ELM

Kelly Grubbs ordained

AT the request of Thornburg Church, First Church, Alexander, ordained Kelley Grubbs to the ministry on Oct. 28.

Mr. Grubbs was recently called to the pastorate of the Thornburg Church.

The ordaining council was composed of: Rev. Wallace A. Ely, moderator; Rev. Arlis Sims, clerk; Rev. L. B. Gustavus, who did the questioning; Rev. Jesse Reed, who preached the sermon; Rev. Horace G. Grigson, Jr., who gave the charge to the church; Earl D. Miller, who led the ordaining prayer; R. L. Evans who presented Mr. Grubbs with a Bible; Charles Baker who led a congregational prayer; and Rev. H. D. Palmer.

Mr. Grubbs will be graduated from the University of Little Rock next spring and will enter Southern Seminary next fall.



MARY EMMA HARDIN

21-year award

ATTENDANCE pin for her 21st year of Sunday School attendance was presented to Mrs. James S. Hardin on Nov. 11, by First Church, Clarksville, Carroll D. Caldwell, pastor. Mrs. Hardin has a near perfect attendance record for morning and evening worship services and for Training Union and prayer meeting during these 21 years.

Mary Emma, as she is known to her many friends, is now serving her 36th year as church clerk.

Dodd to Lonoke

PAUL Dodd assumed his duties as music and youth director of Lonoke Church, on a part-time basis, recently. For the past two and one-half years, he has served as music director for First Church, Greenwood, where his father is the pastor.

Mr. Dodd is a senior ministerial student at Ouachita College.

His duties include work with adult and youth choirs, youth fellowship, and assistance in the Royal Ambassador program.

Next fall he plans to enter Golden Gate Seminary, in Mill Valley, Calif.



MR. DODD

Mail for Christmas

ACTING postmaster, C. E. McSwain, of Little Rock, states: "Right now is the time to start your Christmas cards and gifts on their way. The calendar says Christmas is less than three weeks away, but here in the Post Office it will be Christmas every day from now on. Let's not disappoint a single friend or loved one at Christmas time by putting off our Christmas mailings to the last minute."

The postmaster went on to say a lot of headaches can be avoided "if you observe the following good mailing practices: Wrap parcels well, using sturdy corrugated cartons, sufficient packing material, heavy paper, and strong cord; use legible and complete addresses (do not abbreviate) and place duplicate addresses inside packages; and mail them early."

Postmaster McSwain also suggests, "Be sure to send your Christmas cards by First Class mail, using the attractive new 4 cent Christmas stamps. When sent First Class they may carry written messages and they'll be forwarded or returned if it becomes necessary. Under present procedures cards mailed at the Third Class or 3 cent rate will not be forwarded even to local changes of address."

He says it's especially important to include your return address on every Christmas card envelope. "Besides being socially correct, this is a big help to both you and your friends in keeping your mailing lists up to date," he added.

PERFECT attendance Sunday School awards were recently given by Lee Memorial Church, near Pine Bluff, to an entire family: Havis Socia, four year bar; Mrs. Socia, five year bar, and Mrs. Margaret Youngblood, daughter, one-year pin.

Teressia Youngblood, 3, received a three-year bar, and Martie Youngblood, 6, a six-year bar.

Lee Memorial Church also awarded ten other members perfect attendance awards ranging from one year to six years.

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TOM ELLIFF

Minister's ordination a 'family affair'

THE ordination of Tom Elliff, Ouachita College student, to the ministry at East Main Church, El Dorado, on Nov. 25, turned out to be something of a family affair.

Tom's paternal grandfather, Rev. A. P. Elliff of Fordyce, led the questioning of the candidate; his father, Rev. J. T. Elliff, director of the Religious Education division of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, preached the ordination sermon; his maternal grandfather, Judge T. A. Carter, a deacon, served on the ordaining council; and Rev. Garland Murry, an uncle, led the ordination prayer.

Young Elliff, a freshman this year at Ouachita College, is president of his class. He announced his call to the ministry last summer while serving as youth director for the East Main Church.

Rev. Rhine McMurry, pastor of the East Main Church, served as moderator of the council, and J. C. Shipps, clerk. Rufus Dodgen presented Mr. Elliff with a Bible.

The young minister has been called as mission pastor of First Church, Warren.

Church Efficiency Conference scheduled

THE annual Church Efficiency Conference of Southern College, Walnut Ridge, will be held Dec. 10-12, Dr. H. E. Williams, president of the college, has announced. Theme for the program will be "Edifying the Churches."

The first session will be held Monday afternoon, beginning at 1:30. Other sessions will be held Monday night, Tuesday morning, afternoon, and night, and Wednesday morning.

Free housing will be provided for those attending the conferences. Meals will be available at nominal charges. Those staying overnight should provide their own bedding.

Speakers include: Rev. Jim Stanley Jordan, pastor of Queensville, Tenn.; Rev. Roy Hilton, pastor of First Church, Harrison; Dr. Floyd, pastor of Spring River Church, Hardy; Rev. J. D. Griffin, pastor of Parklane Church, Knoxville, La.; Owen Kersh, minister of education, First Church, El Dorado; Rev. Curtis Mathis, pastor, Central Church, Jonesboro; Rev. Billy Walker, Walnut Ridge, evangelist, who will serve as director; and President Williams. Rev. Mel Mintz, evangelistic singer of Little Rock, will direct the music.

MISS Anna Wollerman, Southern Baptist missionary to South Brazil, will help in the treasurer's office of the Southern Baptist Mission headquarters in Rio de Janeiro for the next few months. She has moved to Rio (address: Caixa Postal 950, Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil) from Cuiaba, Mato Grosso. Miss Wollerman is a native of Pine Bluff.

KENNETH Meeks of Glendale Church, Booneville, announced his call to the ministry Nov. 4. He is 32 years of age. Kenneth would like to have the prayers of all Christian people.—J. Elton Pennington, Pastor

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Arkansas All Over

Student revival teams

REVIVAL teams composed of Ouachita College students are being sent to the churches in Arkansas which request them. The revival-team program is sponsored by the Ouachita Christian Commission Union.

Since the initiation of the program last spring, several Ouachita revival teams have been sent to churches in Arkansas and other states. The reports from pastors of churches which have used them are excellent, Wayne H. Peterson, of the college, reports.

Revival teams are now available for the remainder of 1962, and dates are being confirmed for 1963. Churches that are interested are invited to write for further information. Correspondence should be addressed to: Wayne Peterson, sponsor of the CCU, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

Sears gift to OBC

OUACHITA College was the recipient Nov. 26 of a check for \$1,250 from Sears, Roebuck and Co., which began distribution of almost \$900,000 in unrestricted grants under a new program of aid to privately supported colleges and universities.

In announcing the distribution of the 1962 grants Leon Wood, Sears manager in Arkadelphia, said they are to help these institutions meet their increasingly critical financial needs.

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., Ouachita president, said the amount would be applied to the Endowment Campaign Fund, which must raise \$100,000 by Dec. 31 in order to claim a like amount deposited in a Hot Springs bank by Birkett Williams of Cleveland, Ohio.

Under the new Sears programs, six participating colleges in Arkansas will share in grants totaling \$6,500. Altogether, 557 colleges and universities from coast to coast will receive grants. They are unrestricted to allow the schools to allocate their funds in accordance with their greatest needs.

Our Nov. 8 cover

JUST to set the records straight, that cover on the paper we distributed at the State Convention, featuring a freckle-nosed Royal Ambassador licking a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelope, was not from the Home Mission Board, as we indicated, but from, as you might know, the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis. We suspect Roy Jennings, director of the Editorial division of BC, as the genius back of the shot. Thanks, Roy, for one of the best cover shots we have had in a long time.—ELM

DR. James Luck of Ouachita College has been elected president of the Arkansas State Music Teachers Association for the next biennium.

Other officers include Mrs. Klein Hood, of Magnolia, and Professor William C. Gant of the University of Arkansas, vice presidents; Charles Wesley of Ouachita, treasurer; and Mrs. Dorothy Landis Gray, of Arkansas College, Batesville, secretary.

Student to pastorate

JAMES Costner, freshman at Southern College, Walnut Ridge, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Waldenburg. Mr. Costner is a native of Harrisburg. He was graduated from Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Mich.



MR. COSTNER

Revivals

MEL Mintz participated in a Bible Conference, Nov. 11-18, at Temple Church, Ashville, N. C. In addition to being in charge of the music and conducting children's meetings, he preached twice in the main services.

Dr. James A. Stewart, missionary-evangelist, who was featured at Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, last August, was the featured speaker. The messages were taped and played over WFGW, Black Mountain, N. C., Billy Graham's radio station.

FIRST Church, Luxora, Jimmy L. Stevens, pastor; Nov. 4-11 with Bill H. Lewis, Paragould evangelist; Red Johnson, Mountain Home, music; 33 professions of faith; many rededications.



DR. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., (left) president of Ouachita College, looks at a \$1,260 check presented to the Ouachita Endowment fund by Sears, Roebuck and Co. Presenting Dr. Phelps with the check are Leon Wood, (right), manager of the company's Arkadelphia branch, and Mrs. Woodrow Ligon, assistant manager.



ROY ROWE

ROY ROWE, *Ouachita College* grid star, was named for a second time to the defensive unit of the all AIC team. Tigers Robert McGlothlin, Jim Lawrence, and Charlie Jackson were given honorable mention.

LT.-COL. William Jack King, professor of military science at *Ouachita College* and commander of the college's Reserve Officers Training Corps unit, has been granted a one-year extension of duty at *Ouachita* by the Army.

Clear Creek Ass'n

By Paul E. Wilhelm, Missionary

TWO hundred and seventeen were present for the hymn sings held Oct. 30th at Cedarville and Webb City. Bill Gresham, east zone congregational activities director, was in charge at Webb City, with Rev. H. J. Morris, associational music director, presiding at Cedarville.

CLASSROOM and assembly-room space being constructed by Second Church, Van Buren, is now under roof. The 1800-square-foot educational addition will be valued at \$7,000. Russell Lingo is chairman of the building committee. Rev. Robert Morrison is pastor.

FLOOR slabs were poured this week on the new auditorium and educational building of Concord Church. Loan application has been approved and laying of blocks should begin soon. The church voted Nov. 4 to participate in the Church Development Ministry sponsored by the Home Mission Board. Rev. Alfred J. Duncan is pastor.

Mt. Zion Association

By Carl Bunch

EIGHTEEN churches were represented in the Associational Sunday School meeting at Childress Church, Nov. 19. There were approximately 175 present, including sixteen pastors. Rev. Jeff Campbell, pastor, First Church, Lepanto, was the inspirational speaker.

FISHER Street Church, Jonesboro, Ray Nelson, pastor, conducted revival services Nov. 11-18. William West, pastor, Second Church, Conway, was the evangelist. Jim Burlingson, director of Public Relations, *Ouachita College*, directed the music. There were four additions by letter, two for baptism and one dedication for full-time Christian service.

BOWMAN Church has installed hardwood pews and carpet runners in their auditorium, which has been redecorated recently. Bowman is the only church in the association which is pastorless.

WOOD SPRING Church conducted services in their new auditorium for the first time Sunday, Nov. 11. Oliver Conley is pastor. They have recently placed the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* in the church budget. [Go thou and do likewise.—ELM]

CENTRAL Church, Jonesboro, completed their budget campaign with Victory Day on Sunday, Nov. 18. This is the sixth consecutive year for the church to use the Forward Program of Church Finance. Pastor Curtis Mathis reports 100 percent victory in pledging the budget of \$92,000. During the four weeks of the campaign the church averaged the highest attendance in its history. There were 555 in Sunday School on Victory Sunday with seven additions to the church, two of which were for baptism.

There were 375 who pledged to tithe, the largest number in the history of the church. Attendance at the loyalty dinner and children's party reached an all time high with 460 present. Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, was the inspirational speaker.

New Arkansas Baptist Subscribers

Church	Association	Pastor
One month free trial:		
Two Mile	Ouachita	Pastorless
Lower Big Fork	Ouachita	Pastorless
Banks	Black River	Simon Norris
Temple	Buckner	Spencer Lee House
Mt. Zion	Mt. Zion	Billy Gaston
Needham	Mt. Zion	Leon Childers
Union Valley	Conway-Perry	Bill Gwin

New budget after free trial:

Dyess Central	Mississippi Co.	Daniel Hughes
Guernsey	Hope	Kelly Dickson
Saints Rest, Boswell	Rocky Bayou	Starling E. Davis
Sidney	Rocky Bayou	L. E. Brown

New budget:

Pettit, Pocahontas	Current River	Pastorless
Friendly Hope, Jonesboro	Mt. Zion	J. M. Wilkinson

God's seven thousand

By RICHARD R. POTTER

AN army barracks on a Saturday night can be as silent as a morgue, and just as depressive. Especially is this so when all the guys are out on the town and a fellow who didn't want to go is left sitting on the edge of his bunk.

Now there's nothing wrong with having fun and taking off to see the town. One can go overboard on this matter of "holier-than-thou." But the point we want to make is that things can get pretty tough for a soldier who's holding on to his moral convictions. Take some of the stories you hear about Japan, for instance. You'd think no matter how honorable and clean a fellow started out sooner or later he would get besmirched by the dirt that smears them all. Or take the letter I got from Korea. It was written by one of the young men of my congregation, a college man getting in his military service. In it he said this: "The major problem is the village and most men end up going there when work is done to capitalize on the cheap girls and easy morals." Now this is the sort of thing you hear again and again and the idea gets around that saints are pretty scarce commodities among servicemen overseas.

Sometimes a moral-minded man even gets to feeling like a martyr. He gets the Elijah complex and begins to feel that he only is faithful. Everybody else has given in or quit. It's then he needs to remember what God said to Elijah: "I have seven thousand in Israel who have not bowed their knees to Baal." Surely it is so. God always has his seven thousand.

Those outside the military need to be reminded of this too. Much is heard and read about all that's wrong in and around military camps. Desperate words of caution about the evils of the service are sounded on every hand. Is there not some voice of encouragement that can be uttered? Does not God somewhere have his seven thousand who shine like lights in the night? Indeed he does.

Lights in the night

NOT everyone hides his candle under a bushel. Here are some whose lights are on lampstands. No doubt there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, like them. These ten will do for starters.

1. *The John Glenn Story.* Who expected a Marine lieutenant colonel to make what may well become the most powerful impact for Christ of any layman of our day? Certainly his story has gone to the ends of the earth and with it the strong, simple testimony of Christian faith.

2. *"Operation Centurion."* Out of the Pentagon itself comes this project of the Protestant Men of the Chapel to raise \$100,000 for scholarships at Tokyo Union Theological Seminary. These high ranking officers and GI's around the world are mission-minded. They want to send missionaries, not missiles, to the world.

3. *"There's to 'ud here."* Like the loaves and fishes, the idea that Bobby Hill, thirteen-year-old son of an Air Force sergeant, had about helping Albert Schweitzer in his African hospital was multiplied manyfold. Started by the overseas dependent in Naples, Italy, it ended with the Air Force delivering the teen-age Negro boy and \$40,000 worth of medicine to the famous mission in French Equatorial Africa.

4. *"Seeing a Different Korea"* was the title given a feature article in the *Pacific Stars and Stripes* telling about a group of thirty-five men from the First Cavalry Division who visited Taejon, Korea, for the purpose of observing mission work being done by Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists. Set up by Chaplain William R. Floyd and missionary Keith Crim, this get-acquainted visit is typical of hundreds of mission-military contacts.

5. *"From the Shores of Tripoli."* At the Wheelus Air Base, Libya, the World-wide Communion Sunday offering of \$518.60 went to aid "refugee" Congo missionaries. Year before last when I was there, Chaplain Spencer D. McQueen and the people of the Protestant Chapel were helping support missionary work among the Arabs. Does anybody know how much missionary work these chapels do?

6. *"Forasmuch as ye have done it unto . . ."* From Evreux, France, where the Air Force's headquarters for "flying boxcars" is, one can get the story of numerous "mercy missions." Whether it be food, clothing and medical supplies for the flood sufferers of Germany or 400,000 pounds of insecticide to fight a locust plague in Tunisia, these "mercy missions" tell the story of compassionate hearts.

7. *"Me, A Missionary to Japan?"* So writes Mrs. Arlene Secrest, an overseas wife, in a beautiful three-page letter telling of her many activities in bridging the gaps with the Japanese, especially by Bible teaching and prayer groups. Answering her own question she concludes: "I consider it was Japan that was a missionary to me, by the grace of God." Now she is World Mission chairman in her local church.

8. *Even Cooking Can Be Missionary* is the gist of a feature story in the *Richmond Times Dispatch*, telling how Mrs. Mavis Ferguson, wife of an Army colonel, taught classes on American cooking in a Japanese college and, like Saint Lawrence, used it to glorify God.

9. *Some Go Back Ordained.* This was so of Dr. Dick Nieuwsma who, after finishing his tour of duty as a dentist in the Armed Forces, has now gone back to Korea as a missionary with his wife. But their missionary work really started when Uncle Sam sent them overseas. Like hundreds of others they saw the need, got the call, and now have exchanged the khakis for the cross.

10. *What Does an Overseas Chapel Do?* Among things done by the Chapel of Hope at Yokosuka Naval Base are the following mentioned by the Chaplain R. G. Hutcheson, Jr.: "A weekly Japanese language service; a Bible class for Japanese inquirers; scholarship assistance for three Japanese theological