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Murder By Consent



M. Dale Larew, Concord Church, Chattanooga

"And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness." Hosea 6:9

A Sunday School teacher standing before his class of 10-year-old boys asked them, "Boys, what would you think of a man who sat beside the road leading to a high precipice watching a blind man with his cane walk past him straight for the cliff yet never said one word to warn him of the



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. . . Appreciates Dr. Hobbs' Articles

• The paper means so much in this period of such "perilous times". Among many other splendid articles, I especially appreciate the scriptural articles by Herschel H. Hobbs on "Baptist Beliefs". In Christian Fellowship.—Robert Paschall (Present Address) 3705 N. Texas, Odessa, Texas.

... The Concerned Should Not Be Branded as Cranks

• There is not clarity of terms among us today when we speak of Fundamentalists, Conservatives etc. If we mean by the term "Fundamentalist" that we believe in the truth of the Bible as the Word of God without error, mistake, or mixture of the same in the original manuscripts then I confess to be a fundamentalist. I believe in the fundamentals of the faith. I believe that the 1925 Statement of Faith accepted by Baptists is in accord with the Word of God. In fact I am amazed to find myself in such complete agreement. And I

danger but watched him walk over the precipice and fall to his death?" One answered, "Why, that's the meanest man in the world!" Another said, "He ought to be put in jail and tried for murder!" The teacher agreed.

This imaginary story is a parable. Too many church members sit idly by letting neighbors go along and warn them not of the judgment of God on sin. They are guilty of murder by consent, because they do not speak up to warn the sinner of his ways nor remind the wayward of the love of Jesus.

The Apostle Paul knew the experience of murder by consent. He stood by watching Stephen stoned to death without moving a muscle to aid him. Paul never got over the sight of Stephen's face as this man of God died the death of a saint. The memory of this death helped bring Paul to the Lord Jesus. Would to God Christians today would be pricked in conscience for their guilt in the spiritual death of sinners and flee to the Lord in repentance and dedication so the Lord could use them to bring men to salvation in Christ!

How do Christians consent to the murder of sinners? By unconcern for for the lost about them. Too many feel it is the preacher's job. But where in God's Book do you find a verse saying the preacher is to do all the soul winning? It's not there. Every New Testament Christian felt a personal responsibility to every man he met and testified to the saving grace of the Lord everywhere he went. Every New Testament Christian was a missionary, a personal witness.

Christians are guilty of murder by consent through inertia. This "do nothing" spirit, or the "let George do it" attitude, causes the Lord's work to lag and sag, become stagnant and powerless, so the church almost becomes a laughing matter to the world. When twenty per cent do eighty per

might add that I am both a College and Seminary graduate with some graduate work. Union University and Central Baptist Seminary is where I studied.

I am concerned that the issues surrounding our theological crisis not be clouded by those who infer that anyone who protests theological liberalism is a fundamentalist and therefore something of a crank or opportunist. I realize there will be those who will take this occasion to promote his own little scheme of things. But where there is one like that are hundreds who are genuinely and sincerely concerned at the inroads theological liberalism has made among us. By and large our pastors and laymen are genuinely concerned and they do not deserve being branded as uneducated cranks and extremeists looking for an opportunity for notoriety and to be heard.

I wish to say also that I cannot agree that Seminary Professors have to be free to teach every strange doctrine he reads about or learns from some liberal seminary that has already taken the denomination they represent down the road to unbelief. It has been insinuated that unless we leave our professors free we will have nothing but Bible Institutes for what we call Seminaries. If that is the case we have a lot of older men who graduated from Bible Institutes instead of what they thought ere Seminaries, for our older men went to the Seminaries where the Word of God was not questioned. Let us not be thrown off the tracks in protesting unbelief because it has been inferred that to be a protester indicates we are unscholarly, unethical, uneducated and an opportunist-seeking to be heard.—Charles E. Cloyd, Box 19, Savannah, Tennessee.

... Administrators: Administrative!

Most of our denominational problems arising out of our institutions and agencies could be hand led by administrators.

We are living behind a facade. All of us know that our boards and trustees do not run our institutions and agencies. All of us know that our denomination does not run them. What all of us know, and will not admit, is that our institutions and agencies are supervised by an administration and administrative head.

This is the way it is. Let us admit that it is this way and, agree that this is the way it should be and has to be. Where do we go from here?

The administration of an institution or agency, one person or several, should determine the mind and wishes of the supporting convention, state or Southern Baptist. It should proceed to order its affairs in line with the known wishes of the supporting Convention. These wishes may be expressed by formal action or by "grapevine." An administrator should know that his board may not give him the majority opinion of Baptists.

An administrator cannot hide behind his board. A board can allow or encourage action that will put the institution and administration in a bad light. A wise administrator keeps his ear to the ground, not exclusively to the PBX system. He

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cent of the work in the local church and twenty per cent give eighty per cent of the money to carry on the Lord's work, no wonder churches are spiritually anemic and fruitless.

Christians are guilty of murder by consent through carelessness, worldliness, compromise, lack of dedication and seriousness in the Lord.

Midwestern Trustees Dismiss Ralph Elliott

KANSAS CITY, MO. (BP)—Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here voted 24 to 5 to dismiss Professor Ralph H. Elliott effective immediately.

The dismissal was "reluctantly and regretfully" recommended after Professor Elliott refused a request that he not offer for republication his controversial book, "The Message of Genesis."

The seminary will continue his salary and fringe benefits for 12 months.

A special committee of Trustees, appointed a few weeks ago to go into the matter further, made the dismissal recommendation. This committee and Berquist and Elliott were reported in agreement on nine out of 10 desired points of agreement.

The nine points of agreement dealt with historical studies of scripture and seminary teaching. The tenth, on which Elliott declined to agree, was that Elliott withhold his book from further publication at this time.

Originally published by Broadman Press at Nashville, the Baptist Sunday School Board—which operates Broadman—declined this summer to order a second print-

On Our Cover

Three men walk down a street in Bagamoyo, seaport town in Tanganyika, East Africa. The body of David Livingstone lay in a chapel in this town after it was carried from the interior by his faithful African followers. Baptists now operate a community center in the town.

ing of the Genesis book despite a sell out of the first printing and back orders for the text.

It offered the republication rights to Elliott, Midwestern's professor of Old Testament and Hebrew.

At the trustee meeting, which ended at 1:30 A. M. after six and one-half hours, the Board created the post of academic dean at the seminary. The academic dean, not yet appointed, would supervise the instructional program of the seminary and be responsible directly to the president.

All trustees were present for the meeting. The vote of the chairman, who was present,

In the community where I live at least six men to whom I witnessed about Jesus told me that in all their lives no one had ever talked to them about their spiritual needs nor asked them to trust Christ. How many more men and women in our communities, how many boys and girls, have never had someone to love them enough to talk to them about Jesus? Are we guilty of murder by consent?

was not required because of the vote count.

Berquist, Elliott, some others from the seminary administration, and a representative of the student body at Midwestern appeared before the trustees during the evening.

The student brought in a document allegedly signed by 159 students, or about 70 per cent of the enrolment. It declared the seminary students had been ignored in considering the issue in question. The document said the students stood by Baptists' position on freedom to interpret the Bible but did not specifically ask the trustees to retain Elliott.

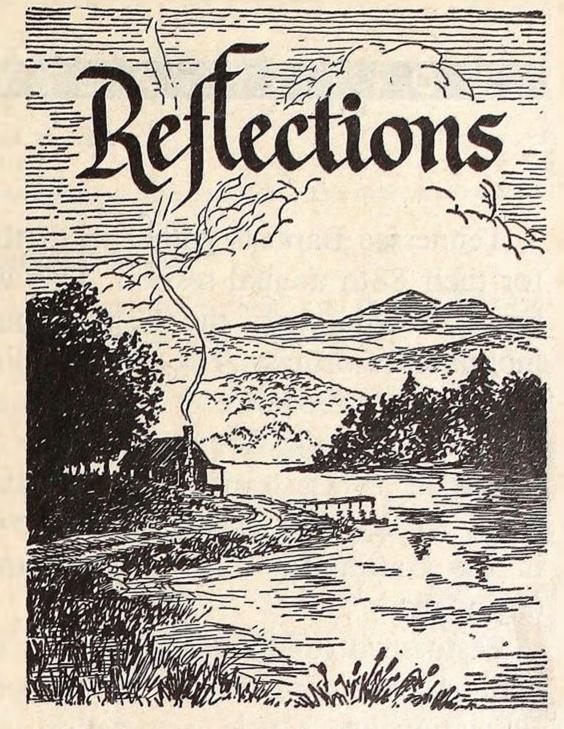
Elliott, engaged in a revival in Virginia, was called back to Kansas City for the special meeting of trustees. He did not offer an immediate statement on his dismissal, nor on his future plans.

The nine points at which the committee and the dismissed professor were said to be in agreement were:

- 1. The literary, critical and historical approach is valid in Old Testament studies.
- 2. There are differences of opinion on interpreting Bible passages.
- 3. The seminary teacher is to approach his work from the viewpoint of a firm belief in the Bible as God's word.
- 4. We believe the Bible and all parts thereof to be inspired.
- 5. The task of the teacher is not to proclaim what he doesn't know about the Bible nor to seek by shock methods to startle the students with a negative approach to the Bible. His task is to strengthen the faith of students and help them prepare to present its message.
- 6. The Bible contains accounts of the miraculous and the supernatural. The fact that miracles do not depend upon the human ability to understand or explain them does not make them untrue. They are acts of God in accordance with his power. This also includes God's use of natural forces.
- 7. In presenting interpretations of passages and events in the Bible, various views should be given.
- 8. We reject any theory that the Bible is a book of folk lore and mythology.
- 9. The Bible is to be taught and it is the task of the teacher to lead students in their teaching and preaching to go out and make known their faith and belief, not to preach something that is in doubt.

President Berquist said, "This (request on republication) was not intended to be a repudiation of the book but to be a precautionary measure to avoid a recurrence of the recent disturbance."

He called attention to the fact the committee recommendation to dismiss Elliott came only after it reached the opinion it was "impossible to come to a mutual working relationship in arriving at a solution of the problem."



A New York preacher tells a story of a little old Swedish woman who took her pastor to task because he had declared that Jesus spoke Aramaic. She said he was wrong, that Jesus was a Swede and spoke Swedish. "My dear sister," her pastor replied, "you may have some difficulty proving that." "None at all," she said. "I have the proof right here." She produced her Swedish Bible and showed him that the words of Jesus were all in Swedish.

"How glad I am," the preacher said, "that she thought of Jesus as a member of her race, and that I think of Him as a member of my race. It is a compliment to the Son of God."—Gerald S. Pope, "The Supreme Gift," Defender.

The true cost of landing a man on the moon in 1967 is estimated at from \$20,000,-000,000-\$40,000,000,000. Just how we get it (or him) back—the cash, the man or either—has not been explained. A purely secondary matter.—SAC Sidelights.

Nearly 30 years ago, in my home town, there lived a wealthy man I shall call Mr. X, who always seemed to succeed in any endeavor. His first job consisted in driving horses for a construction gang. From this meager beginning he became the head of a steel corporation, owner of a newspaper, and president of a bank. One evening we were all shocked to hear the news that Mr. X had committed suicide. I knew this man well. Shortly before his death I visited him in his office, and was astonished to hear him say, "My boy, don't build your life as I have—upon worldly goods alone. It is not a substantial foundation. If you remain wealthy, you never have enough. If you lose your wealth, you have nothing left."—Orville M. Ericksen, "As You Will . . . So It Will Be," Patriot.

Tennessee Baptists gather in Gatlinburg next week for their 88th annual session. This will be the second time in three years the Convention has met in the mountain resort city. The 1959 Gatlinburg session had the largest attendance of messengers (1,562) of any Tennessee Baptist Convention. This year's convention begins at 7 (Eastern Time) Monday night. This is a day earlier than usual. Sessions, which will be held in the Gatlinburg Civic Auditorium, close Wednesday night.

Pastors will hold their conference Thursday morning with only one period. Also, on Thursday, the Religious Education and Music Association will meet. Both of these meetings are scheduled at First Baptist Church in Gatlinburg. Theme of the Pastors' Conference will be "Our Committment".

"Sharing Christ with the Whole World" will be this year's theme. The State Convention is always a time for wonderful fellowship, for renewing of acquaintances and making new friends. Hundreds, who go to Gatlinburg, will be counting on such rich experiences next

week. Baptists will be gathering from the Mississippi to the Great Smokies.

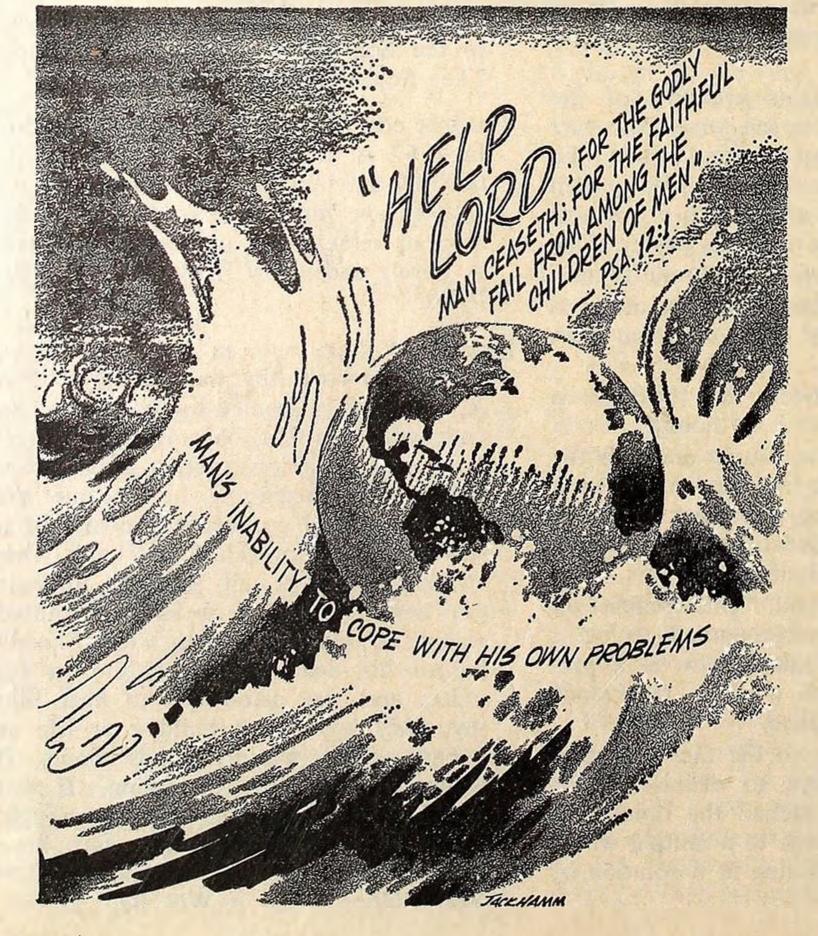
It is also a time of serious business. Messengers come with concern for advancing the cause of Christ, not only in the Volunteer State, but to the ends of the earth. Important reports will be made. The Convention this year has aimed at its highest Cooperative Program budget of \$3,700,000. Whether or not this goal has been reached awaits complete reports. An upsurge of giving showed in October, though some months before showed a lag.

Messengers will vote on a \$3,825,000 budget proposed by the Executive Board. This new budget may be as much as \$185,678 above the present year's receipts. Receipts during the coming year, through the Cooperative Program will be prorated two-thirds for State Convention work, and one-third for SBC causes. This means, if the budget is raised, \$2,550,128 for the state's part and \$1,274,872 for the Southern Convention causes.

1962 has been a year of unusual theological discussion among Baptists. It has also been a time of racerelation tension. However, it is not expected that these will mar the State Convention fellowship. Progress reports have been made of efforts by the Convention's institutions to meet the issues involved. The State Convention has left the policy of admission to the schools and hospitals to the respective trustees. This "home rule" policy is wise in view of differences of opinion existing in various sections of the state and some differences in charters of the institutions.

The Committee on Arrangements has scheduled what should prove to be high inspiration points throughout the three-day meeting at Gatlinburg. Each session will be climaxed by a worship period. Among our own Tennessee brethren who are to be heard will be Convention Preacher, Dr. David Q. Byrd of West Jackson Church. Dr. Edwin E. Deusner of Lexington is the alternate. The annual sermon will be at the Monday night session. The presidential address by Dr. E. Warren Rust of Cleveland concludes the first morning session. Among other Tennessee inspirational speakers will be Dr. W. C. Boone of Jackson, Pastor John A. Laida of First Church, Clarksville, and Dr. Slater Murphy of Highland Heights Church, Memphis. From

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Cuban Missionaries Well HMB's Caudill Reports

ATLANTA, GA. (BP)—"All missionaries well and working," read a telegram from Herbert Caudill, superintendent of missions in Cuba who is still in that country.

The message was received Oct. 26.

"We appreciate the fact that the prayers of many are going up for our work in Cuba. I believe that the Lord is preparing his people for greater tasks in his name," Caudill said in a letter earlier this month.

The Cuban Baptist Seminary opened October 1 with 34 students, he reported, including nine new students.

Baptist Group Seeks North-South Merger

WASHINGTON (BP)—Seventy-six pastors and laymen from nine states and the District of Columbia in a two-day meeting here discussed the problems in uniting the American Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Although the majority of the group was keenly interested in such a merger, there was little hope expressed that this would be a possibility in the near future.

The Conference of Baptist Unity heard addresses on "What Seems To Divide Us," and "What Unites Us." Each subject was discussed by an American Baptist and a Southern Baptist.

Two discussion groups then talked about Baptists and the Ecumenical Movement, theological and cultural differences between American and Southern Baptists, and the problem of pursuing Baptist unity on the local church level.

The unity conference was closed with a communion service. It was explained that this joint observance of the Lord's Supper

BAPTIST BELIEFS

by Herschel H. Hobbs

The Wrath Of God

The wrath of God is not angry passion, vindictiveness, or hatred. It is His resistance to sin, which expresses itself in penalty. In essence this penalty is spiritual death or the separation of the soul from God.

Two New Testament words are rendered wrath with respect to God (thumos and orge). The former denotes a reaction of boiling up and soon subsiding. The latter denotes that which rises gradually and becomes more settled or abiding. With one exception (Rom. 2:8) thumos appears only in Revelation (14:10,19; 15:1,7; 16:1) with reference to God's wrath. Orge is the more general word for the wrath of God (cf. Matt. 3:7; John 3:36; Rom. 1:18; 2:5; Col. 3:6; Rev. 6:16 f.; 19:15). The two words appear together in Romans 2:8 where they are rendered "indignation and wrath" (orge kai thumos). The gradual and abiding indignation bursts forth in boiling wrath or retribution (cf. Revelation).

The wrath of God (orgē) has been defined as the law of God in operation (cf. Rom. 1:18). God's laws are for man's good. When he defies them they go right on work-

ing, and man is broken on them. Cf. law of gravity and the "wages of sin". Thus the wrath of God is not an emotion of God, but His fixed resistance to rebellion against His law.

God has not appointed man to wrath (I Thess. 5:9). We are children of wrath because of our sinful nature (Eph. 2:3; cf. John 3:36). Through Christ man may be saved from God's wrath (Rom. 5:9).

On the cross God poured out His wrath on Christ, not as a personal sinner but as one who became sin for us (II Cor. 5:21). Thus the sin-death principle operated in Him as He completely identified Himself with sinful man not as a participant in sin but as the sin bearer (John 1:29).

Over against the wrath of God (Rom. 1:18) the gospel declares the righteousness of God (Rom. 1:17), God's activity in Christ whereby He declares us righteous as though we had not sinned. This He does as we believe in Christ as Saviour (Rom. 1:-16). Henceforth we abide not under God's wrath but in His mercy and grace (Eph. 2:1-7).

might be considered in the light of the "love feast" of the New Testament, and that it was a dramatic way to symbolize the fellowship of those attending the conference.

The unity talks were conducted as a "grass roots" movement without "official" representation from either of the two conventions. The executive secretaries, of both conventions, however, had been notified of

the group. Pastors and laymen without "official" position in either convention constituted the conference.

The informal Baptist unity committee is headed by Howard R. Stewart, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dover, Delaware. Edwin H. Frey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., is publicity chairman.

beyond our borders some top flight speakers have been scheduled, including Dr. Cal Guy of Fort Worth, Texas, Dr. Carl Bates of Charlotte, North Carolina and Dr. Monroe Swilley of Atlanta, Georgia. The latter two will bring final messages on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The Convention will act on nominations proposed by the Committee on Boards and the Committee on Committees. Reports of these two committees have been previously printed (Oct. 11 and 25) in BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

A new President is to be elected Wednesday afternoon. The Convention proceeds on the basis of officers serving for one year only. Dr. Warren Rust of Cleveland will preside over this year's sessions, assisted by

Pastor James Craine of First Church, Gallatin and Dr. Lowell Adams of Memphis, the two vice-presidents. If the Convention follows its custom of rotating its President among the three grand divisions of the state, the new President will be a middle Tennessean. Vice-presidents will be selected from the other two sections of the state.

Every Tennessee Baptist church should be represented at Gatlinburg. Messengers should be formally elected. Only messengers will be eligible to vote. Visitors are welcome, however. See that your church has the number of messengers it is entitled to at Gatlinburg. No church can have more than ten.

It will be a democratic gathering. Come praying that it will be a Spirit-directed one.

Revival services at Trace Creek Church, Denver, October 14-21, resulted in six for baptism, two by letter and four rededications. Assisting Pastor Herman J. Ellis were Robert E. Brown, Jr., pastor of First Church, Alamo, and Adam Gebhardt, Jr., pastor of Richland Church, Nashville.

Little Doe Church in Watauga Association has called Franklin D. Hall as pastor. Hall previously served as pastor of Immanuel Southern Baptist Church of Denver, Col. He is a trustee of the Security Bond Corporation of the Colorado Baptist General Convention; was the director of the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Center in Denver, and held offices in both the State Convention and the Denver Association of Southern Baptists. A native of Newport News, Va., he is married and has one daughter.

New River Association elected Lewis Bratcher of First Church, Oneida, moderator; Dale Smith, pastor of First Church, Huntsville, assistant moderator; Guy C. Jeffers of Oneida, clerk and treasurer; and Mrs. Ida Sexton of Huntsville, assistant clerk and treasurer. A new Constitution and By-laws were adopted.

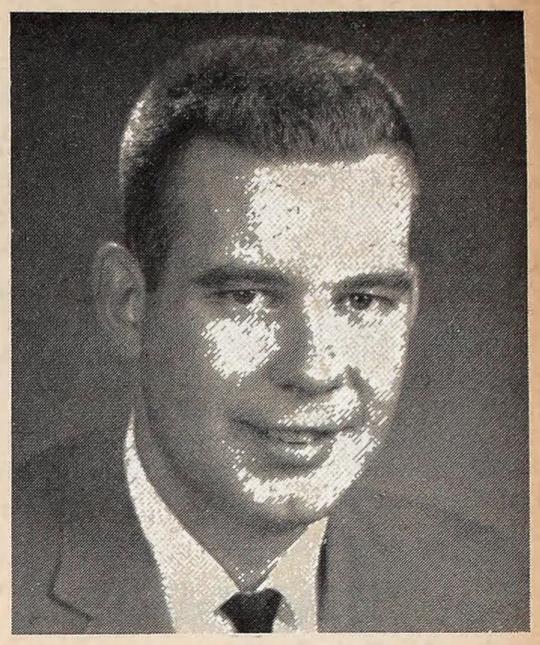
Hardeman Association—New Bethel has called Bertie Moore as pastor. The new pastor of Parran's Chapel is Rex L. Smith, formerly of First Church, Dover. Robert Louie Gibson was ordained to the gospel by Ebenezer Church, October 14. Gibson has been called as pastor of Elim Church, Big Hatchie Association.

Raymond Napier became pastor of Pleasant Hill Church in Robertson Association, November 4.

First Church, Lexington, mourns the death of John W. Stewart, their senior deacon. Mr. Stewart, 84, had been a member of this church for 68 years. Entering the drug business at the age of 10, he practiced his profession for 74 years. Brother and Mrs. Stewart prided themselves on the fact that their home had been the preacher's home through the years and had built a "prophet's chamber" on their home to facilitate the entertaining of ministers and friends. Pastor Edwin E. Deusner conducted his funeral October 23 using as his text "there was a man sent from God whose name was John."



MURFREESBORO—Shown looking over the program for the recent dedication service of Concord Association's new missionary home are I to r: Carl Daw, pastor, Third church and Chairman, Associational Finance Committee; V. Wayne Tarpley, pastor, First church, Smyrna and Associational Moderator and Mrs. Tarpley; Mrs. Thomas E. Bryant, Jr. and Rev. Bryant, Associational Missionary and Eugene Cotey, pastor, First church and Chairman, Home Selection Committee.



Darrell Alsip, the new minister of music at St. Elmo Avenue Church, Chattanooga, is a recent graduate of Carson-Newman College. He previously served at First Church, Dandridge, and has been a worker for the TBC Church Music Department the past two summers.

W. L. Baker, pastor of First Church, Donelson, did the preaching in revival services at First Church, Smyrna. There were seven for baptism and eleven additions by letter. V. Wayne Tarpley is pastor.

Revival services at First Church, Selmer, October 22-28, resulted in 10 additions by baptism. Jesse Newton, Collierville, was the evangelist and James Pulliam, Bolivar, led the singing. R. G. Elliott is pastor.

O. E. Turner has joined the First Church, Knoxville, staff as minister of visitation, with the primary responsibility of visiting shut-ins. Turner served as associate pastor of the Knoxville church from 1922-38 when he went to First Church, Cynthiana, Ky. In 1945 he became pastor of First Church, Paris, serving there until recently. He and Mrs. Turner will reside at 3622 Lucinda Drive, Knoxville.

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BWA Youth Committee Looks To Beirut

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BWA)—Members of the Baptist World Alliance Youth Department's Administrative Committee reported a "tremendous interest in plans for Beirut" when they recently met in Washington.

Their attention was focused on the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference, scheduled for Beirut, Lebanon, July 51-21, 1963.

Robert S. Denny, youth secretary, reported that an attendance of 3,000 is within easy reach, and that promotion of the meeting henceforth will be on a selective basis with the idea of getting the "widest possible representation from all countries where Baptists live and work."

With Bruce Neal of Toronto, Canada, serving as chairman, the committee drafted a tentative program for the Beirut meeting. The program theme "Jesus Christ—In a Changing World" will be developed in a series of study periods, discussion groups, and inspirational addresses.

Invitations to speakers and conference leaders are being extended at this time, Dr. Denny said, and names will be announced as soon as the invitations are accepted.

There is still time for people to make travel plans for the Beirut meeting, but Dr. Denny urged that such plans be initiated at the earliest possible moment. Approximately 135 tours are being offered to Baptists traveling from North America. Tours also are planned from many other countries. Some of these include travel around the world with Beirut only one of many fascinating stops.

A list of travel companies which are offering special tours is available on request from Dr. Denny's office at the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington 9, D. C. Young people



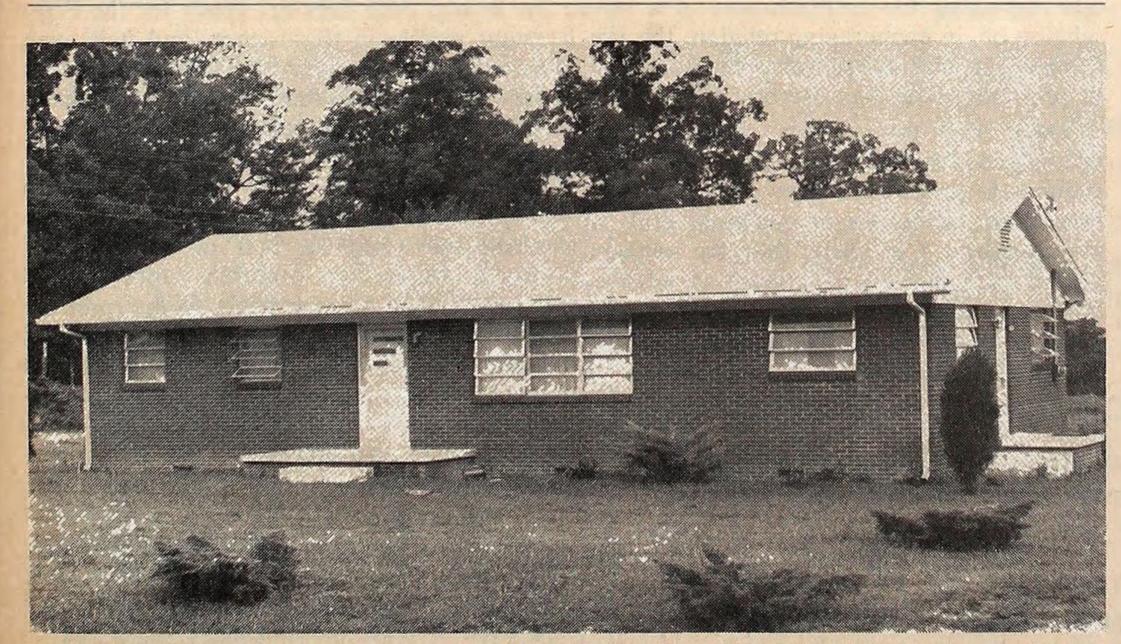
Don Morris, a native of Dyersburg, has joined the staff of First Church, Henderson, as minister of music. Morris received his bachelor of music degree from Union University. He is presently band director at Chester County High School in Henderson. He is married to the former Patricia Holland of Dyersburg.

W. E. Lindsey, who had been a member of Lutts Church, Lutts, since 1903, died October 20. He had served as executive committee member of the Indian Creek Baptist Association.

Perry Edward Glover, 82, of Harrison, died October 28. He was a charter member of the Harrison Church.

Newly ordained deacons at First Church, Iron City, are Melvin Richter and Owen Sandy. Abbie Thibodeau is pastor.

in countries other than North America are urged to contact the youth leader for their area.



This pastor's home was recently completed by Flat Gap Church in Jefferson Association. Valued at \$14,000, it has three bed rooms, bath, living room, kitchen, utility room and study. William F. Duncan serves as the church's pastor.



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listens to those removed officially from the institution, not only to "inside men" who pick up the lobby "gossip." He hears for himself.

A wise administrator does not confuse his loyalties. He does not allow himself to become more loyal to those responsible to him than he is to those to whom he is responsible. This seems so clear and, yet, many are confused.

There are two causes, neither academic nor theoretical, that require a firm direction from an administrator.

One, when an employee, associate, or staff member becomes a denominational liability, an administrator must administrate. One may become confused about when and at what point a person becomes a liability. Still he must act.

Two, when a person becomes an administrative problem, an administrator must move in for action.

These two simple things require a clear and unequivocal direction. This is the burden and price of administrative responsibility. If a man's nature is such that he cannot bear to be disliked and misunderstood, he cannot be an administrative head. If this type of thing gives one ulcers, he will have to find the more peaceful role of being supervised.

Southern Baptists are moving toward the time and place when they are going to say, Administrators: Administrate! Administrate in line with the wishes and purposes of your supporting constituency.—Lewis E. Rhodes, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville 17, Tenn.

Today's Flame-out Preaching!

• In St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews, 1:7, God said that He makes His Ministers as flames-of-fire.

He still kindles their hearts as flames-of-fire in

their beginnings today.

However in the Preacher's efforts to be polishedup in the Seminaries, I feel that those flaming spirits that purpose to kindle the World-for-the-Lord, somehow, become deplorably subdued. The flame becomes quenched by teaching emphasis on theological analyzings rather than stimulating zeal in propounding the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to spiritually dying men.

How can Preachers be "Refiners-fires" and "fullers-sope" in cleansing members of their congregation when they do not narrow the accusative sermon to those individuals they are standing before?

His talking about the faults in general of our whole society does not help individuals. The Preacher is not burdened with the responsibilities of saving-society. His responsibility is toward saving the individual and to let the individual save society.

Without God's spiritual food pouring forth from the Preacher into the hearts of individual—then the effectiveness of individual Christians wither. Withered souls cannot alone stay the hell-bent forward lunge of the society they are in.

Only God-fed-faithful-souls can stand forth "alone" when necessary and bind-up the sinful wounds of a harassed and sick society.

Think of the lights of God-illuminated lives of Christian men and women that shine forth to dispel sin and darkness in the world. We can be one of them.—John W. Gonce, 2810 Woodlawn Dr., Nashville, Tenn.



Shall We Amend The Amendment?

Before me are dozens of suggested amendments to the First Amendment to the Constitution of the U.S.A. While many of them are obviously not offered seriously, yet there are some which merit alertness. From the viewpoint of our interest in religious liberty there are two groups of suggestions that need to be clearly understood.

The avalanche of amendments was set loose by the Supreme Court decision last June 25. In that decision the Court said that it is not the business of government, local, state, or national, to formulate and prescribe or promote prayers to be used in the public schools. While this decision set the amending impulses in motion, the ice and the rocks which came sliding down were already up there on the mountainside. The objectives and the goals sought are obviously only slightly related to the prayer decision as such; this is merely an occasion for larger projects.

Some of the amendments concern themselves with an effort to define an area in which the state governments and their agencies shall be free of the restraints of the federal Constitution. These look for change in the Fourteenth Amendment which makes the First Amendment applicable also to the states.

The proposals offered with this objective seem to say that established religion is acceptable provided it is done by state law. So the Court decision is criticized because it set aside a state law.

"It is none of the Supreme Court's business," said an irate correspondent, who nonetheless had to admit that he did not want government agencies telling him or his children what or how they should pray.

On the other hand, to those who emphasize the ministry of the Holy Spirit in a person's prayer life, and who are convinced of the futility of religious ideas or practices imposed by law, state law is no better than federal law as a guide to prayer. To be sure, "disestablishment" took place state by state,

and a "new establishment" could come again state by state. Some states would then be "Baptist states," others would be "Catholic states," and some could be Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian or Mormon. Each in his own way could then form and use the powers of that state to gain the conformity of children, the economic support of the parents, and the regulations of community standards.

The result as far as religious liberty is concerned, is whether the force of law shall be used to such ends, not whether the law should be state or federal. Fortunately, in the course of history our nation has become one nation in this matter. Unfortunate indeed would be the division of our nation into several religious areas and so many religious blocs.

Other amendments, mostly offered by churchmen, aim at a revision of the First Amendment so as to permit the use of state power to aid religion provided no discrimination is involved among the various religious movements and no one church established or preferred. Episcopalian Bishop James Pike proposed that the phrase "An establishment of religion" be restated as "The recognition of an established church of any denomination, sect or organized religious association."

Cardinal Spellman, a conservative representative of the Roman Catholic faith, wants it put this way: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of a state religion or, in encouraging religion, the preferment of any religion or denomination, or prohibiting the free exercise of religion."

These, and many other clergymen, are drawing on their historic insights and backgrounds to propose that the powers of state should be usable for the religious ends of the churches. Obviously, they are not convinced that the use of powers to advance religion is dangerous to the quality of religious conviction and participation.

Can the "States Rights" concern team up

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with the desire of some religious leaders for government support to produce a movement toward change in the American constitutional tradition? Politically speaking, it would seen strange to find Cardinal Spellman and Senator Eastland teamed up in this effort. Yet apparently it was Senator Eastland who opened the door of the Senate Judiciary Committee to hear what Bishop Pike had to say on the subject, when he did not have time to hear others. Fortunately, Bishop Pike does not speak for the Protestant people in this matter, and it is even doubtful whether Cardinal Spellman speaks for the Roman Catholic people on the subject. Let us hope the First Amendment stands.

Should any of these amendments win the favor of two-thirds of each of the two houses of Congress and of three-fourths of the states, the Supreme Court would have to begin all over again to interpret the new amendment. The new situation would open the doors to endless questions and cases, as well as to a great scramble of ecclesiastical powers to undergird their programs with the powers of governments—"without discrimination," of course!

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States. If this were not so, our hands abroad

would be weakened, and thousands of

people would be by-passed in our witness to

those for whom we have responsibility near

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But in sounding that call for a worldwide task there is at the same time deep concern for every one of our state Cooperative Program causes. We thank God for our Baptist schools, hospitals, orphanages, homes for older people, programs of state missions, student work, and state Baptist papers. Each of these ministries has its own distinctive contribution to make. We would be weakened by the loss of any of them. Many of these ministries not only serve immediately needs at hand, but serve as training ground for the servants of God who cross the world in ministries afar.

It is a blessing to observe how concern for the whole wide world is found at the heart of the state Cooperative Program causes. The programs of evangelism and church development, which are led so ably in our states, keep at their heart our Lord's summons to witness in His name throughout all the world. As the fires of evangelism are kindled and people are taught the Word of God in Sunday schools and led into wider areas of understanding through Training Union programs, motivations are generated which reach on out to the ends of the earth in their full expression.

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Sunday School Department

Foreign Missions To Be Observed December 2-9, 1962, In The Churches

The tollowing letter was sent out from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Education Division, Sunday School Department, A. V. Washburn, Secretary.

"Dear Friends:

"There are many ways to tell the story of a need. One of the best is to ask a leader to do the job—hence this letter to you. We want to share with you a tremendous responsibility for a worldwide effort, the coming Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 2-9. Since 1888 Woman's Missionary Union has sponsored this time of prayer. study, and giving. Pastors and Sunday school leaders have wonderfully supported the Week of Prayer and the offering. Last Christmas Southern Baptists gave the greatest single mission offering in their history, amounting to \$9,315,754.78.

"This year, for the first time, the Denominational Calendar lists Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday school as the Sunday following the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 9. It has become traditional for many pastors to preach on foreign missions the Sunday preceding. Thus the dates for 1962 encompass the two Sundays, December 2 and December 9.

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"So much to say on just one page! So much depends on it. This letter comes from hearts burdened with the almost insurmountable task of getting this appeal to every Southern Baptist who should join in this time of praying and giving. Will you urge Adult, Young People's, and Intermediate superintendents, especially, to use the assembly programs for this appeal and provide everyone with offering envelopes. If you will assume a part of this assignment, we shall surely reach the hearts of the people in every church.

Sincerely and gratefully,

(Signed) Mrs. R. L. Mathis
Woman's Missionary Union
President

(Signed) A. V. Washburn, Secretary Sunday School Department"

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Ernest Talmadge Jackson, South Brazil Birthday—May 10

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Court Delays Decision On School Religion

WASHINGTON (BP)—Supreme Court decisions on religious practices in public schools will be delayed until after the first of the year and possibly until later in the spring, according to developments here.

Oral arguments in the Pennsylvania and Maryland cases involving state laws requiring the reading of the Bible and reciting the Lord's Prayer have been delayed until the middle of January and possibly later.

The appellants have been given 60 days in which to file additional briefs, and the respondents will normally be given a further 30 days to reply.

Since the nine Justices usually take two or three months to prepare their opinions in important cases, this means it may be April or May at the earliest, before the decision can be expected according to observers at the Supreme Court.

At the same time it appears likely that the Supreme Court will not agree to hear the Florida case on religious practices in the public schools of Dade County along with the Pennsylvania and Maryland cases. There is a technical legal difference in the Florida case, which makes it doubtful that the Justices will hear it with the others.

The Pennsylvania and Maryland cases involve constitutional challenges to state laws. The Florida case, however, started as a petition for an injunction, asking the Dade County Circuit Court to prohibit certain practices in the county's public schools. The Circuit Court granted the petition in part, but denied it in part.

The Court may allow the Florida case to remain on the docket until after it has decided the other cases. Then it may be decided without further hearing on the basis of the previous decision.

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By Oscar Lee Rives

MAN

TEXTS: Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 8; Matthew 6:24-34; Hebrews 2:6-18 (Larger)— Psalm 8:3-8; Matthew 6:24-33 (Printed).

Notice should be given to the two passages listed in the larger lesson but not mentioned in the printed lesson. In the first of these, Genesis 1:26-31, a prominent teaching is that man was created as a person. This means, among other things, that man is self-conscious and has a conscience. He has the power of choice. He engages in the act of worship. In the second of these, Hebrews 2:6-18, another teaching is apparent. It is that man, as a result of his sinning, needs redemption; and that Jesus Christ has provided for that redemption. Because He died on the Cross in behalf of all men, the salvation of all men becomes a possibility. It is then by creation and by re-creation, and by a contemplation of these two processes, that one is able to glimpse the majestic doctrine of man. And these two concepts are seen in the two printed passages for our study.

DIGNITY AND DOMINION (Ps. 8:3-8)

Man was made "a little lower than the angels". Another version has it "a little lower than God". This is a reminder of his dignity. He is no ordinary creature. Instead he is an extraordinary creature. Some early words of the book of Genesis are "and man became a living soul". Scholars are not agreed as to what the words mean but they are agreed in observing that this statement is not made concerning any other creature.

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When one looks into the face of a man one sees the reflection or the image, marred as it may be, of Almighty God.

Man was also made "to have dominion over the works of thy hands". What a glorious privilege! What an awesome responsibility! In the past man has been conquering the larger animals. Now he is conquering the small ones, so tiny that they can only be seen through the microscope. For a long time he looked up to the stars and wondered about them. Now he plans to visit some of those that are not too far away. Let it be so if he remains humble in spirit.

It is when such thoughts fill our minds that the words of Kipling should come as solemn reminders for us to pray, "Lord God of hosts, be with us yet; lest we forget, lest we forget". Satan's fall from heaven, man's expulsion from the Garden, the Confusion at Babel—all constitute warning signals for a pride that gets out of control which leads to open defiance of the Creator upon man's part. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18). But man's dominion, under God, is a Scriptural truth.

DECISION AND DISCRIMINATION (Mt. 6:24-33)

Man is re-made when he exercises his power of decision in the right direction. This is true because "no man can serve two masters". Apart from the all-important decision with reference to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, a person that is accountable before God is bound by sin. Thus his chief concern is for self and selfish interests. Whether he realies it or not he is a slave of evil. When he sees God in Christ and turns his entire being towards Him, in genuine repentance and faith, he experiences what the Bible speaks of as regeneration or the birth "from above". The divine part comes through the Holy Spirit. The human part comes through his decision.

Man is re-made in order that he might carry out the words of Jesus when he said here, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God." This is the most exalted example of

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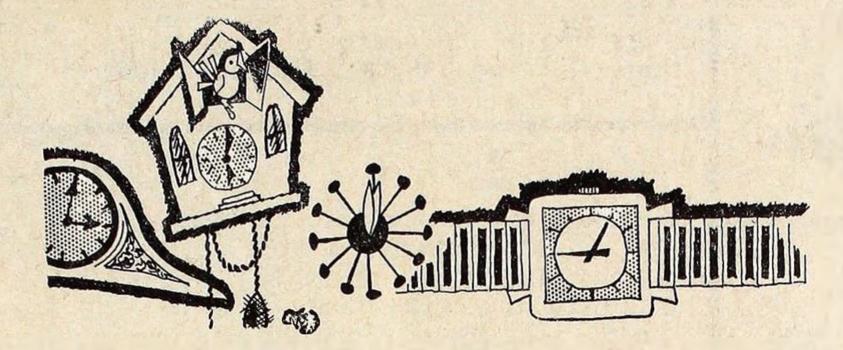
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discrimination to be imagined. In essence it means to be concerned about the matters that matter most. When this guides in thought and aspiration all anxiety disappears. When the Kingdom is the supreme goal for the Christian his life and character shine with a glory comparable to that of the lilies of the field. He forgets himself and remembers only Christ and His cause. Then he begins to live the kind of life that is high and holy, eternal and uplifting.

God made man for Himself. He was created with the power to choose. His choice of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit but at the same time freely made, lifts him to divine status. Other creatures obey God instinctively but man obeys Him freely and lovingly. The first creation should lead to the second creation. Otherwise man's life on the earth ends in tragedy and despair.

Children's Page



If There Were No Clocks* By Jane Haebig

What if there were no clocks? What would tell us to get up? What would tell us to go to bed. Could we get along without clocks?

Yes, we could manage easily. There are many other ways of telling time besides looking at clocks. The sun tells us it is time to get up. When the sun is high overhead, it is noon. When it disappears at sunset, we know the time has come to go to bed.

If you want to watch the passing of the hours of the day, thrust a pointed stick into the ground some sunny day. Draw a circle around the stick. Place a few stones at equal distances around the circle. The shadow of the stick will move around those stones as the day passes. This is a sundial, one of the very first man-made clocks known.

Our bodies tell us it is time for breakfast or lunch. We don't need a clock to tell us we are hungry, tired, or thirsty. Our brain takes care of that.

Watching our feathered friends, the birds, helps us to tell time. Birds come out regularly to feed. They come out early in the morning, again about ten o'clock, and on through the day.

One can tell when it is nearing four o'clock in the winter. Then birds will start flocking to a feeder. They know it will soon be dark and then there will be no time to get food. During the long days of summer, birds start their evening meal much later in the day.

Even flowers help us to tell time. Some flowers like the morning-glory close during the day and open again as evening approaches. One flower is so accurate about opening that it is called the four-o'clock. It usually opens about four in the afternoon.

Others like the sunflower seem to follow the sun as it moves across the sky. In the morning the sunflower faces east. During the day it moves with the sun, and at night it is facing west.

Time doesn't stop just because a clock stops. It goes on and on. The next time the

power goes off and the electric clock stops, look around and try to discover a new way to tell the time of day. Maybe you will be the one to discover a way to tell time that is as interesting as the ones used by ancient Chinese runners.

These runners had no clocks at all. They would run awhile with their messages. Then they would rest awhile. Before their rest periods the Chinese runners put a piece of slow-burning wood between their toes. Then they would lie down, confident they wouldn't oversleep, for when the wood burned down to the toe the runners would feel it, wake up, and continue running.

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God's Wondrous World* The Wonder of the Earthworm By Thelma C. Carter

Most of us have seen an earthworm. It is a purple-green, pencil-shaped worm, six to eight inches long. It crawls over the earth in a waving motion, first lengthening and then shortening.

Earthworms are usually found in warm, moist soil under decayed logs, lumber, and debris.

Even in warm, pleasant weather earthworms stay in the ground. Living in damp burrows under the earth's surface, they come out only in the darkness of the night or in the evening after the birds are asleep.

When earthworms come to the surface even in the darkness, they keep their tails in the openings to the burrows. Then they can slide back quickly into the safety of their underground homes if danger comes.

Nature's wonderful birds, being very keen of eye, can spot a juicy earthworm in the early dimness of a new morning. That is one reason we hear so much bird chatter at dawn. Then earthworms and insects are venturing into daylight for their drink of dew or rainfall.

For many creatures, including fish, snakes, toads, insects, and birds, the earthworm is their favorite food. Strangely,

Laughs

The book salesman knew his job.

"This book," he said, "will do half your work for you."

"Good," was the reply. "I'll take two."

The reason ideas perish quickly in some heads is because they can't stand solitary confinement.

The young fellow was new in the store business. "Have you an account here, ma'am?" he asked.

"No," the lady replied, "but I would like to see the manager."

He led her into the manager's office and announced: "A no-account lady to see you, sir."

"If there's anything wrong with me," the man told his doctor, "don't scare me by giving it a complicated scientific name. Just tell me in plain English."

"Well, to be frank," said the doctor, "You're just lazy."

"Thanks," sighed the patient "Now give me a scientific name for it so I can go home and tell my wife."

Did you hear the big news? My dog visited a flea circus and stold the show!

these animals have learned to swallow the earthworm head first to avoid the danger of having their meal crawl out of their throats.

Earthworms feed mainly upon organic matter, actually eating a good deal of earth. We are told by scientists that earthworms are among Nature's treasured possessions. Through their tunneling underground, earthworms may carry more than eighteen tons of earth to the ground surface on one acre of land in a year.

God's plan for his wondrous world is a never-ceasing miracle. The psalmist realized the great wisdom and mercy of God when he said: "O Lord, how manifold are thy works!" (Psalm 104:24).



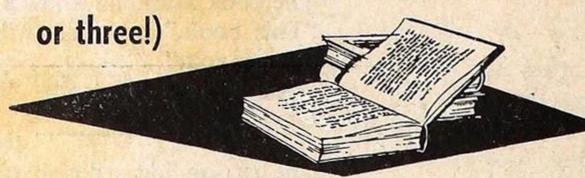
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