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Veterans Memorial Auditorium
— Columbus, Ohio —

Although it is not until May 18th, we should, nevertheless, be making plans NOW to attend the STATE-WIDE OARBC YOUTH RALLY which is to be held in the beautiful Veterans Memorial Auditorium on East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. All data regarding the program, registration and the like will be found on page four of this issue. It is hoped that 2500 young people will attend the rally. Plan on being there!

Special Features . . .

- ★ Census In Galilee John Greening
- ★ The Un-Involved Christian Dorothy Shollenberger
- ★ Satan's Symphony of Confusion James Efaw

The Unsealed Sepulchre

by John Lineberry

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:20).

Tremendous theme, thrilling our hearts! Gloriously ineffable proclamation, strengthening our souls! Triumph! Victory! Empty Tomb! Good News! What? Our Lord's resurrection, refreshing our spirits with renewed courage!

The words "is risen" come from *egeiro*, "to raise up," "to cause to appear." The verb is in the perfect tense, the significance of which sets forth the certain, indisputable fact of Christ's resurrection. The word "resurrection" is from *anastasis*, "a raising up from the dead," emphasizing the bodily, literal resurrection of our Lord.

Remember: It was not the rising up of a ghost, phantom, or spirit, but the coming forth of a person, that person, our Lord, Who is wonderful, blessed, holy, righteous, living, our dear Saviour!

Need we to remind ourselves that the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, is a cardinal tenet of the Christian Faith, a potent power of our faith in these troublous times?

The divine triumph wrought in Christ's coming forth from the dead, honors His matchless Name, demonstrates His supernatural power, vindicates God's righteous throne, strikes death a devastating blow, kindles new hope in our hearts, causing our lips to praise the Lord for His grace, manifested mercy, limitless love in

our salvation, speaking sweetest comfort to our hearts. Moreover, Christ's resurrection puts His foes to flight, and assures us victory over the enemy in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christ's resurrection is not a hidden secret to be sought, not a myth needing shameful apology, but a fact of Faith, demanding and worthy of fullest acceptance — a fact clothed in miraculous might, supernatural glory, and blessed power.

All the modernist's apostasy, all the atheist's unbelief, all the infidel's disregard for the Word of God, all the agnostic's ignorance cannot ever mitigate against the fact of Christ's resurrection, any more than one could sink an ocean liner with a water pistol.

Arrogant, unfounded denials, blasphemous rejection cannot invalidate the overwhelming certainty of Christ's glorious resurrection. No one can blot out the resurrection fact of Christ. It cannot succumb to destruction since it is fortified by minutest historical accuracy and grounded in the unimpeachable integrity of God's Word!

Thank God for His sovereign display of omnipotent demonstration in unsealing the sealed sepulchre. Let us, then, go forth to present the dynamic gospel of our living Saviour to a dying world lost in the wretchedness of sin!

Greetings! The Lord is Risen!

by Clarence Townsend

As Earth begins her frozen state to change,
And flow'rs their covenant with man renew;
As Heaven's showers fall in manners strange,
And trees their leaves reveal for all the view;

When Winter's snows begin a fast retreat,
And waters swiftly flow in brook and rill
Intent with wider, swifter streams to meet,
And with the small the large o'erflowing fill,
My heart looks up to God Who giveth all.

With wond'ring gaze I seek for His intent,
Who showers blessings on both great and small,
Until my finite energies are spent.
Then gently speaks He to this groping one:
"Spring tells the resurrection of My Son!"

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Pastoral Changes Throughout our State Fellowship

A number of changes are being made in our OARBC fellowship. We list here those of which we are cognizant. We would appreciate it if our churches would keep us informed so that we might give each one equal recognition.

Rev. David McClain is leaving the Avon Baptist Church, Avon, Ohio. Brother McClain has accepted a call to serve with the Baptist Bible Seminary.

Rev. Dale E. Fisher is now pastoring the Highview Avenue Baptist Church in Akron.

Rev. John Allen has resigned from the Trinity Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio, to accept a call to the Evergreen Baptist Church, Michigan City, Indiana.

Rev. John D. Yardlay has completed his work at North Jackson and is now serving at the Grace Baptist Church in Troy, Ohio.

Rev. Marvin Werbeach has accepted a call to the Independent Baptist Church of North Jackson, Ohio having resigned his pastorate at New Lyme, Ohio.

Rev. Robert D. McCarthy is now serving in Winston-Salem, N. Carolina having resigned from his work at the Washington Hts. Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. *Dr. Arthur Williams* is now serving as Interim Pastor at the Washington Hts. Church.

Dr. Otis Holmes has resigned his work at the Temple Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Ohio to accept a call to a work in North Charleston, South Carolina.

Rev. Donald Beightol is now ministering at the West Side Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio.

Rev. Edward Hamilton has been called to minister at the Harmony Baptist Church in Fulton, Ohio.

Rev. Donald H. MacKenzie has accepted a call to pastor the First Baptist Church of London, Ohio.

SHEPHERDS WORKSHOP & RALLY

Saturday, April 20, 1968

at

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

10204 Ravenna Road

Twinsburg, Ohio

WORKSHOP SESSION 2:30 P.M.

HOW TO ESTABLISH AND TEACH A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR RETARDED CHILDREN. DEMONSTRATION CLASS, BY STAFF AND CHILDREN FROM SHEPHERDS.

Area Rally — 7:30 P.M.

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While all of us may not be good salvation salesmen as we would like to be, there are things to do to help those who are!

There are many, many consecrated souls who either accepted Christ as personal Saviour, while enjoying the warm fellowship of other young vacationers at Camp Patmos or were so strongly convicted there that they later converted their conviction to action. Young souls need such togetherness and spiritual leadership today more than ever in this increasingly apostate and demoralized era.

Camp Patmos needs the prayer,

physical and material assistance you may be able to supply, if you are a little more than "ALMOST PERSUADED." Won't you seriously consider doing more than just "wishing well" the few dedicated helpers this year?

Year after year some laymen arrange to spend some of their vacation time during Work Week at Patmos . . . it's fun, helpful and useful in the Lord's Service. Because of this volunteer assistance, which is not without real dividends to the donors, the camp fees are lower than at most camps. More than usual help is needed this year because of new major improvements that have been planned for some time.

GOOD! We thought you'd like to come, after thinking it over! We'll sure be glad to see you there! Now! here's what you do . . . Bring blankets or sleeping bag, work clothes, your Bible, your ambition, and, Oh yes!, your fishing gear. You don't need to call or write to anyone . . . to fill in any forms or applications or pay any registration fee . . . just come!

The Camp also has real need of a **GOOD SERVICEABLE BUS** and a **TWO-WHEEL UTILITY TRAILER**. If you can assist in supplying these, please contact **SHELDON FISHER**, 15386 So. Boone Road, Columbia (216) 236-3315.

Car Given in Appreciation



Recently the Regular Baptist Churches of Southern Ohio presented Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Steed a 1964 Ford Fairlane 500 automobile as an expression of appreciation for their faithful and sacrificial service.

Brother Steed is Caretaker of Scioto Hills Baptist Camp. The gift was suggested by Mr. Carl Bonzo, a deacon of Temple Baptist Church, Portsmouth, and promoted among the constituent churches by the Camp Administrative Committee.

Shown in the picture is Pastor Donald Grollmund, Wheelersburg, Ohio, Chairman of the Scioto Hills Camp Administrative Committee, presenting the keys and title to the automobile to Mr. and Mrs. Steed while Mr. Bonzo looks on.

Calendar of Events

Editor's Note — It was suggested that we run a CALENDAR OF EVENTS column for the O.I.B. readers. These are dates that have to do with events pertaining to our OARB Fellowship *as a whole*. We would appreciate being reminded of any important dates that we may have inadvertently overlooked! This CALENDAR OF EVENTS, the Lord willing, will be a monthly feature.

- April 12, 13 — Youth Soul Winning Clinic, Cedarville, Ohio
- April 16 — OARBC W.M.U., State Meeting, Cedarville, Ohio
- April 20 — Talents for Christ Contest (State), Cedarville, Ohio
- April 29, 30 — OARBC Council of Ten, Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio
- May 18 — State-Wide Youth Rally, Veterans Aud., Columbus, Ohio
- May 27 - June 1 — Work Week at Camp Patmos, Kelleys Island, Ohio
- June 6 — Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland Commencement Services
- June 6, 7, 8 — OARBC MEN'S RETREAT, Camp Patmos, Kelleys Island, Ohio
- June 7, 8 — Cedarville College Baccalaureate and Commencement Services
- June 24-28 — National GARBC Conference, Rochester, New York
- September 9-12 — Cedarville College Pastors Conference, Cedarville, Ohio
- October 14-16 — OARBC Annual State Conference, Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio — Women's Missionary Union (State-wide) will also meet at this time.

Young People!

This Is For You!

Now hear this! Now hear this!! Plans have been set up for a STATE-WIDE YOUTH RALLY. It is hoped that 2500 young people of our OARBC Fellowship will be in attendance. The date of the rally is May 18. The place — the beautiful VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM in Columbus, Ohio. This spacious building is ideal for such a rally. It has been used by some of the outstanding artists of the world because of its excellent acoustics.

YOUNG PEOPLE — *you won't want to miss this affair!* Everyone is urged to be at the auditorium by 12:00 noon. The program will get under way at 12:45 sharp!

An exciting program has been planned. Principle speaker for the occasion is Rev. Fred Bischoff, Director of "Truth for Youth" in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Schedule for the day reads as follows. . .

- *12:00 Registration begins
- 12:45 Singpiration
- 1:15 Opening Service — Rev. Bischoff to speak
- 1:50 Seminar Orientation
- 2:10 First Seminar
- 2:35 Break
- 2:45 Second Seminar
- 3:10 Break
- 3:20 TEEN DRIVERS — Facts on Driving presented by State Highway Patrolman
- 3:50 Break
- 4:00 Third Seminar
- 4:25 Break
- 4:35 Fourth Seminar
- 5:00 Chow Time
- 6:00 Sacred Concert — Presentation of Patmos and Scioto Hills
- 6:30 Singpiration
- 7:10 Message — Rev. Fred Bischoff
- 7:50 Benediction

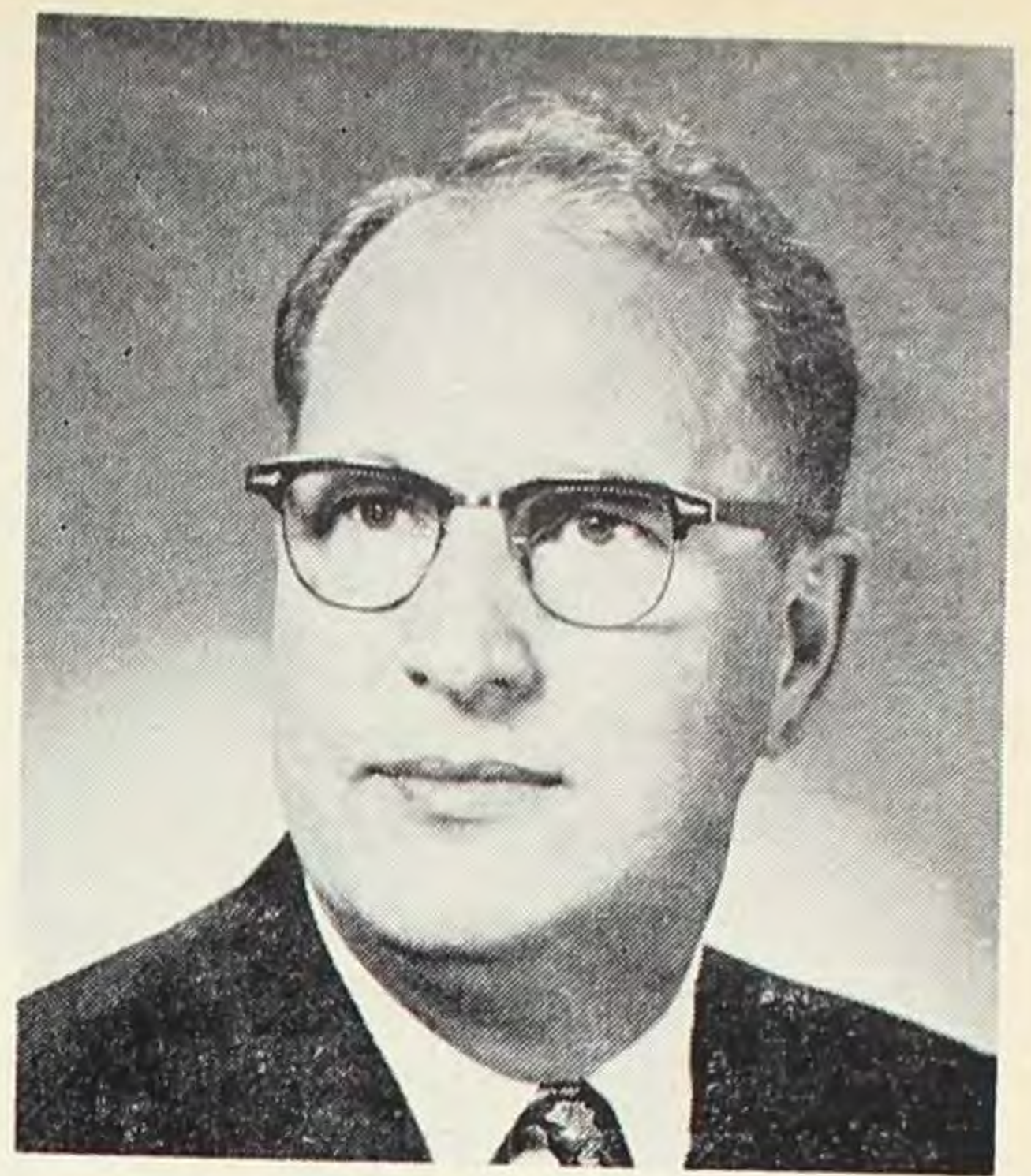
**ALL REGISTRATIONS should be mailed to Rev. Kenneth Andrus, Blessed Hope Baptist Church, 316 S. Kensington Place, Springfield, Ohio — 45503. Registrations made in advance and postmarked no later than May 1st will only cost \$2.00. All registrations made later than May 1st will cost \$2.25 per person. *Mail your registration in today!*

WORKSHOPS to be presented during the "seminars" are. . .

"Call To Missions" — Dr. Allen Lewis, "Facing The Communist Threat" — Rev. Garrison Rice, "Hip, Hairy and Hippie" (Facing the Teen Rebellion) — Rev. Bob Whitney, "How To Know God's Will" — Rev. John Strong, "Secrets of Quiet Time" — Rev. Woodrow McCaleb, "Temptations Typical to Teens" — Rev. Donald Sewell, "Who Says You Can't Roller Skate In a Buffalo Herd?" — Rev. Kenneth Andrus, "Today Determines Tomorrow" (College Guide Lines) — Dr. Clifford Johnson, "Teens Winning Teens" — Mr. Mike Hooks, "Tips for Teens" (Boys Only) — Dr. Don Snyder, M. D. "Tips for Teens" (Girls Only) — Dr. Jon Rouch, M.D., "Ministering to Today's Youth" (This seminar for pastors, sponsors and adult leaders of youth) — Rev. David Truit and Rev. Bruce Snyder, "Teen and Tyrants" (This seminar dealing with parent-teacher relationships) — Dr. Robert Gilbert.

Census In Galilee

While out East in special meetings this past Fall, we had called to our attention the following article which appeared in the pages of *The Evening Bulletin*. It is a terrible article and we only run it to show the perverseness of human nature and too, to make known the gracious and well written reply of Rev. John E. Greening. This pastor is one of our G.A.R.B. men pastoring the Fellowship Baptist Church in the city of Philadelphia. First, we quote the article — "in full" . . . and then Brother Greening's reply.



Rev. John E. Greening

this is the article . . .

The census-taker from Rome was sent to Galilee around the year 28 A.D. As he entered the region, he came across a man sitting on a donkey. The man had long hair and a flowing beard; he wore an old tattered cloak, sandals and beads.

"Pardon me," the census-taker said, "but I'm taking the census. Do you mind answering a few questions?"

"Not at all," said the man on the donkey, "I believe in rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

"What is your job?" asked the census-taker.

"I have no job," replied the man. "Consider the lilies of the field — they toil not, neither do they spin."

"Where is your family?"

"I have no family," the man answered. "I have left my parents and my brothers and sisters, and I live alone."

"Humph," muttered the census-taker to himself. "No job and no family. Now, do you belong to any clubs or have social affiliations?"

"None," said the man. "For no man can serve two masters."

"Do you go to school?"

"Nay," replied the man, "for which of us by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?"

"Do you have any money or visible means of support?"

The man shook his head. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt," he chanted.

"Have you registered for military service?"

"I resist not evil, but return good for evil," replied the man. "And whosoever shall smite me on the right cheek, I shall turn to him the other also."

"What is your address?"

The man sighed, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but I have not anywhere to lay my head."

"Who are your friends?"

"I go among publicans and sinners."

"What political party do you belong to?"

The man shrugged, "Only this — a new commandment I give unto you: That ye love one another."

The census-taker scribbled on his sheet: "Beatnik character, school drop-out, no permanent address, no job, probable draft-dodger and pacifist, alienated from family, no wife or children, no church attendance, dubious associates among lowest elements in town."

this — the reply!

November 9, 1967

Mr. Sydney J. Harris
c/o The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin
P. O. Box No. 8185
Philadelphia, Pa. 19101

Dear Mr. Harris:

Your column captioned "Census in Galilee" appeared in the Saturday issue of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

The Lord has laid it upon my heart to write you a letter which I want to be full of compassion toward you.

You began your article with this paragraph: "The census-taker from Rome was sent to Galilee around the year 28 A.D. As he entered the region, he came across a man sitting on a donkey. The man had long hair and a flowing beard; he wore an old tattered cloak, sandals and beads."

Your description of the man does not exactly match my conception, but I assume, Mr. Harris, that you are writing about my Friend and Saviour whose name is Jesus.

Then you continue with numbers of questions from this fictional census-taker, and with quotations from the teachings of Jesus.

You concluded your newspaper article with this paragraph: "The

census-taker scribbled on his sheet: 'Beatnik character, school drop-out, no permanent address, no job, probably draft-dodger and pacifist, alienated from family, no wife or children, no church attendance, dubious associates among lowest elements in town.'

That's how you concluded your column, Mr. Harris.

Now, I am so happy that I can tell you something quite different about Jesus that you missed — in fact, three wonderful, compassionate truths.

The first is that Jesus Himself said, recorded in Matthew 12:32, "Who-soever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him." Mr. Harris, isn't it wonderful that even though you wrote those things against Jesus, He Himself has said that you have not passed beyond the possibility of forgiveness! Pause over that — there is forgiveness waiting for you even though you wrote that article which appeared last Saturday. I want you to be able to rejoice with me over the forgiveness of Jesus. We both need it, and we both can receive it.

The second compassionate truth is the good news that comes from the cross of Calvary. In His very first cry from Calvary as recorded in Luke 23:34 Jesus prayed — "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Mr. Harris, it thrills me to tell you that Jesus prayed for you on the cross of Calvary, where He was dying for my sins and yours. I'm so glad He prayed for forgiveness for sins of ignorance, aren't you? It is so obvious that your ignorance of Jesus made you do what you did when you wrote that article about Jesus.

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Will Not Accept Government Aid

The Trustees of Cedarville College have passed the following resolution regarding state and federal aid. "Whereas, it is the policy of Cedarville College to uphold the Baptist distinctive of separation of Church and State. Be it resolved that Cedarville College maintain its facilities and academic program apart from government assistance." The college now qualifies for aid since being listed in the directory of the U. S. Office of Education. Students and faculty are permitted to participate in loan and grant programs on an individual basis.

A preliminary study of Cedarville College alumni (since 1953) brought a return of 62.2%. Of those replying, 31.8% are in full-time Christian service, and 49.0% are involved in part-time Christian service. About 80% of Cedarville College graduates are serving the Lord in some definite aspect of Christian service.

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Great Plans For Our Camps!

CAMP PATMOS is looking forward to one of the finest summers ever! More sailboats are being purchased which increases the size of their fleet to ten! You've never really had fun until you have been in a sailboat!

Also, more tandem bicycles have been bought, as well as, more air rifles! Other features are being considered and word concerning them will soon be forthcoming.

The cost at Patmos has been increased \$1.00. It now costs \$18.00 per young person. In these days of inflation, this is not much. Particularly is this true when you consider the charge that most Christian camps make! The reason for this increase is the increase in cost made by the Boat Line that transports our young people to and from Kelley's Island. This is the first raise they have made in the years we have had Camp Patmos.

Blessing at Sunbury

Pastor Martin E. Holmes reports that several decisions were made for Christ and hearts of believers were challenged during a recent special evangelistic effort at the Grace Baptist Church in Sunbury, Ohio. Guest evangelist for the occasion was Rev. Richard Kilian.

Ketcham in Ohio

Beginning Friday, April 28th and running through Wednesday, May 3rd, Dr. Robert Ketcham will be speaking at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, 2015 West 95th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Pastor of the church is our brother, Rev. Fred Hussey.

Camp literature is now available. If your church or young people have not received their package, write Rev. Lynn Rogers, Northfield Baptist Church, State Route No. 82 and N. Boyden Rd., Northfield, Ohio 44067.

Attractive folders advertising SCIOTO HILLS CAMP for 1968 have been sent to the pastors of our OARBC fellowship. If you have not received your package, write to Rev. Harold R. Green, Route No. 5, Greenville, Ohio — 45331.

The folder not only gives the location of the camp but tells of the many activities planned for this summer. A new and exciting feature is being added . . . MINI-BIKES! These are geared for slow speeds but powerful for climbing the hills at camp. They are a lot of fun! Concerning the MINI-BIKES, the folder reads . . . "Think of the fun you'll have riding back the wooded trails and all that for a small rental fee."

Investigation into water bikes for the lake is now going on. A backstop for the ball field has been added. These and other improvements should make this the greatest year ever at Scioto Hills Camp. Plan on attending. Registration forms can be obtained by writing Dr. Wm. McKeever, 83 Eddystone Ave., Columbus, O. 43224.

The J. E. T. System

Jewish Evangelism Telephone System (now called the JET System) spreading rapidly. This unique method of reaching the Jew by telephone being used in Cleveland, Dayton, Columbus, Indianapolis and most recently in Akron.

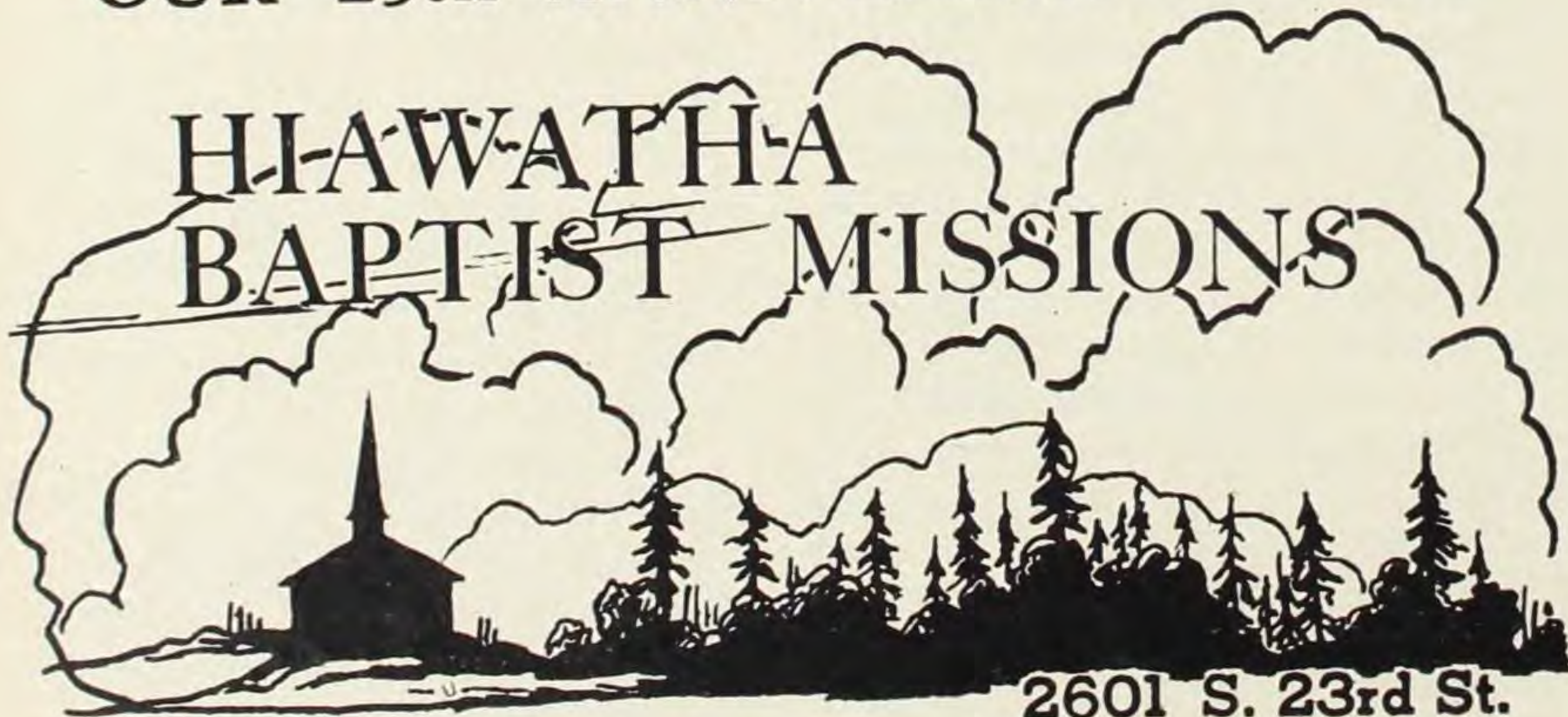
Baptist Mid-Missions' Hebrew and Christian Society of Cleveland is able to place an ad in the local newspapers of these cities which attracts Jewish callers to a three-minute recorded message compiled by Rev. Leelan Crofts, Director.

These cities are now averaging well over 400 calls per week. Should the number of calls continue at this rate they will reach over 100,000 during 1968. Cleveland, alone, last year was able to count 19,646 calls.

Jewish people are writing in asking for Bibles, New Testaments and other literature which is being offered. The local churches are named as a source of identification and contact to the inquiring Jewish person. We urge our readers to be much in prayer concerning this work among the Jews.

OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

HI-A-WATHA BAPTIST MISSIONS



2601 S. 23rd St.
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Establishing Baptist Churches . . .
 where there were none.

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But this very Jesus prayed "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Isn't Jesus generous about forgiveness! You didn't know Jesus loved like that, did you?

The third compassionate truth is in the fact that the Gospel of John was written to meet your needs — not only to offer you forgiveness, but to give you correct understanding about Jesus, and more yet, to give you that wonderful gift called "life."

Listen to the key verse of John's Gospel, chapter 20, verse 31, "But these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through his name."

Well, Mr. Harris, here is my letter. I didn't feel like bawling you out. I feel your heart needs some compassionate help, and so I'm telling you about the gracious forgiveness of Jesus which extends to you and me. Will you come to the cross and accept the forgiveness of Jesus as you receive Him as your personal Saviour? I hope you will. I'll be pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely your friend for Jesus' sake,
John E. Greening

Another Subscription Contest

The O.I.B. is sponsoring ANOTHER SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST for all Junior, Junior-High and Senior-High young people of our O.A.R.B.C. fellowship. YOU can win a FREE WEEK at either Camp Patmos or Scioto Hills! Here is what you need to know!

1. The contest will begin April 15 and close May 15.
2. Get \$2.00 from each subscriber. Each NEW subscription counts two (2) points. Each RENEWAL counts one (1) point.
3. Send money with the subscriber's name, address and zip code to Mr. Stuart L. Chaffe, Circulation Manager, Box No. 160, Xenia, Ohio — 45385. THESE MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 1968.
4. An accurate record will be kept of all subscriptions sent in. Winners will be notified as soon following the closing of the contest as possible.

To each of the FIVE YOUNG PEOPLE earning *the most points* will be given ONE FREE WEEK at *the camp of their choice!*

As an added BONUS . . . ALL (other than winners) who take part in the contest and who earn at least fifteen (15) points will be given a \$2.50 gift certificate redeemable at the Cedarville College Book Store.

Earn A FREE Week at Camp!

Elsewhere on this page is an advertisement concerning our O. I. B. CONTEST FOR YOUTH. This year we are beginning a bit earlier than previous years. The contest will begin on April 15 and close on May 15. It is hoped that many young people will take part.

There will be the FREE WEEK at either Camp Patmos or Scioto Hills given to the five with the highest number of earned points. Each winner can choose the camp he/she prefers attending. Also, there will be a prize for all other contestants who accumulate 15 or more points. This will be a gift certificate of \$2.50 redeemable at the Cedarville College Book Store.

Some young people's society could pool their efforts by listing the subscriptions they obtain under one person's name. In this manner, they could help someone get to camp who otherwise might not be able to afford it.

COME ON YOUNG PEOPLE! GET ALL THE SUBSCRIPTIONS YOU CAN! READ THE DIRECTIONS IN THE ADVERTISEMENT CAREFULLY . . . AND GO TO WORK . . . NOW!!!

GIFTS TO THE OHIO ASSOCIATION

David Dye, Sec'y.
92 North Roys Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43204

JANUARY, 1968

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Berea Baptist	35.00	Faith Baptist, Greenville	20.00
Berean Baptist, Oregon	5.00	Faith Baptist, Streetsboro	22.50
Bethel Baptist, Warren	5.00	First Baptist, Blanchester	30.00
Bethlehem Baptist, Cleve. (hon.)	25.00	First Baptist, Gallipolis	35.00
Bethlehem Baptist, Cleveland	5.00	First Baptist, Lancaster	10.00
Bible Baptist, Bedford	60.00	First Baptist, McDonald	25.00
Bible Mission Baptist, Reynolds	20.00	First Baptist, Rittman	30.00
Blessed Hope Baptist, Springfield	50.00	First Baptist, Valley City	5.00
Calvary Baptist, Bellefontaine	25.00	First Baptist, Wellington	10.00
Calvary Baptist, Broadview Heights	10.00	First Regular Baptist, Bellefontaine	13.00
Calvary Baptist, Coshocton	25.00	Fundamental Baptist, Tallmadge (hon.)	150.00
Calvary Baptist, Findlay	39.00	Grace Baptist, Canton	25.00
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PROFILE



WILBUR C. ROOKE — B.S.

"My mother and father were Christians and attended a Baptist Church, so from early in life I was under the preaching of the Word and realized that I, too, needed to accept Him." This is the testimony of our brother Wilbur Rooke. How wonderful to be born of godly parents!

Brother Rooke studied at the University of Georgia, the Moody Bible Institute, Wheaton College, (B.S. in Bible at Wheaton), Northern Iowa University, Winona Lake School of Theology, Northern Baptist Seminary and McCormick Seminary. He has pastored in Belvidere, Illinois — Waterloo, Iowa—Charleston, W. Va. — Gary, Indiana — Bay City, Michigan and is presently at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

He currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Cedarville College, the Baptist Bible Institute and the Baptist Christian School of Cleveland.

The Rookes have two sons — John Andrew, age 20 and Ben Gilbert, age 18.

The Lord is greatly blessing his present ministry. He has done considerable travelling throughout the world, having made two trips to the Holy Land.

Editor's Note — Special prayer is requested for Brother Rooke. He is

having great difficulty with his eyes. Presently he is studying Braille as there is the strong possibility that the time will come when he will lose his sight completely. PRAY!



C. RICHARD PHELPS — A.B.

Raised in a Christian home, but far from the church and deep in sin! It was at such a time as this, that an old brother, one who was in the ministry, was able to leave such an influence that it caused our brother Richard Phelps to begin going to church once again. On one particular evening, along with some other young people, he attended some evangelistic services in a neighboring city. In this service the most important of all decisions, that of receiving Christ as Saviour, was made!

Following conversion came the call to service. Training was gained at the Baptist Bible Institute (now Cedarville College). Later further studies were pursued at Youngstown University from which he graduated with an A.B. degree in the field of history. Postgraduate work was completed at Wittenberg University.

Brother Phelps has pastored the Novelty Community Church, Novelty, Ohio — the Troy Baptist Church, Garrettsville, Ohio — the New Lyme Baptist Church, Ney Lyme, Ohio and is presently at the First Regular Baptist Church in Bellefontaine, Ohio. He has been at his present pastorate for over six years.

The Phelps have four children — Linnea, 10 — Charles, 9 — Lois, 6 — and Ruth, 2.

The Lord is blessing in the work in Bellefontaine. Plans are now underway to erect a new building. Three acres of land have already been purchased. Truly the Lord has been good!



DONALD A. PARVIN — B.A., B.D.

We once heard an evangelist say... "Unless you know the exact place and date of your conversion, you can't be sure you are saved." Nothing could be farther from the truth than that!

With our brother, Donald A. Parvin, there is no knowledge as to either the place or date! As to his being saved, of this, *he has no doubt!* In fact, at a time when without any understanding of the things of the Lord, he went to a Christian College for his education. Here, through the study of the Word of God, the Lord revealed Himself.

Training was gained at The King's College where he earned a B.A. degree. Seminary work was completed at Faith in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania earning his B.D. degree.

He has served as Director of Music and Youth Work in North Chester Pa. — pastored the First Baptist Church of Ogden, Pa. and is presently pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

The Parvins have two children — Donald, age 9 and Susan, age 7.

His wife Irene is a substitute school teacher for the Columbus Public School system. She, too, is a graduate of The King's College having earned a B. A. degree in Psychology for Counselling.

In their present work, souls are being saved, missionary giving has increased and the work in general is moving ahead.

Both Brother Parvin and his wife are adept in the field of writing. Mrs. Parvin has had articles appear in the Gospel Herald and the Moody Monthly. Both have contributed some very excellent articles to *The Ohio Independent Baptist*.

Soul Winners Conference

At Cedarville College

Cedarville College has come up with another "first!" This time it is a "Soul-Winners Conference." Plans are that this become an annual affair!

The first Annual Soul-Winners Conference will be held on the college campus April 12 and 13. It is oriented to the Junior and Senior High Youth groups in Ohio and surrounding areas. A special invitation is extended to all young people and their sponsors to attend this two-day conclave.

The goal of the conference is to better acquaint youth with the purposes and methods of soul-winning in specific areas of the Christian life. Some of these areas include: Bible clubs, socials and street meetings plus workshops on practical teenage soul-winning.

The sponsoring group at the College are the "Sword-bearers." This is a group of students within the college who are active in the field of soul-winning. Over half of the student body at Cedarville participate regularly in some type of Christian service. There is a great concern for lost souls!

Pastors should encourage their young people to attend! Mark down the dates — April 12 and 13. Send all registrations NOW to Mr. Bill Smith, Swordbearers, Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio — 45314. There is to be a fine array of speakers including such men as Dr. Jeremiah and Dr. Fred Barlow.

The Conference schedule reads as follows . . .

FRIDAY NIGHT

Registration — 5:30

Evening Service — 8:00

SATURDAY

Morning Devotional — 8:30

Workshops — 1:15

Workshops — 9:15

Workshops — 3:45

Morning Message — 10:45

Evening Service — 7:00

Pre-register now — send list of young people and include 50c per person. Let us know if any of your young people want to stay overnight. They must bring a sleeping bag and an air mattress. Tickets for meals at the college cafeteria can be purchased upon arrival: \$.40 for breakfast, \$.60 for lunch, and \$1 for dinner.

GARBC Plans National Conference

Des Plaines, Illinois — "Christ's Glorious Return" is the theme of the 37th annual conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches to be convened June 24-28 at Rochester, New York.

Dr. Paul R. Jackson, National Representative, said, "The future is hidden to the natural man, but God has charted the course in the prophetic Scriptures. We need, in the darkness of the world around us, to walk in the light of the lamp of prophecy. Sensing this need, the Council of Fourteen has planned this year's conference program around the theme of the Lord's return.

"Come to Rochester, New York, June 24-28, and find guidance, comfort and challenge through this prophetic conference.

Until He comes we purpose to be a people who are 'looking for that blessed hope and the glorious return' and until then, to preach the Truth with Biblical authority."

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches represents 1264 local churches united to accomplish mutual concerns on a national and international level through the chaplaincy, radio broadcasts, missions, education and social responsibility. The annual nation-wide conference is for spiritual edification and challenge. It affords to all a forum for personal expression and fellowship.

New Pastor At New London



The First Baptist Church of New London, Ohio has called the Rev. Donald H. MacKenzie to be their pastor. His ministry there began in late February.

Brother MacKenzie is a graduate of Barrington College, Providence, Rhode Island and Gordon Divinity School. He has pastored in Malden, Mass., Washburn, Maine, and Johnstown, Ohio. Because of strong fundamental Biblical convictions, he separated from the American Baptist Convention in September of 1966.

Mrs. MacKenzie is also a graduate of Barrington College. They have three children — Gordon Philip, age 7 — David Bruce, age 5 and Stephen Mark, age 3. We are sure the Lord will bless in the work in New London.

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E-nter properly, introduce yourself.

F-ind a point of contact.

G-ive them a chance to talk.

H-ave things ready to talk about.

I-ntroduce them to the Saviour.

J-oin in with their interests.

K-eeep from gossiping.

L-ead the coversation to spiritual things.

M-ake use of the Bible.

N-ever argue.

O-perate through the Holy Spirit.

P-ray as you visit.

Q-quiet their fears and misapprehensions.

R-adiate the love of Christ.

S-peak well of your church and pastor.

T-talk enthusiastically of your Sunday School.

U-nderstand and be patient with their needs.

V-ital personal witness to Christ is your best weapon.

W-atch the clock — don't stay too long.

X-pect unpleasant responses some-times.

Y-ou may be Christ's only witness to them — press for decision.

Z-eal for God will always have a re-ward.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. George Milner — Women's Editor—

RALLY! RALLY! RALLY!

The OARBC WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION will hold its
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Meeting Held At Fostoria Church

The Mary and Martha Missionary Circles of the Fostoria Baptist Church entertained the women of the Fostoria church and surrounding churches at their annual Salad Bar, Tuesday, February 13th.

Over 100 women enjoyed the fellowship as salads, brought by each woman present, were served buffet style with coffee, tea, crackers and cake.

Represented in the group were women from Northside Baptist Church, Lima; First Baptist Church, Bowling Green; Calvary Baptist Church, Findlay; Calvary Baptist Church, Tiffin; and the Fostoria Baptist Church.

After the social hour the group met in the church sanctuary. Mrs. James Fleming led the congregational singing with Mrs. Ray Burk at the organ. Allen Vine led in prayer and a duet

"Tell Me More" was sung by Mrs. Burk and Mrs. Fleming with Miss Judy Vine at the piano.

The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Karl Luyben of Dayton, who with her husband and family, served under Baptist Mid-Missions as missionaries to Liberia. She read Scripture, using John 14:1-6, stating that many find real pleasure in this promise of a home in Heaven.

She warned the group of the importance of not becoming too satisfied in our own salvation and urged that there should be concern that those around us and in all parts of the world be told the Gospel as presented in John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am THE WAY, THE TRUTH and THE LIFE: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Mrs. Luyben then presented slides concerning their work in Liberia. She told how much more they could help and teach the natives because they

were living in the village with the people.

She also mentioned the importance of the airplane ministry since other modes of travel in this area are not very satisfactory. Although they had the use of two planes, they had only one pilot and she reported a tremendous need for Christian pilots in their work.

Favorite Recipe

China Boy

1 lb. veal cubes (cut small) or
1½-2 lbs. stewing chicken
2 med. onions and 1 cup celer
(cut fine)
2 tbsps. fat
Brown together the above ingredi
ents in pan.
½ cup uncooked rice
1 can chicken soup (broth from
chicken if used for meat)
1 can Cream of Mushroom soup
2 cans water (1 can if chicke
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1 tsp. salt
4 tbsps. Chop Suey Sauce

Add all ingredients together and
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The Un-Involved Christian

by Dorothy Shollenberger

Norwalk, Ohio

This article first appeared in the church bulletin of the Calvary Baptist Church, Norwalk, Ohio. Pastor of this church is our brother, Rev. David Lunney.

Mrs. Dorothy Shollenberger, author of the article, is a housewife and an active member of the Norwalk church. She has written several articles for the Calvary Baptist Bulletin. Pastor Lunney writes . . . "Mrs. Shollenberger seeks to carry out the things mentioned in her article by being an **INVOLVED CHRISTIAN.**"

These words, "Un-Involved Christian," make an unpleasant sound when repeated aloud. But unpleasant as they are, they are fast becoming everyday reality!

The words are creeping into Bible believing and teaching churches today, as insidiously as the once unheard word, "Modernism," worked itself into the majority of Protestant churches, and has all but taken over completely.

What Is Meant

What do I mean by "Un-Involved Christians?" The answer is quite simple, but can be answered many ways. The most timely one being, Christians who fail to show or express genuine Christian love; real affection, consideration and thoughtfulness for their brothers and sisters in Christ; failure to reach out from the heart to those who perhaps need a real friend or a "helping hand" due to illness, finances, or myriads of other troubles, which we all fall heir to, at one time or another. I John 3:17 says, "But whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, *how dwell-eth the love of God in him?*" Thus, when we fail to reach out to others and become involved when they have any need, we are really hindering the work of the Holy Spirit!

Many Christians use the excuse that they are too shy or backward to approach the person with problems. This could be partially true, but it must be remembered, the Lord has the power to give us the wisdom and understanding needed to become involved with these souls.

There is also another version of the un-involved Christian, particular-

ly noted in our churches today. These can be found among both the older members and the younger. In many cases groups or cliques form from the lack of understanding. The older members rebel against becoming involved with the younger ones, dreading the adoption of new ideas. This, in turn, places the church in two camps, one against the other, resulting in loss of interest and enthusiasm among young members, and in some cases a "falling away" in attendance and participation by the older. The result — a spiritual famine!



Mrs. Shollenberger

How much simpler the problem, if each group would first pray for guidance and then allow the Lord to lead in involving each with the other, making use of the years of spiritual experiences of the older member and the vital new ideas of the younger.

From my own experience as a nurse, the word *un-involved* made a lasting impression on me. While in training we were told to remain emotionally uninvolved with our patients. If one is a Christian, this should be an impossibility. Whether the fellowship of our church, or the bedside of the sick, we must be involved, and to do so means, not just reaching out

a hand, but reaching out with the heart! And most of all, it means being emotionally and spiritually involved!

I have worked with the aged and sick, and have seen the tragedy of un-involvement in their lives. Many of these folk even came from Christian families. When illness and senility overtook these once active, productive lives, they were placed in the care of strangers as the families, Christian or unsaved, found being involved meant more than they wanted to give. The security of love, understanding and great patience, seemingly they had forgotten. At one time these sick and aging souls had given them the same comforts, which now, they were selfishly withholding.

A Practical Suggestion

Yet, this is only one example of "un-involvement." When we look about us, there may be a neighbor carrying a burden we might share, or illness, where a helping hand could be used. Or an aged person nearby, shut-in and lonely, who would appreciate having someone drop in to chat. Arm yourself with some fruit, some cookies or magazines, and go get involved with them, remembering Matthew 25:40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," and Galatians 5:14, "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Remember too, no matter what age, how sick or how alone these persons may be, your involvement with them will return to you, a real spiritual blessing. And your involvement may also give you the opportunity to present the Lord to these folk, so that, no longer would they feel lonely and unwanted, and the sick would find new hope.

If we find at this point that we classify as "Un-involved Christians," we should recall Galatians 6:10, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

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Teen Talk

by Dave, Doug, and Don

Dear Teen Talk:

How can I have the inward peace that the Bible talks about?

Signed,
SEARCHING

Dear Searching:

There are two kinds of inward peace. Peace WITH God and the peace OF God. The first comes by knowing the Lord Jesus Christ in a vital, personal relationship. The second comes by taking self off of the throne in your life and placing Christ there instead. If Christ is the Lord of your life all things will be in harmony around Him.



Signed,
TEEN TALK

Dear Teen Talk:

What would you do if you were in a study hall and a teacher made you stand in a corner for no reason at all? I wasn't doing anything!

Signed,
"Not Guilty"

Dear "Not Guilty":

Perhaps that was the reason for your being in the corner. Why don't you try doing something! Like — "would you believe" studying?

Signed,
TEEN TALK

"I'm sure it is a physics experiment Henry, but let's stand in the corner for a while anyway."

Dear Teen Talk:

I have been going with this unsaved "fella" for about two years. I go anywhere he wants me to go because I love him. I have done everything and I try to enjoy it, but I am a Christian, and have been for seven years. I know I shouldn't go with him, but how do I tell him I am a Christian and that I don't think it is right, all the things we do. He is everything to me and if I tell him I am a Christian he will drop me and I wouldn't be able to live without him. If I do drop him some other girl will take him because he is so cute and popular. Please tell me what to do.

Signed,
Done Everything

Dear Done Everything:

As a Christian you have admitted to quite a few areas of disobedience toward the Lord and the Word of God.

First of all, you started to date an unsaved fella which is mighty thin ice to be treading on. Secondly, you compromised your testimony by going to places that are harmful to the life of a Christian. Thirdly, you allowed and are probably still allowing an unsaved fella, who apparently wants nothing to do with your Lord, to maul and use your body which is called the temple of the Holy Spirit. Fourthly, you have allowed all of this to go on so long that now you can't "shake it."

Now, if you are any kind of a Christian, you will drop him, before your entire life is ruined. By the way, why not add on to your "done everything" list. 1. Confession of sin. 2. Yielding of your body to the Spirit of God. 3. Living a consistent, obedient Christian life.

Signed,
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Talents For Christ

This year's State TALENTS FOR CHRIST contest will again be held at Cedarville College. The date is set for April 20 at 12:00 noon.

Rev. J. Wesley Bliss of Columbus and Rev. Kenneth L. Andrus of Springfield are handling details for the State Youth Committee. Dr. Warren L. Webber, Head of the Music Department at Cedarville, is in charge of setting up the contest, appointing the judges, and caring for the many local details.

Trophies will be given for the first place winners in the State. Also, all first place winners, who so qualify, will go on to compete on YOUTH DAY at the Annual GARBC meeting in Rochester, New York. The dates of the Annual GARBC Conference are June 24-28.

Every pastor and youth director is urged to have as many of their young people participating in the contest as they possibly can.

Nearing Their Goal

Students at Faith Baptist Bible College are rejoicing over the announced plans for a new Library before fall. This year the present library is housed in part of the "multi-purpose" building where it is crowded and seldom really quiet. The new Library building will be 140 feet long with an area of 7200 square feet.

Second semester enrollment is 257. (149 men and 108 women). Iowa is first in registration with 120 students. Illinois has moved to second place with 22 and Nebraska third with 19.

The College Campus Club goal has been almost reached. Launched two years ago to find 500 members who would promise with the Lord's help to give \$100 a year for 10 years for campus development, the CCC now has 443 members. With only 57 members yet to go, the total commitments to date are \$440,694.35. Of this amount, \$130,094.33 has already come in and is serving the building program.

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An Old Practice Is Revived

The Fairfield Baptist Church of Thurston, Ohio has revived the ancient custom of "Covenant Meetings" and wonders if any other of our OARB Churches have similar observances.

In the early American colonies, and extending practically through the nineteenth century, many churches held these meetings, at which the membership roll was called, each present member responded to his name and was expected to give some word of testimony or encouragement to the Church. Also, any personal or church grievances of spiritual nature might be settled at the meeting, or a committee might be appointed to further investigate the complaint and report to the Assembly at a future meeting.

The Covenant Meetings were means of blessings to the churches and individual believers because they encouraged loyalty and purity, and because they facilitated New Testa-

ment Church discipline. As long as Baptist practiced these meetings their churches did not become social clubs with a religious flavor, nor were they filled with unregenerate and indifferent members.

The first Covenant Meeting of recent times — perhaps the first in this century in the Fairfield Church, was observed Wednesday, January 31st, and was attended by 28% of the membership. (The church has no "inactive membership roll.") 33% were known to be providentially hindered from attending. The remaining 39% were unaccounted for. The causes for their absence is un-

known. One member sent words of encouragement to the church from her hospital bed and her husband confessed the Lord as his Saviour in the following Lord's Day Service!

The Fairfield Church plans to conduct a Covenant Meeting once each quarter year, on the fifth Wednesday of May, July and October.

Pastor Canterbury says, "These meetings could disclose criticism of the pastor and large scale rebellion in some churches. It could bring revival to still others. We are praying for revival before our evangelistic meetings, April 14-21 with Rev. A. Donald Moffat as guest preacher.

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A Psalm and A Poem

by Ralph T. Nordlund

(Read PSALM XVIII in your Bible first)

I love the Lord, who is my Strength,
My Rock, my Fortress and High Tower,
Who teaches me to war and win,
And girds me with victorious power:
And yet, while battling bitterness and hate,
It is His gentleness that makes me great.

I call upon the Lord when floods
Of godless men make me afraid;
He shakes the earth and bows the heavens,
And hail and lightning lend me aid:
And yet, while these may swelling tides abate,
It is His gentleness that makes me great.

The Lord delights in righteousness,
Rewards me when my hands are clean,
Shows mercy to the merciful,
And harshly treats the harsh and mean:
And yet, while I have sought the better fate,
It is His gentleness that makes me great.

I have fought through to victory,
And felled the foes whom I pursued;
I did not turn aside for rest
Until the heathen were subdued:
And yet, while God has made me head of state,
It is His gentleness that makes me great.

David was a many-sided man, as appears from this gem in the midst of his warlike Eighteenth Psalm: "Thy

gentleness hath made me great;" or, as others translate it, "Thy condescension has multiplied or prospered me." Judging from First and Second Samuel, and from most of his psalms, we might gather that David was a guerilla fighter who had the fortune to win and become a hero; but when we read his devotional and penitential psalms, and of his magnanimous treatment of Saul and Saul's grandson, and of his sorrow over the deaths of Saul and Jonathan, we have to change our minds and mark him down as a deeply religious man and as a lover of humanity. He was indeed a fighter, who had none of the vacillations of will and conscience our leaders manifest today. He rejoiced in victory and boasted that he had utterly crushed the heathen who rose up against him. Yet he gave God all the credit in the 35th verse. He recognized that God had to stoop very far to raise up such an unworthy man as himself — had been very gentle with him.

In our poem we have related that confession with each of the four sections of the psalm. We have also made it mean that God's gentleness had changed the heart of David and made him gentle also, and that it was this that constituted his true greatness. David may not have meant that; but since he did on many occasions show that transformation, I feel that I have not stretched my text too far. At any rate, it is such godly gentleness that constitutes true greatness, whether the man be David or the many famous men who have filled in later history.

The Ministry Of Home Missions

by Arnold Olsen

Brother Olsen is Field Director for F.B.H.M. and is available for speaking engagements in the churches of our OARBC fellowship. His mailing address is P. O. Box 455, Elyria, Ohio.

The vital question that faces every Christian American is, Is our Nation a Christian nation? A Nation unto God is our history. Yet, with all the violence and upheaval, this seemingly is not true. A jungle spirit has captivated America with unbelief. Something must be done when 74% of our secular college students use alcoholic beverages; every twenty-four hours 1200 alcoholics are made in the United States; and three out of four high school students have taken one drink of an alcoholic beverage before graduation. Do we need to say anything about narcotic addiction, with more money spent on gambling in these United States than on medicine, education, religion and automobiles combined — a total amount of thirty-six billion dollars? We will not take the time to give the breakdown of morals which is staggering. This is the result of a Nation which has departed away from righteousness that exhorts a nation and gone the way of sin which is a reproach to any people. (Proverbs 14:34).

A Great Challenge

The great challenge facing the Church is reaching America with the Gospel. Can we afford to give up our Nation to the Devil, sin and Hell?

Are we willing to accept the responsibility of reaching the United States through Home Missions? A tremendous field is before us. There are 38,000 cities with a population of 10,000 and over in the United States that do not have one Bible-believing church in them and church after church which no longer have preached from their pulpits the Gospel of salvation.

Germany, the first great missionary nation under the Moravian movement, forgot to evangelize her own people and went into higher criticism. England, second great nation in missionary endeavor with some of the greatest missionaries coming from her shores, forgot to evangelize her own people, and it is said less than 1% of the population of the British Isles is saved. Our own Nation, the last stronghold for missions, is in a like position with approximately 2% of

our population truly born again. We need to face the challenge given by Christ in Acts 1:8 to be a witness; this is a personal witness and a Church witness.



Rev. Arnold Olsen

Of the several Home Mission agencies approved by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, ours is the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, organized in 1941 with its Home Office in Elyria, Ohio, at 1387 Grafton Rd.

The objectives of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions are: the evangelization of the unsaved, establishment of New Testament Baptist churches, and the ministry of such other Christian work as may properly be called Home Missions. This ministry is currently being carried on by more than three hundred and twenty-two missionary personnel. The Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions is a team-work organization as "laborers together." Could we count on you to join our TEAM to reach tottering America?

Is not this the hour to demonstrate the dynamic and relevancy of beliefs that matter? You will never exceed your vision. The tragedy is that our churches do not see the need and

little prayer and financial support comes to assist in this worthy work. Few today wish to face the challenge of going into Home Missionary work, to go into an area and start a Bible class, to do a great deal of visitation to get a nucleus of people together to begin a Baptist fellowship until such a time as a church can be organized and then reach self-supporting status.

I personally am grateful to the Lord for giving me the privilege to work with the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions as Field Director to assist in reaching the United States for Christ.

Springfield Holds "Youth Emphasis Week"

The Blessed Hope Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio has recently completed a "Youth Emphasis Week," featuring as speakers, Mel Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn.; Cedric Whitcomb of Covington, Kentucky, and Dr. John Reed, Cedarville College. The three day series of meetings began March 13 and continued through Sunday, March 17. The young people of the church were in complete charge of the services and planned the special music, prepared the advertising, organized prayer partner groups, did Christian service assignments consisting of the handing out of tracts and "Youth Week" flyers at each school in the area, all under the direction of youth director, Ken Nichols.

The week climaxed with a special service at Cedarville College in conjunction with the "Youth for Truth" area-wide monthly youth rally. Mel Johnson was the speaker. A "Teen Choir" from GARBC churches of the Fort Wayne, Indiana area presented a program of special music after which everyone was treated to a spaghetti supper and the viewing of the film "I Hear a New Song."

AN INTERESTING SOLUTION

Years ago a young man knelt with his pastor and prayed as he committed himself to God to tithe. His first week's pay was \$10 and the tithe was \$1. As he grew older he became more prosperous and his tithe was \$7.50 a week, then \$10. He moved to another city and soon his tithe was \$100 a week, then \$200, then \$500. He sent his old friend a wire, "Come to see me."

The pastor arrived at the man's beautiful home. They had a good time talking over old times. Finally the man came to his point. "You remember that promise I made years ago to tithe. How can I get released?"

"Why do you want to be released?"

"It's like this," the man replied, "when I made the promise I only had to give \$1, but now it's \$500. I can't afford to give away money like that."

The old pastor looked at his friend. "I'm afraid we cannot get release from the promise, but there is something we can do. We can kneel here and ask God to shrink up your income so you can afford to give a dollar." —Selected

Satan's Symphony Of Confusion

by James Efaw

Music can be a powerful instrument for God. Today, however, much of the world's music has completely lost its meaning and purpose because, being debased, it has become a product of the flesh. Music is one of Satan's most powerful tools for the working of his evil intents and programs. Satan loves to take something like music — in itself harmless and innocent — and twist its pure purpose for his own means.

The fact that music today is so degenerate and fleshly is in perfect harmony with what the Scripture teaches about Satan's character and power. Ezekiel 28:13 says concerning Satan, ". . . the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee the day thou wast created." This verse teaches that Satan himself was made as an instrument of praise and adoration to God! Satan was, before the fall, in truth a musical instrument himself for the praising of God. However, due to his ambitious pride, Satan fell from his heavenly abode and with him fell that lofty purpose for which his "tabret and pipe" had been prepared in him. Now the purpose of Satan's music was changed from the praise of God

to the promotion of sin.

We all know that Satan was a beautiful creature and that he makes sin as attractive on the surface as possible. Perhaps this is the reason why people are taken in so quickly by worldly music or a fleshly presentation of music with the result being a curse instead of a blessing. The fact that Satan, once a heavenly musician, is now using his creative talents for the cause of evil, is certainly not to be taken lightly.

Another reason for the twisted music of today is revealed in one of Satan's titles. Ephesians 2:2 calls Satan ". . . the Prince of the power of the air." Theologians are not certain exactly what this means but they do agree that in some sense Satan controls the powers of the air and the air waves. Bearing this in mind, dear reader, what medium today sets the music standards for our society more than any other? Yes, the broadcasting medium, namely, radio and television. Just flip the dial, listen for five minutes and one can quickly see how Satan promotes his program of fleshly music. He uses the area over which he has control — *the AIR* — through which must travel the important radio and television waves.

An interesting sidelight on this subject is the problems that have confronted the formation and licensing of Christian radio stations as well as

the constant difficulty with equipment breakdown and interference that have plagued these stations after their establishment. Satan is doing his utmost to keep any gospel music or message out of his domain, *the AIR*. In recent years multiplied incidents could be cited to illustrate Satan's opposition in this area of broadcasting the gospel — a fact that can only be attributed to Satan as the "Prince of the power of the air."

Finally, one of Satan's other titles points to his power in the area of music control. In John 12:3 and 14:30 Satan is called the "Prince of this World," referring to Satan's position as head of this world system which he rules with his numerous demons and unbelievers. It only follows logically that as head of the world system Satan would naturally dictate the kind of music that would promote the theme of his system — one of lawlessness and self-gratification.

Christians, don't throw up your hands in despair crying, "What's the use?" God still sits on the throne and Satan can only work within God's great framework. *Satan is mighty but God is almighty*. Music can still be used as a powerful instrument for God as was stated in the opening statement of this article. Let's change that opening statement to read: "Music, when submitted to the power of the Holy Spirit, can be a powerful instrument for God." How imperative it is, therefore, that every Christian who attempts to sing or play for the Lord do it in a spirit of complete yieldedness and dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

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- ½ tsp. cinnamon

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- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 cup sour milk
- 2 tbsp. molasses
- Salt to taste

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— Mrs. Fred Howard — Arcanum.

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—Dr. Fred Brock, Pres.
Western Baptist College

Glimpses of Truth

from the

Greek New Testament

By Dr. Geo. Lawlor

"ANXIETY"

One of the most significant words in the New Testament with relation to the daily Christian life is the Greek noun *merimna*, "care, thought, anxiety." The word is derived from a verb *meridzo* which means "to be drawn in first one direction and then another," hence, "to be distracted." So the word actually has the connotation of "over-anxiety?, a state of being more than normally excited, "worry." More Christians are victims of worry than any other single mental habit, and slavery to this vice interferes with our Christian witness. When we are in such a state of mind, pressed with over-anxiety and near-frantic with worry, we cannot do our best, cannot make reliable decisions, please the Lord, cannot serve Him trustworthily. The whole Christian attitude to living and serving depends on our correct understanding of this most important word.

A Double Connotation

It should be noted at the outset that the word has a double connotation. The word is used by Christ to designate the "cares of this life" (*merimnais*) in Lu. 21:34; and Peter bids his fellow-Christians to cast all their "care" (*merimnan*) upon God (I Pet. 5:7); but Paul states in II Cor. 11:28 that the heaviest burden of all upon him is the "care" (*merimna*) of all the churches. Obviously, the cares of this life about which the Lord warns us in the light of His return from heaven, and which Peter admonishes us to cast upon God, are not the same thing as the "care of all the churches" which was committed to the charge of Paul. It is the first of these two aspects with which we are concerned in this study.

In the contemporary Greek of the papri we find several interesting examples of the two-fold meaning of this word. A man writes to a friend and advises him that since he is involved in so much *anxiety* (*merimnais*), he should pray to the god Zeus. A wife writes to her absent husband: "I cannot even sleep because night and day my one *worry* (*merimna*) is your safety." An absent

member of a family writes back home and says: "I am now writing in haste to prevent your being *anxious* (*merimneis*), for I will see that you are not worried." A mother who learns that her son is well exclaims: "That is all my prayer and my *anxiety* (*merimna*)!" A father writes to his absent son: "I desire therefore that you make known to us your plight and *worries* (*merimneiseis*)." Anacreon says that when he drinks wine, his "*worries* (*merimnai*) go to sleep." Two men who have business dealings are corresponding, and one writes to the other: "For your *security* (*amerimnia*) I have issued to you this contract." He has drawn up the contract and ratified it so that the other man will not *worry*. In the letter of Aristeeas the question is asked: "What preserves a kingdom?" and the answer follows: "Care (*merimna*) and watchfulness to see that no injury is inflicted by those who are set in positions of authority over the people." And Xenophon tells how Socrates said to the soldier, Pericles: "I think you *take much trouble* (*merimnan*) that you may not unconsciously lack any knowledge useful to a general" (Xenophon, Memorabilia 3:5:23).

Right and Wrong

So the double connotation of this word becomes clear. There is a *right* anxiety, which is concern, care, taking earnest thought of something or someone. But there is a *wrong* anxiety, which is worry, *over-anxiety*, distraction, mental panic. The anxiety about things pertaining to this earthly life (Lu. 21:34), i.e., over-involvement in these affairs which produces over-anxiety — is always wrong. Too much care and thought and concentration over these earthly things crowds out of the mind eternal things and the time for thought upon Christian duty and responsibility. As William Barclay remarks: "A man may be so much with men that he has no time to be with God. He may have so many things to say to men that he has no time to pray to God." We may become so involved in so many things in this life that are not necessarily bad themselves, but which throw us into a state of mental distraction and we worry ourselves away from the Lord. Anxiety — worry — about the future is also always wrong, because it fails to take into full account the fact that the Lord knows all, has promised to meet our needs, and will never leave us nor forsake us. It ignores the truth that since God cares for the birds and the flowers He will surely care for His own. In

Matt. 6:25, Christ says "Take no thought (*merimnate*) for your life..." Do not worry about the daily life and its necessities for God will provide. In vs. 27, Christ asks "which of you by *taking thought* (*merimnon*) can add one cubit unto his stature?" Will worry do us good? Will it benefit us or solve the problem for us, or will it make us any better, or improve our situation in any way? The answer is obvious. In vs. 28 and 31, the verb form of the word appears again, and then in vs. 34, the Lord states "Therefore *take no thought* (*mei merimneiseite*) for the morrow . . ." Do not worry about tomorrow. Worry and distraction incapacitate us from meeting responsibilities and problems when they do come. Over-anxiety does not make us more able to face up to the situation, it makes us *less able to do so*.

A Besetting Sin

Worry is wrong when it is involved in the expenditure of energy on non-essential things. This was the case with Martha when the Lord said to her: "Martha, Martha, thou art *careful* (*over-anxious*, *merimnas*) about many things." Martha was fussing over too many non-essentials and was working herself into a state of distraction. Worry over circumstances and how to face the trials and oppositions that will come is also wrong (Lu. 12:11). Worry about how you are going to please people is wrong (I Cor. 7:32-34). Worry about things in general is wrong (Lu. 12:26). Worry is thus a besetting sin among Christians, because God has provided a life free from worry and over-anxiety.

The Blessed Cure!

The cure for worry is wonderfully set forth in I Pe. 5:7, "Cast all your *care* (*merimnan*) upon Him (God for He careth for you," and in Phil. 4:6, 7, which is the greatest passage in the New Testament relating to the cure for worry: "Be not over-anxious about anything; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which rises above all understanding shall guard your hearts and minds by Christ Jesus."

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The Ecumenical Movement

An Excellent Description of the ecumenical movement is given by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, in IFCA "Voice" for Oct. 1967 in a "must" article: "Appearing on the scene in Christendom is a gigantic religious organization. It is greedily reaching out to encompass peoples and nations and tongues. It purports to represent God to men. It feigns devotion to Christ. It operates on the earthly level. It centers its efforts on the social environment. It enters into intimate relations with human governments. Its capacity for reducing a religious faith to the lowest common denominator and scuttling all differentiating elements is bringing together into one system the strangest swarm of communicants."

THOT FOR THE DAY: Is what I am doing, for the glory of God or for the satisfaction of Self? Is it "My Utmost for His Highest?" Let us be sure and spare some later regrets.

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Report On Ohio's Operation Outreach

The following word was received from our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh who is "heading up" our Ohio's Operation Outreach program. "As of this writing, three Regional Conferences have been held with about 45 pastors in attendance. The interest is good and many requests for teams have come in. Twelve churches have asked for teams of five to eight workers or a total of 64 man weeks. Thirty-five pastors and laymen have offered forty-six weeks of service. Five more Regional Conferences are scheduled. This soul-winning effort is a big undertaking and we trust that we will have the prayerful support of all of our churches."

Our slogan is . . . "Cover The State Before It's Too Late!" For any interested in gaining further information concerning this program, we suggest you write to Rev. Earl Umbaugh, 2150 Marhofer Avenue, Stow, Ohio — 44224. Let us be much in prayer for this concerted effort to reach souls for Christ!

During April *Ohio's Operation Outreach* will be holding regional conferences in Xenia, Wheelersburg and Findlay.

Pastors Must Have Social Security

The Social Security bill which was passed by Congress in December provides that all ordained ministers must participate in the Social Security program as self-employed persons. There are only two exceptions. A minister who is a conscientious objector to participation in government insurance programs may sign a statement to that effect and exclude himself irrevocably from the program. Members of religious orders who have taken vows of poverty are excluded.

The bill provides that coverage will begin with the year 1968, which means that ministers who file an estimated income tax for 1968 should include with it the estimated Social Security tax. New ministers will begin participation immediately upon entering the active ministry. Missionaries who are ordained ministers will also be covered by the new law and must begin payment of Social Security tax for the year 1968. Ministers who in the past have chosen coverage by signing an exemption waiver (form 2031) must continue coverage. They may not sign out as a conscientious objector.

Dr. Lawlor Writes On Ecumenical Movement

Recently, Dr. George L. Lawlor, Professor of Greek at Cedarville College, presented a series of five 30-minute taped messages on the ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT. These were broadcast over radio station WEEC-FM in Springfield, Ohio.

The response to these messages has been tremendous! Almost 100 listeners have already written requesting copies. Because of this interest, they are being put into printed form. They will appear in a single binding and when ready for sale will be obtainable through the Cedarville College Book Store. At present writing, we do not know what they will cost. We may be sure the charge will be the bare minimum.

In the broadcasts, because of the FCC, Brother Lawlor had to withhold names, identifications, etc., however, in printed form all of this information will be given.

Pastors of our OARBC churches should obtain a copy for themselves. They should purchase extra copies for their own people and also to give to other ministers of their community . . . particularly those who have any part in the World Council of Churches and its ecumenical program.

It is of interest to know that some of the listeners who heard these messages over WEEC-FM and who asked for them in printed form, were ministers in churches who participate in the WCC program. Write for your copy — today! Cedarville College Bookstore, Cedarville, Ohio 45314.

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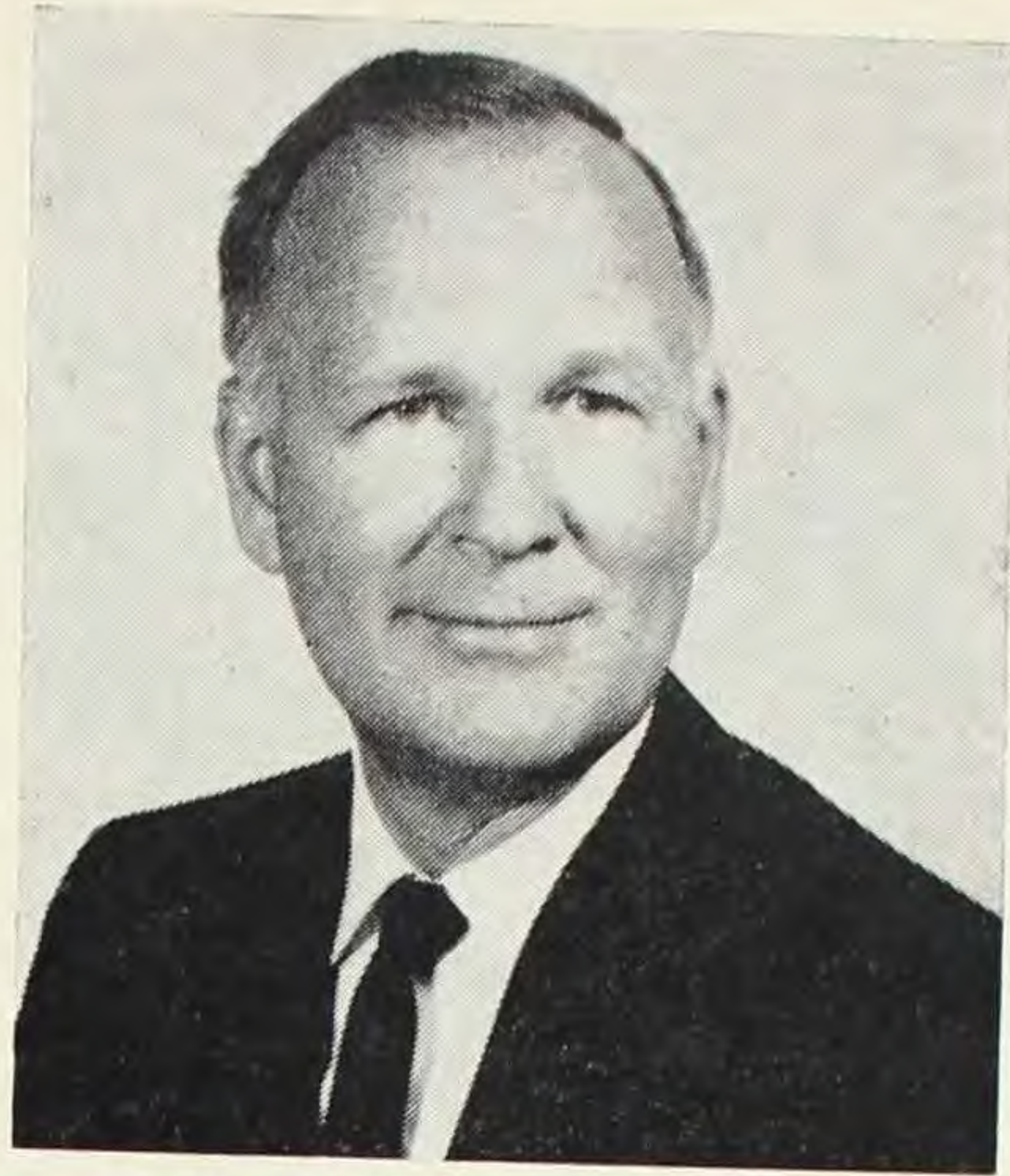
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One Man's Calling(s)

by Chelsea J. Stockwell



Rev. Chelsea Stockwell

When young and eager and full of knowledge,
And trying to practice what I'd learned in college,
met an old saint on my first rural circuit
Who had "Bible Faith" and knew how to work it;
but I had the thing all cut and dried,
And rejected his, although it was tried.
His set the course for a way so varied:
Often moved, and seldom tarried.

but raising myself, and assuming full stature,
I said to myself, there is greener pasture.
To waste talent here seems such a pity;
So I prayed for a calling to come from the city.
Candidates followed in a place or two.
Letters came: We've called a man, but not you.
So I sat to think and to pray just a little;
This turn of events at my ego did whittle.

Perhaps for a Pastor I had no calling:
Had I been misled? 'Twas most appalling.
Another field might hold more promise.
I was willing: no doubting Thomas.
I'd heard of the freedom that Evangelists had:
To travel all over: that wouldn't be bad.
With brand new luggage, I hung out my shingle;
As I waited for calls, my heart was atingle.

And then the day, to my first meeting going:
I encouraged myself, that the seed I'd be sowing.
So, bidding goodbye to my own at the station,
I boarded the train with heart palpitation.
I missed them all so much, alas;
But, I said, this feeling will pass;
But after trying several meetings,
The homesickness came with grim repeatings.
The sameness of menu with no hint of season;
Laundered shirts with wrinkles for no good reason;
Rooms too hot, too cold, too stuffy;
Pillows were everything else but fluffy;
The chapter I wanted, I said to myself,
Is always back home in a book on the shelf.
A month far from home is too much to be paying;
There are easier fields, again I was saying.

A Bible teacher, I was sure would be better;
So a contact or two I would make by letter.
No burden with this, and home more often;
I was sure that this, the load would soften.
With a "D. D." for a handle and a briefcase of notes,
I ventured forth with adequate quotes.
Not one saint of God, than the others, bolder,
Suggested I teach when a few years older.

As a Pastor once more in a church I was preaching;
Of course not to thousands, but a few I was reaching.
The most usual woes surely beset me:
Some of the members would like to upset me,
Sometimes most quickly we hear a call
To another place when our backs to the wall.
You're sure it is the Lord's own leading:
Especially if it furnishes house and feeding.

But it seemed in this pastorate so few showed affection,
So new plans began turning in another direction.
Till a young man and strong, and filled with ambitions;
Then why not go into foreign missions?

With requirements all met and arrangements all made,
The domestic problems for foreign to trade.
Of any four years in a life, these were longest;
And of all the yearnings, for home was the strongest.

But some things were learned, and that first-handed,
When I found myself in the jungle stranded:
There's no corner grocery with the mobile basket,
And a need doesn't come just when you ask it;
And not to be telling tales out of school,
But Missionaries find, as a general rule,
That the hardest task of any other,
Is just getting along with another brother.

I couldn't see to the field returning;
And I said, I am honest in His will discerning:
To a Bible Institute, I was lead, for teaching
The young Novitiates the art of preaching.
My own call was never too well defined,
(I had gone the way I was most inclined.)
And now an instructor, with lives involved,
I was even farther from the problem solved.

But to be discontent in the place you are serving,
Just entertain the dream that you're far more deserving.
This soon sets off a chain reaction;
And far, far away goes the sweet satisfaction
Of obeying God's will and seeking His choice;
And soon you are deaf to His still, small voice.
And a time like this, is hard for discerning
The real call of God from selfish yearning.

This is the "Long, Long Trail A winding,"
With never the answer fully finding;
Not because it was such a riddle,
But, with souls lost and dying, it's easier to fiddle
Than to tie yourself down to the will of God,
And go in the path you should have trod.
As in the ring, your hat to be tossing:
So you have stood at a multiple crossing.

I'm sure the Lord is never mistaken,
But to God's will, men are slow to awaken;
And from God's plan they are prone to straying,
With much time for scheming but little for praying.
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And gives strict assignments and places to each.
It's not that we need yet more rearranging;
But to count "dead" our craving for changing.



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