

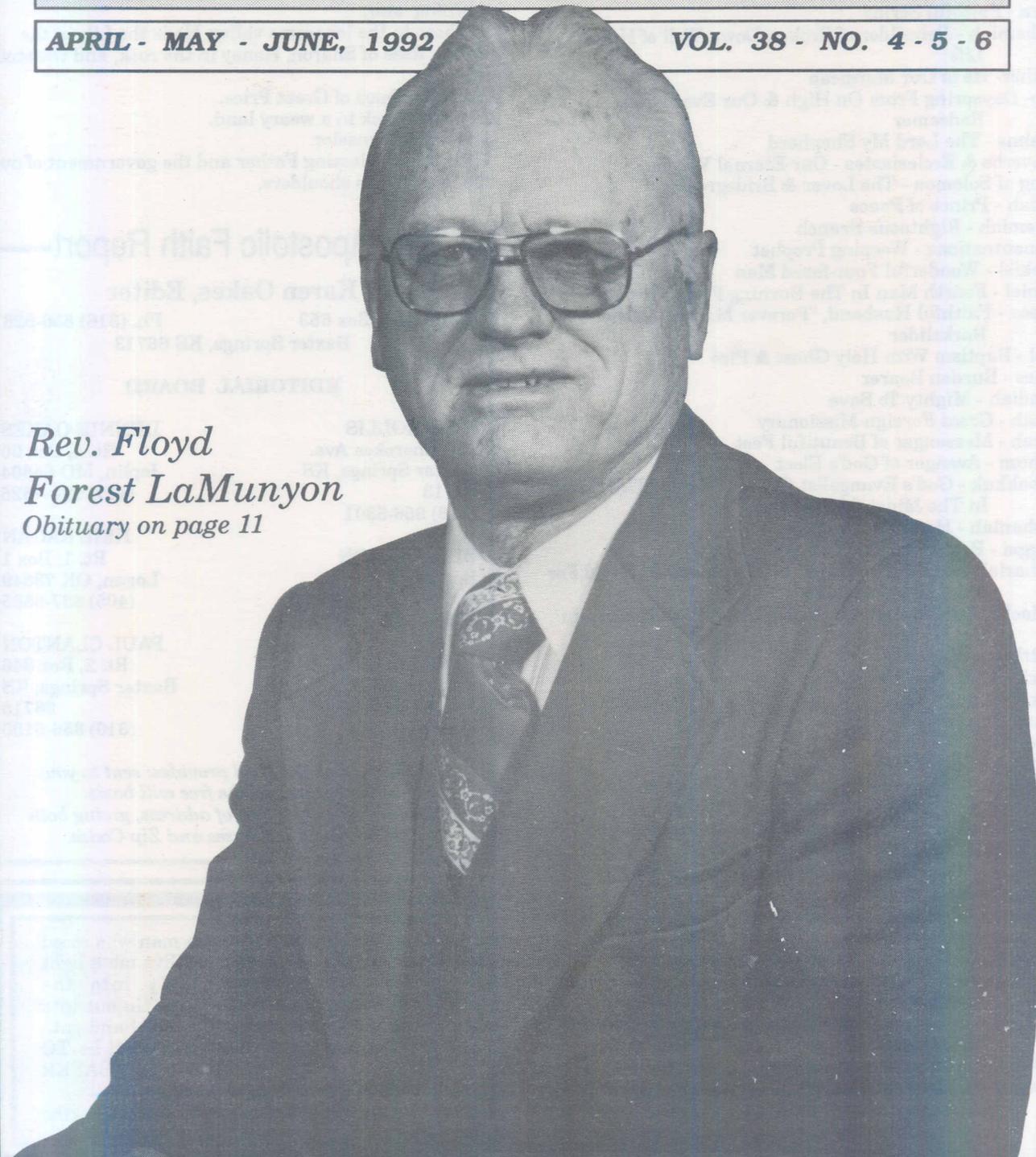
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Judah's Scepter
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 Hezekiah's Sun Dial
 Peter's Shadow
 John's Pearly White City

He is the husband to the widow and a father to the orphan.
 To those traveling in the darknight, He is the bright and morning star.
 To those in the lonesome valley, He is the Lily of the Valley, Rose of Sharon, Honey in the rock, and the staff of life.
 He is the Pearl of Great Price.
 He is the Rock in a weary land.
 He is the Counselor.
 He is the everlasting Father and the government of our life is upon His shoulders.

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And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the years, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into THE HAND OF GOD: that shall be TO THEE better than LIGHT and SAFER than a known way."

-M.L. Gaskins

Never Again

*Never again will I say, "I can't" for "I can do all things thru Christ which strengenth me.
Phillipians 4:13*

*Never again will I admit lack for "my God shall supply all my need according to his riches
in glory by Christ Jesus."
Phillipians 4:19*

*Never again will I fear for "God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of
love, and of a sound mind."
II Timothy 1:7*

*Never again will I harbor doubt and lack of faith for "The Lord is my strength of my life,
of whom shall I be afraid?"
Psalms 27:1*

*Never again will I allow supremacy of Satan over my life for "Greater is He that is in you
than he that is in the world.
I John 4:4*

*Never again will I admit defeat for God "always causeth us to triumph in Christ."
II Cor. 2:14*

*Never again will I lack wisdom for "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that
giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."
James 1:5*

*Never again will I be worried and frustrated. "Casting all your cares upon Him; for he
careth for you."
I Peter 5:7*

*Never again will I be in bondage for "where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."
II Cor. 3:17*

*Never again will I feel condemned for "There is therefore now no condemnation to them
which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
Romans 8:1*

Conditional Immortality

Rom. 2: 1-11 "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

And thinkest thou this, O man that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

But after thy hardness and impotent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile:

For there is no respect of persons with God."

The first thing I want to establish is that God's judgment is just. There is no respect of persons with God. Also He will render to every man according to his deeds. We must stand before a just God all by ourselves. On top of this we will know just where we stand. There will be no need of a lie detector test. God will look right through us and we'll know that He is looking through us. There will be no covering up there. This will be at the white throne judgment. This will also be true when God, through Christ, gives the rewards. Each one will receive a just recompense of reward.

Try as best they may, there still remains a certain amount of injustice in our judicial system and I think we have the best judicial system in the world. God's judicial system has no injustice.

The next thing I want to establish is we do not have immortality. Our soul is a living soul: mortal. The soul that sinneth shall die: known as the second death. Fear not him that can kill the body but fear him that can destroy both soul and body in hell: the second death. Our body goes back to the dust: it is not mortal. God loans us the breath of life. He can recall it at any time so we

don't own that. It belongs to God. Therefore we seek for immortality. This is what I want to deal with: Conditional Immortality.

Consider I Tim. 6:15-16. "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen."

"Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; who no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

This takes immortality from us humans. It belongs to God and I add; it will not be given randomly. It is a precious commodity. A reward to be cherished. There must be some special qualities to merit this reward. Paul told the Romans, Chapter 2, verses 5, 6, 7, "----the righteous judgment of God: who will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life." It is available to them who by patient continuance in well doing. You will note this 7th verse speaks of glory and honour and immortality, eternal life. The gift of God is eternal life though Jesus Christ. Glory and honour and immortality are rewards above eternal life merited by patient continuance in well doing. It is possible to obtain eternal life and not obtain glory and honour and immortality.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years. The verse to this Rev. 20:5. "but the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection." This plainly tells us there is more than one resurrection. It also tells us there are greater rewards added to eternal life. All who repent and are forgiven of their sins will receive eternal life. There are rewards added for faithfulness: patient continuance in well doing. After conversion there is a consecration to do the will of God. A setting apart. An acceptance of living sacrifice or sanctification. A born again process whereby the Adamic nature: the old man; is put down and the new man; directed by the Holy Spirit, in our lives, becomes paramount. We serve the Lord through love not because of a fire escape from hell. We humans cannot qualify for sonship until the old man has been subdued by the spirit --- I speak of the Spirit of God -- because there is a spirit of the Devil that will lead us to destruction. When led by the Spirit, we produce fruit of the spirit; Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Gal. 5:22-23. When we follow the Adamic nature:

the old man; we produce the works of the flesh: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like. Gal. 5:19-21.

Jesus has made a plan whereby we can have our sins forgiven, and have our Adamic nature subdued through sanctification: become a son of God and work toward: seek for glory and honour and immortality. These rewards are conditional. We qualify for them by patient continuance in well doing. Eternal life is obtained through repentance and accepting Jesus as your personal saviour. Immortality is obtained by consecration and patiently doing His will.

I Cor. 15:10-58, is Paul's explanation of the first resurrection and being changed. I'll quote some portions of this wonderful reading. Verse 23, but every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterwards they that are Christ's at his coming. "The first resurrection was Christ. He arose for the grave, The first resurrection for we humans is at Christ's coming. The glory of the blessing of the first resurrection is: the blessed and holy dead shall rise first. Incorruption and immortality are the same as Christ was when He arose from the grave. Not the glorification of the soul but the body.

Verse 50, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." Jesus came forth flesh and spirit. He shed his blood on Calvary. Those who qualify, in the grave, shall come forth incorruptible: flesh and spirit. Those that are alive, and qualify, shall be changed to flesh and spirit. One is called incorruptible. The other immortality. Verse 53, "This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

Not every one that dies will obtain the first resurrection. Not every one that is alive will obtain immortality. There is a qualifying process. Note this happens when Christ returns. I work, toil, carry the burden of souls, try to encourage the saints, to obtain more than eternal life. I want immortality or incorruption. The toils of the road will seem nothing when I stand in his likeness body and spirit. Which ever way Jesus sees fit will suit me. Let me live until He comes or let me die and await the resurrection: first resurrection, I'll be pleased if I can qualify for incorruption or immortality.

I want to quote some sayings about immortality :

Without a belief in personal immortality, religion is like an arch resting on one pillar, or like a bridge ending in an abyss. --Max Muller.

Our dissatisfaction with any other solution is the blazing evidence of immortality. -- Emerson.

We do not believe in immortality because we have proved it, but, we forever try to prove it because we believe it. -- James Martineau.

Immortality is the glorious discovery of christianity, -- Channing.

I believe in immortality, through Christ , on the condition I qualify for it. Remember I qualify them the same: incorruption and immortality. Incorruption through the grave: corruption. Immortality, this mortal changed. Both will happen in the twinkling of an eye. All that I endure, all that I forsake, my labours and toils; yes, even any suffering, will be worth it to stand in His image: body and spirit: incorruptible or immortal. "I seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life."

I Cor. 15:57-58, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Donald D. Dibbens

*Christ has no hands but our hands
to do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet
to lead men in His way.
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To lead men to His side.*

*We are the only message
The careless world will read;
We are the sinner's gospel;
we are the scoffer's creed.
We are the Lord's last message,
Written in word and deed.
What if the type be crooked?
What if the print be blurred?*

-Author Unknown

OBITUARIES

Juanita Irene Ragan Wright

Juanita Irene Wright, daughter of James S. and Olive V. Haire Ragan, was born April 3, 1906, in Harrison County, Mo. She entered eternal rest March 19, 1991 in Amarillo, Tex. at the age of 84 years. Juanita spent most of her childhood in Beaver County, Oklahoma.

She attended and graduated from Shattuck (Oklahoma) High School.

She and Russell Lee Wright were united in marriage Buffalo, Okla., June 29, 1930. Three sons were born to them; Jim, Robert, and Harvey.

They came to Cimarron County in 1932, and she taught at Sandyview School from 1932 through 1934. She became Cimarron County treasurer in July, 1955, and continued in that office until her retirement July 1, 1979.

Juanita belonged to the Apostolic Faith denomination, but she taught Sunday School at different churches through the years. One of her favorite past times was reading her Bible. She enjoyed working with her hands, and made afghans for her children. She took great pride in yard work, and spent much time with her flowers. She was an avid sports fan, and attended as many games as she could until just a few years ago. She also kept up with sports on television. After her retirement she was able to travel, and enjoyed trips to Alaska, the Holy Land, Hawaii, and the New England states.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee, June 17, 1958; one son, Jim, Dec. 15, 1986; two brothers, Edward Ragan, and Alvin Lyle Ragan, and one sister, Eula Ragan; and her parents.

Survivors include two two sons, Robert J. Wright of Enid, Okla. and Harvey Wright and wife Lesta, of Sterling, Colo.; one daughter-in-law, Verna Faye Wright, of Boise City; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three brothers, John Ragan of Darrouzett, Tex., Raymond Ragan of Albuquerque, N. M., and Neil Ragan of Logan, Okla.; five sisters, Maxine Haagenon of Albuquerque, Charlotte Bridges of Amarillo, Gracie Rumley of Fort Supply, Ok. Lourena Wright, Boise City.

Funeral services were Friday, March 22, at 10:00 a. m. at St. Pauls United Methodist Church, with Marcus Adair and George Johnson officiating. Burial was in Boise City Cemetery under the direction of Cimarron Mortuary.

Juanita was a wonderful lady who lived a long, full useful life, with much joy and happiness. She was strong, independent and had the determination that enabled her to accomplish whatever she attempted. Her faith was felt by all her family and friends. No matter what shortcomings she saw in others. she still loved and believed in each one of us. She never missed an event that dealt with her children and grandchild-

ren. no matter how bad she felt. She always asked about and thought of others first and herself last. She had concern for her family, in facing the rough road ahead. She was a good woman, and her belief and faith in God never wavered, through many trials. She worked until age 74 before retiring, and a year later she suffered a heart attack, but nothing stopped her in the determination.

Betty Jane Capansky

Betty Jane [Ragan Smoot] Capansky, the daughter of the late James L. and Olive V. Haire Ragan was born Jan. 1, 1925 near Laverne, Ok. in Beaver County. Betty entered eternal rest on May 6, 1991 at her home in Boise City at the age of 66 years,

Betty attended school at Darrouzette, Tex. and graduated from the Laverne High School. After graduation Betty worked a year for her brother, John Ragan in a grocery store close to Darrouzette. Then she taught school a year at a little country school on an emergency certificate, during the war.

Betty was united in marriage to Roy Smoot in October of 1943. To this union five sons were born. Raymond Eugene, Larry Dean, Stanley Leon, Leslie Kent, and Royce Kevin. Betty and her family lived in and near Laverne, she moved to Plains, Ks. And to Boise City from 1956 to 1965. Then she worked as a waitress from 1966 to 1979, when she had to retire due to severe back problems.

Betty was an at large member of the American Gold Star Mothers.

Survivors include: two sons, Larry and wife Nelda, of Albuquerque, N.M., Larry also served in Vietnam while in the Navy, and Stan of Boise City; three brothers, John Ragan of Darrouzette, Raymond Ragan of Albuquerque, N M, and Neil Ragan of Logan, Okla.; four sisters, Maxine Haagenon, of Albuquerque, Charlotte Bridges of Amarillo, Tx., Gracia Rumley of Fort Supply Ok., and Lourena Wright of Boise City, Ok. three grandsons Raymond Dewayne [Smoot] Gimpel, Dallas, Glen Gimple both of Dallas Tx., and Aaron Eugene Smoot of Albuquerque, N,M,

Funeral services were Friday May 10, 1991 at 10:30 A.M. at the First Baptist Church, Boise City with Marcus Adair, Tom Schenk, and George Johnson officiating. Pallbearers were nephews of Betty's. Burial was in the Boise City Cemetery.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents and three sons. Raymond made the supreme sacrifice as he was killed in Vietnam on November 18, 1966. Leslie Kent was an RH Factor baby and lived only three days and Royce Kevin as a infant; two brothers, Edward Ragan, and Alvin Lyle Ragan; two sisters Eula Ragan and Juanita Wright.

Euteva Coberly Dunn



Euteva Coberly Dunn, daughter of Homer and Pearl Coberly, was born in Cave Springs, Arkansas, March 9, 1922.

Euteva passed from this life, after a long illness, at her home in Lubbock, Texas, March 1, 1992.

Many, many years of her earlier life was spent traveling with the Coberly Evangelistic party. Euteva was an important part of this group, as she played the piano, organ or horn--as the occasion called for.

Revivals were conducted in many states in open air, tents, school houses and churches. Traveling began in a covered wagon, then a Model T, as time went on--in later model cars. Euteva always had a smile for everyone, and an outstanding willingness to do her part in winning souls for Jesus.

When her parents were no longer able to travel Euteva moved with them to Lubbock, in the early Fifties. Her many talents in the music field enabled her to teach music for a number of years. The success of many of her pupils is a tribute to her thorough interest and caring in each one.

In 1963 Euteva was married to Roy Dunn. A son, Tommy was adopted.

A graveside service was held March 2nd. Rev Jimmy Long was in charge. Interment was in the Rest Home Cemetery in Lubbock. A special Memorial Service was held March 3rd in the Grace Assembly of God Church in Lubbock. Friends of the family spoke in the service.

Survivors include one son, Tommy of the home A brother, R. L. Coberly of Honda, Texas. An aunt Delphia Arnett of Tomball, Texas. A niece and nephew and other relatives and friends.

Those who live in the
Lord never see each
other for the last time.

Alma Leona MeKee Getz

Alma Leona MeKee Getz, beloved daughter of Shannon and Lula Daniel McKee, was born September 27, 1984, in Decatur County, Kansas. She departed this life at the Holiday Lodge Nursing Home, in Longview, Texas, to be with her Lord on April 5, 1992, at the age of 97 years, 7 months, and 9 days.

At the age of five, she came to Ellis County, Oklahoma, with her parents, where where she grew to womanhood.

On December 25, 1913, Alma was united in marriage to Sol Getz. To this union, six children were born. Early in their married life, with two small children, Sol and Alma moved to Los Animas County, Colorado, where they lived for 8 years. They returned to Oklahoma, and Sol and Alma were baptized into the Apostolic Faith Church, at Laverne. Sol became an evangelist/minister, and Alma spent the following years accompanying her husband to wherever God called them to carry on His work. Upon retiring from the ministry, they made their home in Brownwood, Texas. Later, they were to move to Overton, Texas, which is where they make their permanent home. Sol Passed away on May 15, 1979.

Alma loved the out-of-doors, and fishing was one of her favorite hobbies. She enjoyed caring for her family, and assuming the many duties that were required of a homemaker. Alma had been a resident of the Holiday Lodge Nursing Home for the past three years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four children, four grandsons, two great-grandsons, three sisters, and three brothers.

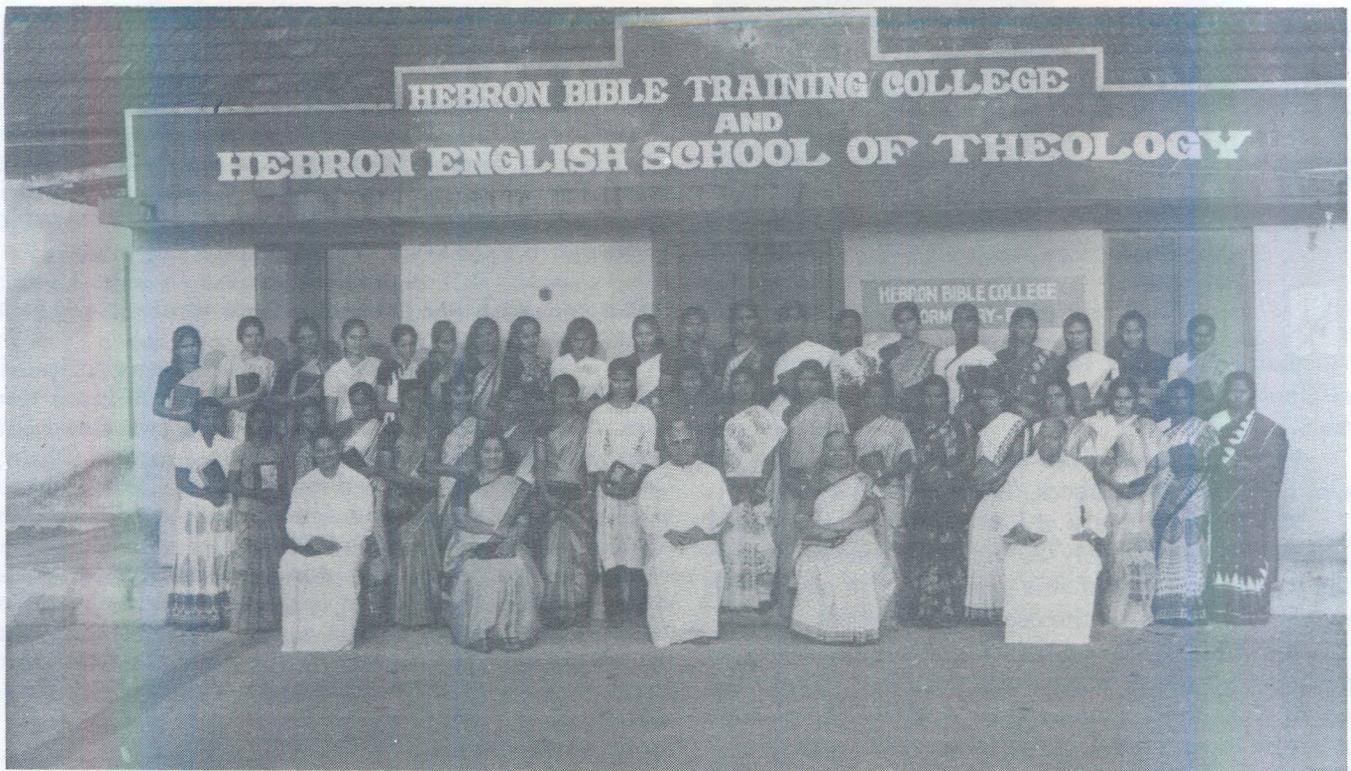
Alma leaves to morn her passing two daughters, Bertha Hamilton, of Shattuck, Oklahoma, and Mildred Day of Overton, Texas; one brother, Dale McKee, of Canon City, Colorado; four sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law. Eight grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, niece, nephews, and a host of loving friends who will miss her.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 9, 1992, at 2; 00 P. M., at the Mason Funeral Home Chapel, in Shattuck, Oklahoma, with Rev. Elmer Christenson and Rev. M. D. Methvin officiating.

Interment was in the Sophia Cemetery, Beaver County, Oklahoma, with Mason Funeral Home, of Shattuck, in charge of arrangements.



Greetings From Hebron Bible College!



As we think of the months of 1992 our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise. After our General Convention here in January we were busy with Conventions in different areas and souls have been saved.

Our Ladies Session started in February and we enjoyed a good time with 40 girls. Married women who studied here feel that the sacrifice they made in leaving their families for three months was nothing when compared to what they have learned. The fellowship and the practical training is wonderful.

One sad incident that caused sorrow to all of us was the tragedy that took place in Chalakudy on 12th March. Suja - one of the girls received a phone call about the drowning of her father and sister who were crossing a river in a small boat. There were 10 of them in the boat which turned

over and all of them fell into the water and it took several hours for the dead bodies to be taken out. It was a painful time for the relatives, friends and Pastors to go through the funeral service the next day - two members from one family to be buried together. Pastor T. S. Abraham had to be in charge of the service with several others. Your help and prayers for this family will be appreciated.

On 16th & 17th April, we had our Annual Camp here for the sisters. On 1st April, interview was held for those we enroll for the next Semester at HBC. We are thankful to all who have been praying and helping us - We request you to continue to send your offerings and have a part in the work in India.

Yours in Christ,
Stephen & Mary

And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

Mark 13:10

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On Trial

by Dora Beydler

Who was on trial that night before the passover feast?

The Bible reads in part from John 13: 1-2 "Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world.....and supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him." Judas was on trail before God and found himself, as was King Belshazzar, when he saw the hand writing on the wall, which read "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting." Daniel 5:37.

Next let us read a little farther and I copy in part again, from John 13:21-22, "Jesus.....was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, verily, I say unto you , that one of you shall betray Me." And Matthew wrote in chapter 26: 21-22, And as they did eat, He said, "Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray Me. And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto Him :Lord is it I?"

These men were on trial but they went directly to the One before whom they were on trial and each asked if he was doing to be guilty? We stand on trial each day with what we are doing with our lives. If we are more concerned with our own way than "What can I do for my Lord today?" We are falling short of the mark. The story is told of two men who were trying to escape from an erupting volcano. As the molten rock gushed out of the crater they fled in the only direction open to them. Every thing went well until they came to a wide stream of the hot, smoking lava. Sizing up their situation, they realized their only hope was to get over this stream of about thirty feet. One of the men was old and arthritic while the other was young and athletic. He was a track star who could easily broad jump 25 feet. With a running start they each tried to leap to safety. The older man went only a few feet through the air before falling into the hot bubbling mass. The younger, with his greater strength and skill, catapulted much farther. Though he almost made it, he still missed the bank on the other side. It didn't matter that he did better than his companion, for he too perished in the molten lava.

Whether or not this story actually happened it does bring the thought that our own accomplishments, a fine reputation, good works or great abilities, everyone falls short unless hidden with Christ, in God. Colossians 3:3 Paul wrote in Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God." Then David said, "Thy word

have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalm 119:11. Judas tried to right his mistakes in his own strength while the other men sought the approval of their Savior.

There were others before the tribunal of God's standard at the same time of Jesus being tried by the Sanhedrin. But just as the hand writing on the wall told of Belshazzar not passing the test this trial also showed the bankruptcy of others. The Jewish spiritual leaders were short of the mark because they failed to recognize the Messiah, even though His words were backed by His deeds. He tried many times to tell, also to show them He was sent from God but they were too complacent with their own station in life, therefore, they rejected Him. I wonder, how many of us are going straight into trouble because we insist in doing it our own way.

Pilate stood before God's judgement seat two times when he could have taken his stand, Pilate, it is said, was a merciless, cruel Roman who was noted for his brutality and was the hard hearted Governor over Jerusalem and Judea at the time of Jesus ministry. He enjoyed the tortured death of a man. Whether it was Jesus countenance of Divinity or the way He stood erect and fearless or just some inner communication Pilate did not really want to crucify Him. Certainly it was not the robes Jesus wore or the crown of thorns which was placed on His head by unbelievers and probably made the blood to trickle down His face that made Pilate to deviate from His usual pattern of glee. Instead Pilate sought help from Herod, but as usual people cannot help us when we must stand in God's judgement hall so Herod left Pilate to settle his own affairs before God. When he ___Pilate feared more about the opinion of the people than the voice of his conscience. First he feared for his position__a governor for Rome ___more than he feared the God he did not know. It was thought his wife was a Christian so he probably, through her, knew some of the teachings but that was not enough. Second, he feared the Jewish leaders. He was afraid they might make him appear weak to Rome. Oh, the web we do weave with our deeds! To try his own way for deliverance Pilate called for a bowl of water and washed his hands. He stood condemned for his failure to do what he knew was right. He washed his hands but his heart needed cleansing by Jesus blood. For want of that one act Pilate lost everything. It is said he committed suicide in exile.

The Jewish crowds stood condemned along with the rest because they just followed along.

The supposedly Spiritual Leaders stood condemned because they refused to believe in the True Messiah.

Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate but Herod, himself was on trial that day. He was a son of Herod the Great and had already killed John the Baptist. This day probably seemed to him to be another time to mock God but his mockery was empty. Herod wished to see some miracle but Jesus does not perform miracles just for proof of His Deity or to please man especially because one who lives in sin desires to see one. So Herod's unrelenting heart stood condemned as he faced the disapproval of God.

Dear reader, let us all take an inventory of our own motives and deeds because we, too, stand before the tribunal of God. Do we serve Christ with good deeds because we belong to a leading Church? Do we fail to do as we know we should because we enjoy popularity? Are we afraid to take a stand against wrong doings because of the fear of popular opinion? Joshua said, "---As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:5

Pilate did not want to crucify Jesus but in his willingness to save Jesus asked the Chief Priests, "What will ye then that I shall do unto Him whom ye call the King of the Jew?" Mark 15:9b

Today we think of those people in the roles they lived in the past they had in the events surrounding that terrible time but I'm wondering if we were confronted with similar events would we do any differently? Those Spiritual leaders were so self assured and satisfied they did not want to hear Jesus words, Today, when we look around there is a great percentage of people who pride themselves as being Christians but note the number of that same percentage who do not hear Jesus today. Years ago a very prominent minister was talking of some people who had stepped out by faith to be led by God to the place God wanted them and the Minister was heard to say, " I wish I had the courage to do that." Friends, do doubts and fears hinder us from the complete service God has called us to render? When Jesus passed where Peter and Andrew were fishing He told them, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of Men." Matthew 4:19. The disciples left everything to follow Jesus, We read from Luke 18:28 where Peter said, "Lo we have left all, and followed Thee." And again I copy in part from Revelation 14:4 " These are they which follow the Lamb whither so ever He goeth."

We are all on trial before God. The Rulers of the Jews failed that day because they were too busy defending their own theories. How many of us hold to theories and traditions? They deviated from the Mosaic Law to follow and impose upon others their own traditions. They turned their faces from the True God with their pursuit of serving idols because this was the popular thing to do.

Today we do not have {in general} so many people who have images set up to worship but an idol can be any object of passionate devotion. This could be a home, money,, games of sports, pleasures, families or any number of things which keep us from serving our Living God.

Herod was on trial and failed because he had been warned of his sins by John the Baptist. Instead of leaving his life of sin and turning to a life of service to God he tried to silence the accusing voice by beheading John the Baptist and thought he could do as he pleased. Today people do not often copy Herod's method to silence the voice of their conscience but many go deeper into sin as did Herod.

We must individually come to Christ through His Blood which was shed on the cross. We read in Matthew 26:28 from words which Jesus spoke when He instituted the first communion service after the last supper with His disciples, "---- This is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." And in Luke 22:20 we read also in Jesus words, :This cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you." We sing from the song, "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

Another example of people on trial before God is found in the story Jesus told of the Pharisee and the Publican, found in Luke 18:10-14. The two men went to the temple. One went to show he had done his duty and to brag to God how good he was. The Publican was a person despised by the Jews because of his occupation. humbly bowed before his Maker saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner." [a part of verse 13] Luke tells us God heard the humble man and he went to his home justified. The self righteous man had exalted himself and felt no need of God. Friend, why do we go to Church? We should go with an humble attitude remembering with the Palmist when he wrote, "He bought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a Rock. " [a part of Psalm 4:2] Why do we go to Church? The Pharisee was on trial and his pride kept him in disbelief of God's saving grace. The Publican, though an outcast by the self righteous, in humility, asked for and received God's mercy . He won his trial because he saw his need of help and was not willing to try to clothe himself in his own feeble efforts.

Adam and Eve were both on trial for just on sin of disobedience and tried to cover their guilt by trying to hide from God. They didn't succeed and had to leave their beautiful garden homeland.

The rich young Ruler was on trial when he came running to Jesus asking for some good thing he could do to win eternal life. Luke 18:22 When Jesus gave him that one good thing to do he didn't want to do it. We can hear him now as he argues, "But Lord, that is my life savings." Lord I've worked hard for this money." "But, Master what can I live

Rev. Floyd Forest LaMunyon *(Cover Story)*

Rev. Floyd Forest LaMunyan, 78, was born March 17, 1914 near Buffalo in Harper County to Charles Henry and Carrie Blanche Brooner. LaMunyon and went to be with his Lord and Savior, Tuesday, May 5, 1992 in the Newman Memorial Hospital, Shattuck.

He was one of 5 children born to this pioneer family. He attended the Laverne Schools along with his 2 brothers and 2 sisters. At an early age, Floyd trusted Jesus as his personal Savior and at age 17 he began preaching in the Apostolic Faith Church.

On January 1, 1933 in Laverne, Floyd and Grace Marie Pigg were united in marriage. He and Grace were also singers in the ministry and after their marriage they sang together. They ministered in all 50 states including Alaska and Hawaii. They played guitars as they sang in their earlier years. They also sang over a radio station in Dodge City, Kansas. Floyd served as superintendent for several years at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas. He served on the Church Camp Committee numerous times and always enjoyed the fellowship of his fellow pastors and Christian friends. After retirement, Floyd purchased the Globe Clothing Store in Laverne. He gave his very best in everything he did and God blessed this business.

The LaMunyan family was very close and after his Mothers death, Floyd assumed the duties of keeping the family together. He called them every Friday or Saturday and their happiness was his happiness too. He always prayed for their well being. His life was devoted to his wife, Grace. He loved so unselfishly, always putting Grace's health and needs first, without ever considering himself.

He was truly one of God's special servants, cheerfully helping others, praying with them and for them. He was a Christian gentleman in every endeavor and his friendship was cherished by many people. He loved and was loved by the people whose lives he touched and blessed along the way. Serving the Lord

was priority in his life and this was evident in everything he did. He was so thankful for the faithful, loving care of his family during this final illness.

He must have sung daily "Lord help me live from day to day in such a self forgetful way that even when I kneel to pray, my prayer shall be for others"-- This was our dear Floyd.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Denzel LaMunyon.

Floyd's brother Dennis LaMunyon of Laverne, survived him in death by one day. Dennis passed away May 6, 1992, one day after Floyd's death.

Floyd leaves as his survivors his wife and companion for 59 years, Grace, of the home in Laverne, his brother, Dillard and wife, June of Lakeside, Montana; his two sisters, Leota and husband, Wayne Neff, of Borger, Tx., and Florene and husband, Carl Alder of Ellinwood, Kansas; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 8, 1992 at 2:00 P. M. in the Apostolic Faith Church, Laverne, with the Rev. Jack Cornell, Pastor, the Rev. Olin Bachler, and the Rev. Roland Busch officiating. Kathryn Cornell was organist, and LaMoyne Fox and Sandra Huff were pianists. A ladies trio, Kathryn Cornell, LaMoyne Fox and Barbara Waterbury sang "Not a Shadowland" and "The Man of Galilee" and a quartet, the Rev. Ted and Deanna Barker, the Rev. Howard Whitely and the Rev. Neil Ragan sang "I'll Meet You In The Morning".

Pallbearers were the Rev. Bob Taylor, the Rev. Neil Ragan, the Rev. Jim Fox, the Rev. Harrol Waterbury, the Rev. E. K. Cornell, the Rev.. Lowell Long, Wick Brown, and the Rev. Jacob Regier. Interment was in the Laverne Cemetery, Laverne with the arrangements under the direction of Seeger Funeral Home, Laverne. Memorials may be made to the Apostolic Faith Church, or the American Cancer Society, c/o Seeger Funeral Home, P. O. Box 909, Laverne, OK 73848.

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on if I give this away." "Let these other people go to work and earn their own living." How many of us would rather do our own way of life just so we don't have to please anyone but ourselves?

We could go on with many more examples from the Bible but we of today are on trial, too, and must consider the feeling when we stand before God to answer for ourselves. Are we guilty or not guilty on a number of charges? With God there is no classification in sin. James 2:10 reads, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." We may be careful to do everything well but have a doubt about the power of God then we may have no trouble believing God's powerful ability but can not yield to His authority and we are guilty of not following Him. The beginning of trouble for the Isrealites was trying to be like other people who knew nothing about our God. Today we live among people who do not know God but He expects to live among other people, and enjoy this life but He

wants to take first place in our lives and if we do as the Israelites who, several years before our time, lost their vision of God and patterned their lives after the heathen, we shall find ourselves "weighed in the balances and found wanting., when we stand in the judgement.

Will we hear the coveted words "Well done, thou good and faithful servant:-----enter thou into the joy of the Lord." [apart of Matthew 25;21] Or will we hear guilty "cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness," [a part of Matthew 25:30] Let us heed the words of Joshua found in Joshua 24:15 [and I am copying in part again] "Choose you this day whom ye will serve; but for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

*Joshua 24:16
And the people answered and
said, God forbid that we
should forsake the Lord, to
serve other gods.*

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ARTICLE VII

Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted his as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this live and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded to-

gether those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

- Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Creation and Formation..
- Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation .
- Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.
- Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by the speaking in other languages.
- Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Bather, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- Washing of Feet.
- Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.
- Do not condone divorce and remarriage, Matt. 19:8-9.
- Destruction of the Wicked.
- Conditional Immortality.
- Rapture of the Man Child Class.
- Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.
- A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

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