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W. H. HARRIS, PRESIDENT

Composer Of "The Old Rugged Cross" Was Former Salvation Army Officer

A man who was a Salvation Army officer and soldier for 15 years before he wrote one of the most famous of all hymns "The Old Rugged Cross" until October 11 when he "exchanged it for a crown." The Rev. George Bennard, who composed the music and words for "The Old Rugged Cross," died in almost complete obscurity in Reed City, Mich. But the hymn he wrote in 1912, two years after he gave up his commission as an adjutant in The Salvation Army, will live on forever. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio and later worked in low coal mines as a youngster of 15 to help support his widowed mother and five brothers and sisters. Rev. Bennard joined The Salvation Army in 1895. Three years later he became an officer and immediately began traveling the Midwest to conduct revival meetings. John 3:16 was the inspiration for the writing of "The Old Rugged Cross" according to Rev. Bennard, who said he saw Christ and the cross inseparable while praying for a full understanding of the cross and its plan in Christianity. Rev. Bennard was holding evangelistic meetings in Michigan when he started the words to "The Old Rugged Cross," but an inner voice told him to "wait." He went to New York and conducted a series of meetings, and through his great experiences at those revivals he was able to complete the hymn and five brothers and sisters. Rev. Bennard returned to Michigan.

The Christian Viewpoint

The doctors have developed a new medical study, geriatrics, the cure of those in old age. They have been studying the lives of some outstanding old men to find out what are the marks of healthy old age. One of those they have studied is Amos Alonzo Stagg, who at the age of 96 is coaching football, as punting and kicking coach for Stockton College in California. He served from 1892 to 1933, for forty-one years as head coach for University of Chicago, when they retired him at age 71 years. He went to Stockton College, and in 1943, when the coach was 81, his team was so good that the coach was elected coach of the year and football's man of the year. One of the factors in his long life, Stagg, thinks, is his strict Christian living. When he was fifteen years old, on May 22, 1877, as he recalls, "I became a Christian, and that made all the difference to me." He had read how Spartan youths trained their bodies, and he decided to give up coffee, smoking, and any use of alcohol. He trained his body diligently. He pitched his prep school to baseball victory. At Yale he pitched in five championship seasons. He made Walter Camp's first All-American football squad in 1889. Now at 96 he is still able to coach. Maybe some of your people today could learn something from Amos Alonzo Stagg. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong. Let it all that ye do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

THIS IS THE LAW

By Robert E. Lee PAYMENT OF MONEY. Allen has borrowed \$100 from Butler. On the date the loan is to be paid, Allen tenders the \$100 with interest to Butler. The money offered and held out to Butler is refused. May Butler two years later recover the money from Allen? Yes. Where the performance of a contract consists of the payment of a sum of money, the tender of the same by the debtor and its refusal by the creditor does not amount to a discharge of the debt. The creditor may sue and recover a judgment for the amount of the debt at any time within the period of the Statute of Limitations. If the obligation is oral or in writing without a seal, this means that the creditor in North Carolina can bring his action at any time within the five years from the date of maturity of the obligation. If the obligation is in writing with a seal or the word "seal" beside the debtor's signature, the creditor can wait as long as ten years from the date of maturity to start his legal proceeding for a recovery. The effect of tender of payment is that it merely stops the running of interest and precludes the creditor from recovering court costs in connection with any subsequent legal proceeding. Furthermore, even to achieve this result, the debtor must continue to be ready and willing to pay the debt at any time, or, as it is said, the tender must be kept good. Hence, Butler may at a later date recover from Allen at least \$100 plus interest up to the date of tender. Corbin owes to Williston money on two separate obligations. One is secured by a mortgage on Corbin's home, the other is an unsecured obligation. Corbin makes a payment of \$2,000 to Williston, but does not at the time of payment specify which of the two obligations he is making a part payment. A week later Corbin tells Williston that he wants the \$2,000 applied toward the payment of his mortgage loan. Williston says that he is sorry but that he has already applied the \$2,000 as part payment of the unsecured loan. May Corbin require Williston to apply the \$2,000 as part payment of his mortgage loan? No. Corbin should have specified at the time of payment that he wanted the \$2,000 applied to the mortgage loan.

Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch

DEAR MISTER EDITOR: These new 1959 cars they is putting out remind me of a razor-back hog in reverse. I've saw many a razor-back hog that was so from-heavy you had to tie a stick to his tail to keep him from coming in front. These new cars has got so much fin-tail on the back that they'll have to tie a rock to the engine to keep it from glitting airborne. I'm looking at 'em at a distance. It's hard to tell the hood from the trunk. It's like these new - styled hair-uis the women is glitting. It's hard to tell whether you're walking behind a woman who needs a haircut or a woman that's just had one. One thing, though, I not is that they seem to have thicker legs. I judge the folks that is glitting is expecting a tough bunch of pe-estrains this year. One glitterer said Sunday that I might be getting better all the time. He says folks is getting more and more religion ever day, and he based it on the fact that there isn't near as much cussing and profanity as they used to be. I ain't no feller to argue with my preacher, but he ain't even close to the

CHUCKLE CORNER



"NO...SHE ISN'T DOIN' A THING... EXCEPT WAITIN' FOR YOU TO PHONE!"

M's Ami os

Recently I had the opportunity to travel to four different cities in my work. It was interesting to observe the different custom farming practices. Now we are just beginning to set up a National Extension Program so we are studying the situations as it is now. I found that the women who are being hired as home agents will have to had a lot of training but they all seem very interested in working. We have had one training conference with them and are working now to plan another. Colombians have the custom of the young man serenading a girl friend very early in the morning. He may sing himself or he may hire some professional musicians to sing for him and he goes along. Several times recently young girls on our street have been serenaded. I like to wake up and go to the window to listen and watch. The songs sound very sad to me and not as happy as I think I would like. There are certain ways in which she can respond and show her interest in the young man but I do not know all of them. If she is really in love with him, she gets up, her father invites him in and they serve refreshments.

Change In Your Social Security

Some important changes have been made in the old-age and survivors insurance program as a result of the Social Security Amendments of 1958 which President Eisenhower signed into law on August 28, 1958. All of the changes, directly or indirectly, affect the American public as a whole. Working persons — employed and self-employed — need to know about them; their families need to know about them. In the articles to follow I shall describe the changes singly and in detail; today, I shall restrict myself to a summary of the most important changes designed to strengthen this Federal social insurance system which provides partial protection against loss of earned income upon the retirement, death, or total disability of the worker. Most important because it affects practically all working people and their families, is the increase in benefit amounts. This applies to those now getting benefit payments and to those who will become beneficiaries in the future. People now on the beneficiary rolls do not have to get in touch with the social security office to obtain these benefit increases. The larger amounts are effective with January and will show up on benefit checks for that month which will go in the mails early in February. As you know, benefit amounts are figured from a working person's average earnings. Right now, only earnings up to a total of \$4,200 in a year can be credited to a worker's social security account. Beginning with 1959, however, earnings up to \$4,800 will be creditable and taxable for social security purpose.

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THE Minister's Desk

We read a great deal in these times about the tensions that exist as a result of the busy pace of modern life. Psychologists, psychiatrists, and sometimes Ministers who employ the art of counseling as a part of their ministry recommend to those who are full of tensions to get out near nature and fish or hunt and "get away from it." I personally doubt that this will ease our problems, except maybe temporarily, unless we could have the luck that on American did which was that of American folklore. This person was hunting and the animal he was one of these mystic lead is — the kind you have to put powder in then you pull your shot. He had plenty of powder, but only had time to load one time. He saw a turkey sitting on a limb of a tree nearby. So he loaded his gun with this last load, then he looked back — beneath the tree stood a deer. About this time he heard a rattle beneath his feet — a rattlesnake. The snake was in front of him and a stream behind him so he could not run. He didn't know what to do but finally decided to shoot the turkey and take his chances on the rattlesnake. When he fired his gun he died his gun r. vously.

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MEET A METHODIST of the Duplin Charge — C. G. Nickens, Pastor

Mr. C. H. Pope of Magnolia North Carolina is our "Meet A Methodist" for this week. Mr. Pope was born in Ross Hill, N. C. and joined the Protestant Methodist Church thirty-five years ago and a number of years ago he moved his membership to the Magnolia Methodist Church. Mr. Pope is a great Christian giving of his time, his talents and his treasure freely and unselfishly. Through his concern and effort the \$25,000 building program at the Magnolia Methodist Church was carried through to success. He is through his courage and faith an inspiration to his pastor. Mr. Pope is a member of the Official Board of his Church serving in the position of Trustee. He is a member of the faculty of James Hennen High School where he teaches agriculture. He and Mrs. Pope have two children, C. H. Jr. and Ann.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY DR. KENNETH FOREMAN Lesson for November 2, 1958 THOUSANDS of Americans have visited Galilee. The very name has a glamorous sound. But at the time this country was occurring which lent the place its fame, now famous around the world, it had no glamor at all. It is a little region, no bigger than a county. At the time Jesus lived, it was a part, a very insignificant corner, of a great empire, governed by a politician named Herod with the title of "Tetrarch." — what we today might call a backwoods W.P.A. People look at things differently nowadays. If Jesus had had a public-relations man, or somebody like a Hollywood agent, they would certainly have advised a start somewhere besides Galilee. "Everybody will think you have no background" they might have said. "When people hear you are from Galilee they will just say Oh. If you have any ambition for a career, Galilee is a pretty poor bottom rung on the ladder of success." But Galilee was where Jesus was, and that is where he started. It did seem absurd. (Not to him, of course, but to any worldly-wise observer.) Galilee was not only an ordinary dusty unglamorous sort of countryside, dotted with towns and villages most of which have long been forgotten. Galilee was open to immigration, and there had been lots of it. There were not many Galileans who could boast of proud pedigrees to match those of the aristocrats up in Jerusalem. All sorts of people, with all sorts of ideas and ideals, all sorts of customs, yes and all sorts of religions, had come and settled in Galilee. There were towns such as Tiberias, Herod's little back-country capital, that had been settled by so many non-Jews or half-Jews, that Jews

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