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Degrading Our Heritage
The Associated Press recently sent out an article about elec-

tion in Crystal City, Texas. The intended theme of the piece might have been praiseworthy but in reality it degraded the Anglo-Saxons and the very heritage of this country—and the people who first made it great and democratic.
The news feature in the article was that the Latins (the Mexican element) in Crystal City, had wrested control of the city's administration from the "Anglo" regime. Reading the piece one could not but get the impression that the Anglos represented evil and the Spanish-Mexican element virtue.
What the Latins did, in part, it would appear, was appeal to race, color and religion, to garner a mass vote against the Anglo administration of the town. Is this supposed to be something for which Americans will cheer?
The Latin Americans now have an organization, begun during the 1960 presidential campaign, called PASO, and they are seeking to appeal to the emotions of Latin Americans in many towns and areas, so that they can

throw the Anglos out of office. Are we to encourage such a movement?
Are we to forget that the Anglo-Saxons, our own forefathers, brought the very democracy all of us now enjoy to this country, that Texas was freed from totalitarian banditry of an all too typical Latin American type?
The truth is, of course, that the Latin Americans in general should thank their stars for the Anglos, who have brought about 99 per cent of the democracy (including freedom of religion) that functions effectively, with stability, to the western hemisphere. That fact should not protect corruption or inefficiency but it should be remembered when anti-Anglo movements begin en masse.

Funeral Services For Hobbville Youth
Funeral services for Thomas William King, Jr., 16-month-old son of Thomas William and Esther Perry King of Route 1, Hobbville, were held Friday at 3:30 in the chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Leonard Gerald, pastor of Sandy Cross Baptist Church.
"In Times Like These" was sung by the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Eller, accompanied by Mrs. J. Ellie White, organist.
The casket pall was made of pink carnations and baby's breath.
Pallbearers were Wayne Smith, Payne Smith, Cary Stallings and Lemmie Ray Blanchard.
Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Sunday School Lesson

GOD IN ACTION
International Sunday School Lesson for July 7, 1963.

Memory Selection: "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable." (Isaiah 40:28).

Lesson Text: Genesis 1 and 2.
The purpose of our study today is to introduce the Book of Genesis as a book of beginnings, with its picture of God as Creator and Sustainer of the universe, and to help us to see that he is continuing to work with order and purpose.

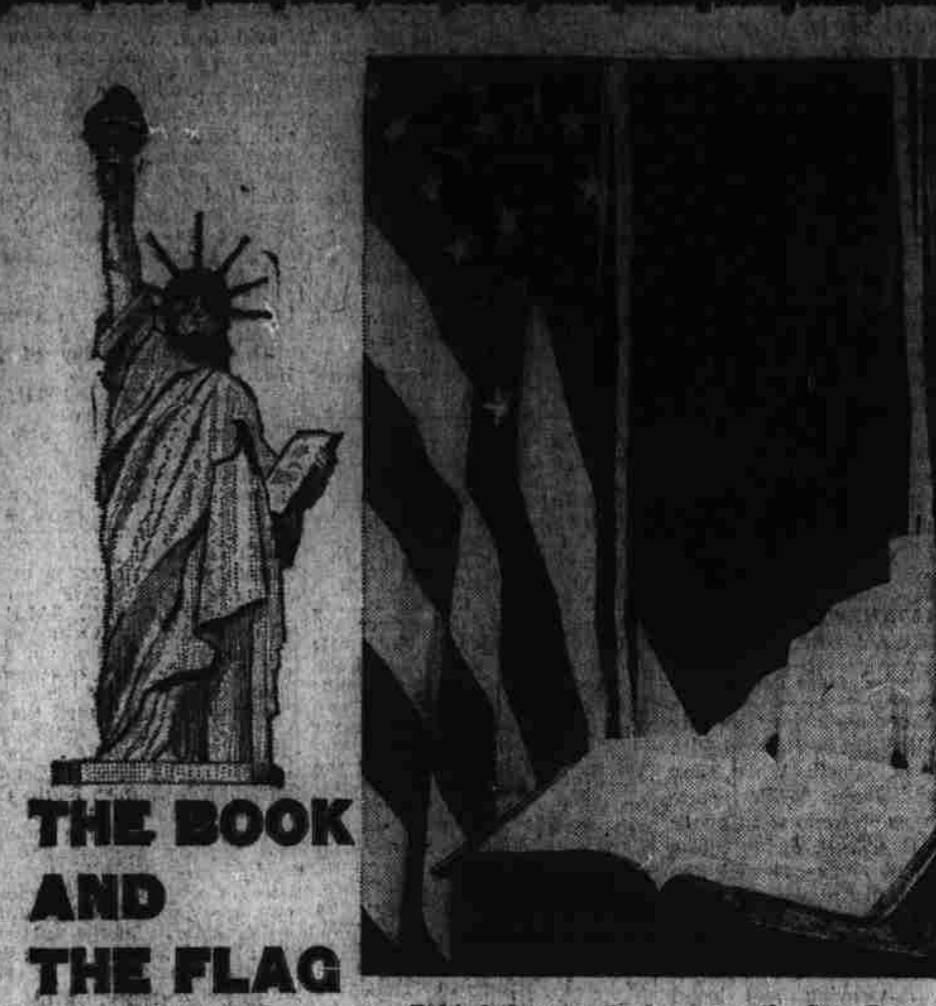
The word "Genesis" means "beginning." It is a well-chosen title for the book, for here we have the beginning of a narrative account of Hebrew history. But it is not enough to stress beginnings. Genesis tells us that creation was not the product of some blind combination of natural forces or the accidental merging of chemical elements. No, in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. He stands prior to our world of nature and human existence as the self-conscious, purposeful power responsible for both. This was Israel's explanation for the unique relationship with God which she had felt through the ages, and which is reported in these books of history beginning with Genesis. This relationship gives meaning to the history of mankind throughout the Bible. God freely chose to create the universe and mankind, and our Scripture records his mighty acts from this beginning through the events of the early church. Genesis 1:1 gives us this perspective from which all other events of history are to be understood. God is; he has created; he continues to be; and he sustains his creation. Man's destiny as God's creature—this is the great theme of Genesis. At the very outset we are brought face-to-face with God. We are his creature—no lesser explanation can be adequate.

Any careful reader quickly discovers that there are two stories of creation in Genesis 1 and 2. At this point we are perhaps asking: What does this do to divine inspiration? To break the book down into its various parts does not, however, deny inspiration. In Genesis are combined the various facets of Israel's developing religious and moral conscience as the nation came to understand and respond to God's character. God was ever active in these events, and the Book of Genesis is our record of the ways in which the Hebrew religious leaders saw him at work and were called to his service. We must always remember that both the accounts in Genesis show God as creator. They provide us with the same religious interpretation of these mighty experiences. They do not disagree upon these fundamental truths. God is Creator, and our lives have forever been conditioned by this fact. On this central affirmation both accounts are in agreement.

Genesis faces squarely the question: Who created the universe? Not, How was it created? Genesis is concerned with, What was the purpose of creation? Not, What was the process?

Genesis speaks clearly to us at this point. For in the midst of the creation story we learn that God existed before all else; and that God is in all today. This is the truth Genesis proclaims when we see it as a book of religion and do not endeavor to measure its value on the basis of scientific facts. This is the greatness of the Genesis narrative: It leads us to have faith in the God under whom we live, and in whose purpose we can trust. And though we have been considering beginnings, this alone is not the sum of the message of Genesis; it is also concerned with God's continuing activity in the affairs of men. The psalmist stated this forcefully when he asserted that even "If I make my bed in Sheol, thou art there!" (139:8). Yes, life's purpose can be felt even when we have strayed the farthest from his purposes and ways.

The creation narrative also emphasizes the moral quality of the universe. "And God saw that it was good" is indicated seven times in the first chapter, each time as a climax to an account of creation.



THE BOOK AND THE FLAG

THE CHURCH FOR ALL ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor in the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church: (1) For his own sake, (2) For his children's sake, (3) For the sake of his community and nation, (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.



Sunday Deuteronomy 4:1-5	Monday Deuteronomy 26:1-5	Tuesday Joshua 24:14-25	Wednesday Psalms 8:1-9	Thursday Isaiah 1:2-9	Friday Galatians 4:1-7	Saturday Colossians 3:12-17
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