

Pastor's Pen

"Dowager gives \$2 million on faith", these are very impressive headlines concerning a widow after she turned to Christ on life's road.

Pizza Queen Rose Totino was driving down the road worrying about the family's troubled business when she tuned in Radio Station KTIS of Northwestern College. A preacher was speaking about turning to Christ in times of trouble. "I drove to the side of the road and gave my life to Christ." Said Mrs. Totino, "My whole life was rejuvenated—home, business, everything."

After she turned to Christ, she sold Totino's to Phillsbury Company for \$20.3 million. She is now vice-president of Phillsbury. To show her appreciation to Northwestern, an instrument in God's hand to bring her to a living relationship with Christ, she presented a gift to them of \$2 million!

She knew about Christ, about the Bible, but did not know him personally and the Bible as The Word of God. There are many on life's road who need your witness of the living Christ.

One never knows what will happen on a day's journey. Mrs. Totino turned to Christ.

There is a charming story of Eliezer — the servant of Abraham who was sent in search of a wife for his son Isaac.

The old servant prayed, "I pray Thee, send me good speed this day." Gen. 24: 12. May providence direct me — help me be successful in this mission. There are a few things I want to mention about the journey of life if it is to be heavenward.

First, make it one of faith. Eliezer, humbly asked God to guide him — he made "good speed" indeed.

Second, do not go overloaded. Don't journey with cares, worry, and weights.

Third, depend upon the guide book, The Bible. It is infallible in giving clear light for every step.

Fourth, I predict your happiest journey on the road of life will be when you are serving Christ and others. A cup of cold water costs only the trouble to get it. Mrs. Totino has had "good speed" since her commitment on the journey of life. You cannot create your spiritual sunshine for the road of life, you have to receive it.

**FAMILY
NIGHT
SUPPER**

Wednesday — January 28

6:00 P. M.

**THE RECORD
SPEAKS**

Budget To Date	\$6,544.20
Receipts To Date	\$6,259.83
Weekly Budget	\$2,181.40
Receipts 1/18/76	\$1,692.64

OUR KNOWN ILL

Leigh Memorial	Norfolk General
Ruth Krick	Betty Fulp

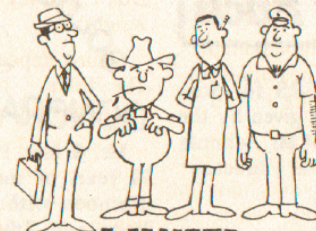
MARK ALEXANDER CIRCLE

Monday — January 26

7:30 P. M.

445 Rutgers Avenue

BAPTIST MEN'S DAY - JANUARY 25, 1976



**WANTED:
MEN OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES**

Men have a way of doing unusual things. This church is typical of congregations throughout the Southern Baptist Convention who will observe Baptist Men's Day, Sunday, January 25. This year churches will recognize all of their men, including their pastors, for their many varied achievements. Baptist Men's Day is a big event in our church. It is a time to recognize the responsibility of men in service for their Lord.

The men taking part in the Morning Worship Service will be:

Bonnie Ray Smith, Hammond Coates, Will Parsons, Melvin McPherson, Earl Todd, James Gurganus, Billy Hopkins, Eddie Briggs, Jr. W. L. Fulcher will bring the Morning Message.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH ON HAMMOND AND CONNIE COATES

Education —

We both graduated from William Campbell High School located in Naruna, Virginia.

After graduation, Connie went to work as a secretary in Lynchburg, Virginia.

After graduation, Hammond attended Bluefield College, Bluefield, Virginia. He graduated in May, 1972, with an Associate Degree in Science with a major in music (voice). Upon graduation from Bluefield College, Hammond and Connie were married June 24, 1972, in Falling River Baptist Church, Brookneal, Virginia.

In the Fall of 1972 they moved to Boiling Springs, N. C. to attend Gardner-Webb College. While attending coll-

ege, Hammond was Music Director of the Sandy Plains Baptist Church in Shelby, N. C. Connie worked on the campus of Gardner-Webb as secretary to the college minister. Hammond graduated in May of 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Education.

Immediately, they loaded up and moved to Ft. Worth, Texas where Hammond attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. While he attended full-time, Connie worked full time and was the only source of income for the family. They both graduated from Seminary, December 19, 1975. Hammond received a Master of Religious Education Degree, while Connie received a P. H. T. — which stands for "Putting Hubby Through".