Rudds' Letter

Former Pastor Here Writes Again Of Work in Indian Mission Field

Another letter is published from the Rev. and Mrs. James Rudd. Mr. Rudd was formerly pastor of Acton Baptist church and their former parishioners are especially interested in their work in India.

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Dear Friends

This is a Sunday afternoon and we are enjoying a restful time with our family after a week of fellowship with Christian pastors, workers and laymen around a Stewardship theme. This five day Stewardship Institute took place here in Srikakulam. About 30 delegates and seven missionaries came together from September 13-17 when we had group Bible studies, lectures on the nature and mission of the church, and conferences on items of a practical nature relating to stewardship, such as "The Church Budget". Everybody felt satisfied that they had been edified greatly by the meetings. Now it is our job to get the teaching down into the local church.

To teach the lay people, the local churches will be conducting three day Stewardship Institutes, to which all the local congregation will be invited. We will be working with the local churches in this effort and would appreciate your prayers that people might be influenced first of all, to give themselves to the Lord.

Solve Financial Problems

If we all do this, the problems of finance in the churches will be solved. We are aiming for total stewardship of the total man. Stewardship has so often carried the idea of the Christian's giving for the support of the Christian enterprise. But the happy and encouraging aspect of the present thrust is that it centers around what the Bible teaches concerning a true steward of the Lord.

Hence it involves the whole man. We will endeavor to have local three day institutes in Kasibugga, Tekkali and Gopalpuram in the Tekkali Field and in Nuvvalavalasa and Srikakulam Town in the Srikakulam Field. Please pray for the Lord's abundant blessing on these plans.

Need Pastors

There is still no pastor in the Tekkali church. Rev. John Victor left there in March and the church there has not yet called someone else. Any church without a pastor loses effectiveness because of lack of leadership. Therefore, pray for the Lord's blessing on this situation. Gajapatinagaram is also without a pastor. This also requires your prayers.

During November, the local church will be holding its annual Thanksgiving services. During this period, the Christians of the area make a major effort in evangelism. It is one of the highlights of the year as far as Christian witness in the community is concerned. At that time, special evangelists will be called in. There will be open-air meetings in prominent places in town at which the gospel will be clearly presented. Christians will gather for prayer and worship prior to these meetings. The pastor and people and ourselves will be praying for the Lord's blessing. Will you please join us?

Many Christian young people come from various villages and towns to the Srikakulam colleges. They are holding young people's meetings in the local church. Jim has been asked to be a senior advisor and has consented to try to guide the students in arranging a worthwhile program. It is our hope that these young people will become Christians with solid convictions, who will be good witnesses for the Lord in their homes and schools.

At the moment, we are hoping and praying toward having a series of thought provoking Bible studies which will help them to understand more clearly what the Christian life is. Later, perhaps in October or November, we would like to experiment with a weekend retreat when we can get together with the young men and learn together from the Scriptures what God expects of us.

New Baby

The Lord has blessed us with a new little boy, Jonathan Charles, born August 18 in Pithapuram. He weighed eight pounds at birth and is coming along fine — very healthy with an especially good set of lungs.

God bless you all and many thanks for your support by prayer and otherwise.

Yours very sincerely in Christ,
Jim and Marian Rudd, Barbara, Peter and Jonathan

Report Wrong

Last week's report of Acton council indicated members were not in favor of County Council proceeding with a Regional Jail Program. The majority of council did favor proceeding.

A resolution sponsored during the meeting called for Acton Council opposing this move but it was defeated by the majority.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By Bill Coats

Do you gamble when you play bridge? I don't mean for money, I mean for points. Do you ever say "The first thing is to make the contract, then I'll try for overtricks." This is a gamble. You weigh the value of an overtrick against the value of the contract and the contract comes first, as it should.

Have you ever said, "I can play the hand down one but if I gamble to make it, I'll be down three." Again you usually try to make the contract.

You can gamble for points on defense as well. An excellent example of this occurred last week at a rubber bridge match.

North South are vulnerable and the dealer is South.

North
S—K Q J 8 6
H—Q 9 7 5
D—A 8 6
C—9

West
S—3
H—A J
D—J 9 5 2
C—A Q J 4 3 2

East
S—9 7 5 4 2
H—6 3
D—10
C—K 8 7 6 5

South
S—A 10
H—K 10 8 4 2
D—K Q 7 4 3
C—10

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1H	2S	2S	4C
4D	Pass	4NT	Pass
5D	Pass	5H	All Pass

East and West missed one gamble when they didn't go six clubs. This goes down only two tricks which doubled would be 300 points. But the gamble I wish to talk about is one in the play.

West lead the singleton spade and dummy goes down. Now West has two aces and dummy has one. South's 5 diamond response to the Blackwood 4 no trumps shows one ace. It has to be in spades.

West can see only two tricks for the defense, the heart ace and the club ace. This is not enough to set the contract. Where can they find another trick? Not in clubs, not in diamonds from the bidding and not in hearts since they will split favorably. The setting trick must be in spades and it must be a spade ruff by West.

South wins the lead with the spade ace and immediately leads a trump. West must win the first heart lead and gamble. The gamble comes in trying to get a spade ruff. West cannot see all the hands but he knows that either his partner or declarer must have the king of clubs.

West gambles 30 points for an overtrick against game and rubber, 850 points, on defeating the contract, that his partner has the king of clubs. West should lead a low club. When East wins with the king he will know that his partner ruffed the ace. He will think about West's desperate play and realize he must do something. The return of a spade by East obviously consider ing West's original lead.

West ruffs the spade and the contract is defeated.

Watch this paper next week for an important advertisement. The Acton Bridge Club is sponsoring Bridge lessons this year starting Tuesday, November 9th and continuing every Tuesday. Full details next week in an advertisement in this paper.

Last week's winners were: first, Jack Coats and Lou Brown; second, Cam Sinclair and Bill Coats; third, Duke Wilson and Dick Prust.

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