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First Baptist Church, Mount Washington

Wendell Romans, Pastor



GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

JERRY VARDAMAN, associate professor of Biblical archaeology at Southern Seminary, will present the results of the first season of archaeological excavations at Machaerus, March 20, in Alumni Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Machaerus is the site of King Herod's palace and the reported site of the beheading of John the Baptist.

MISS MARIE MASON, graduate professor of counseling and psychology at the University of Kentucky, has resigned to become dean of women at Meredith College. Meredith is a four-year, liberal arts Baptist college for women located in Raleigh, North Carolina. Former Kentuckian Bruce Heilman is the school's president.

WALTER BENNETT, former pastor of the Glensboro Baptist Church, Glensboro, Kentucky, has accepted a position in the church administration department of the Sunday School Board. Bennett resigned the pastorate of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Decatur, Illinois, to accept the new position.

GA QUEEN COURTS are being held in Kentucky during March. The weekend of March 7-9, 230 girls gathered at Georgetown College for the annual session. Last week approximately 150 junior and intermediate GA queens held their court at Cumberland College. Friday and Saturday of this week the final Queens Court will be held at Campbellsville, College. 130 persons are expected.

W. G. POTTS observed his 59th anniversary in the ministry Sunday, March 2, by preaching at the First Baptist Church of Lebanon Junction. Potts was pastor there from April, 1924, through September, 1930. Joe Thomas is the current pastor.

BEECHMONT BAPTIST CHURCH, Louisville, has unanimously adopted a resolution extending "Sincere commendation and appreciation" to the Astronauts Borman, Lovell and Anders for their prayers and Bible reading during their recent moon orbit.

J. D. HERNDON, superintendent of Spring Meadows Children's Home, was elected first vice president of the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists, recently. Herndon is in his 10th year as superintendent at Spring Meadows.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION held a Crusade Rally March 10 in Holmes County High School auditorium in preparation for the upcoming Crusade of the Americas. Special guests were Claud Rhea of the Foreign Mission Board and Jack Stanton, associate director of the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, Lexington, has purchased a new bus to be used in the church's ministry. The 1969 model GMC bus has a seating capacity of 40 adults or 66 children.

NOTICE

The number of revivals occurring in the next few weeks makes it impossible for **WESTERN RECORDER** to print advance revival notices.

However, all churches are encouraged to forward to **WESTERN RECORDER** a detailed revival report including the number of decisions, evangelist, church pastor and other information deemed necessary for an accurate report.

DELMER LITTLE was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Rush Baptist Church of Greenup Association. Little, who worked at the Fairview Mission in the Greenup Association for the last four years, has been called as pastor of the Rush church.

GUY WARD, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Salt Lake City, Utah, has resigned that post to become secretary of the education department of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

NELSON STENDAHL, dean of the Divinity School of Harvard University, will address the student body of Southern Seminary March 27-28. Both lectures are scheduled for 9:00 a.m. in Alumni Chapel. The public is invited to attend.

DARRELL C. RICHARDSON, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, has been named assistant editor of special materials for the Brotherhood Commission of the SBC. Richardson was director of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys at the time his new position was announced.

THE CAMPBELLAIRES GLEE CLUB of Campbellsville College presented a program of sacred music for the First Baptist Church of Somerset, Wednesday, March 12.

WACO BAPTIST CHURCH, Tates Creek Association, held services in its new building January 19. Pastor Lester Caldwell said the service reflected the Lord's approval on the new building which will seat 320 people. The service saw four persons make professions of faith, one join by letter and 14 other public decisions.

RALPH WINDERS, secretary of student work for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has been elected president of the Southern Baptist State Student Directors' Association.

J. CHESTER DURHAM, state secretary of the department of student work, was expected to be released from the Kentucky Baptist Hospital this past weekend after a stay of five weeks for problems with a disc in his back.

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"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"—JUDE 3

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Research Scientist Gives World 25 Years

A bio-chemist said recently to a church planning group that the "fate of the world may be determined in the next 25 years."

Speaking to a program-planning conference, composed of 225 leaders of the American Baptist Convention, Bruce Merrifield, associated with the Hooker Research Center, Niagara Falls, New York, said that if the world survives the next 25 years it will be an event as significant as the emergence of civilization itself. In fact, there is a possibility that we may be the last generation on earth.

The Episcopal layman and well-known scientist then outlined some of the rapid technological and scientific advances that affect modern life with an increasing tempo.

He indicated that 90 percent of all knowledge has come into existence since 1940. In the physical and biological sciences, information will double in the next seven years and then double again in the next three-and-one-half years, creating a knowledge explosion of major consequence. Of the research in this field about 75 percent is published in the United States; only ten percent is published in Russia, which means that there is a tremendous information gap between the U.S., Russia, and the rest of the world.

Increasingly the human race will face critical problems which will influence mankind's future. Nuclear energy, which is inexhaustible and will eventually be cheaper than either coal or oil, will replace the exhausted natural sources of energy. Before very long there will be a race for domination of space, with new developments in space installations such as space monitors, manned orbital laboratories, space cities, and interplanetary travel. Nuclear engines will make suspended animation possible. The Laser Beam will radically change our lives.

In addition, the population explosion and world hunger will be critical problems of the future. The social problems that we face with increasing population density will bring greater increase in crime; approximately three out of five marriages will fail; and seven out of ten people will be hospitalized because of mental illness, all within the next 25 years.

of world manipulation and control is a possibility. On the other hand, chemical food could be a carrier for vaccine and medicines that would aid and help mankind.

The speaker went on to say that so few people see the impending crisis of society, and because man will have to employ technological means to survive, popular consensus may not be possible

"Man now has the capacity to shape his environment. The responsibility for action and initiative rests with those who understand the need. Rule by the elite (scientists and technocrats) is a realistic possibility."

Merrifield said that because the U.S. has most of the resources and most of the technical know-how that we will have to feed half the world in 20 years. Enough food can be produced through chemical means to sustain vast populations. This has great potential for good or for bad. Additives placed in food could control people: tranquilizers, memory blocking agents, and anti-fertility drugs could be placed in foods and under the influence of a certain type of person the frightening prospect

in time to solve the problems. "Rule by the elite" (scientists and technocrats) is a "realistic possibility," said Dr. Merrifield.

The scientist indicated that the church is the one place where people can act in trust and faith. "We underestimate the power of the church. I don't believe that the church is dead. There is a deep confidence level in the church; it is the one organization that doesn't have an ax to grind." (ABNS)

Up In Louisville

Serious Crime Increase 17% In 1968

Serious crime in the United States increased 17 percent in 1968 when compared with 1967 according to figures made available recently through the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports and released by Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said all Crime Index offenses registered substantial increases in volume. Crimes of violence were up 19 percent, led by robbery up 29 percent, murder and forcible rape up 14 percent each, and aggravated assault up 12 percent. The crimes against property rose by 17 percent as a group. Individually, larceny \$50 and over in value rose 21 percent, auto theft up 18 percent, and burglary was up 13 percent.

Mr. Hoover stated crime increases were reported by all city population groups, with the sharpest change in volume noted in the large core cities 250,000 and over in population up 18 percent. The suburban areas recorded an overall increase of 18 percent, while the rural areas were up 12 percent in volume.

The crime increases, according to Mr. Hoover, were constant throughout the United States. The North Central States had an overall increase of 13 percent, the Southern States 16 percent increase, the Western States 18 percent increase, while the heavily populated Northeastern States recorded an average increase of 21 percent.

The FBI Director noted that the violent crime of armed robbery had a sharp upswing of 34 percent and armed robbery made up 61 percent of all robbery offenses. Serious assaults where a gun was used as the weapon rose 24 percent and nearly one out of every four aggravated assaults was committed with a gun.

The figures released by the FBI disclose that in 1968 police arrests for all criminal acts, excluding traffic offenses, increased 4 percent. Arrests of adults rose 3 percent, while arrests of juveniles continued to climb in 1968 with an 11 percent rise.

OFFENSES KNOWN TO POLICE, CITIES OVER 100,000 IN POPULATION LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

	Murder Non-negligent Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Burglary Breaking Or Entering	Larceny, \$50 And Over	Auto Theft
1967	52	79	855	626	4,628	4,336
1968	63	90	1,163	610	5,019	5,638



A Painful Day For Pastors

April 15 will be a more painful experience than usual for many Baptist pastors this year. On or before that date many of them will learn they owe Uncle Sam more than they expected.

This is because 1968 was the first year ministers were required to pay Social Security taxes. Before 1968 ministers were exempt from Social Security unless they requested to be in, but since 1967 Congressional action they have been automatically included in Social Security and can only be exempted by signing a waiver based upon conscientious objection to government insurance on religious grounds. And since very few Baptist pastors could honestly seek exemption on such grounds, they will have to come up by April 15, 1969, with Social Security tax on their 1968 income.

The problem for preachers is made more severe because they must pay Social Security on the self-employed plan. This means the employee pays it all and the employer cannot pay any of it. And so a church cannot pay Social Security for the pastor.

What kind of money then will the pastor have to come up with by April 15th? In the first place he will have to pay his 1968 income tax or whatever part he has not already paid in installments. To his income tax he will have to add his Social Security tax for 1968. How much is this? If his total salary for 1968, including a reasonable estimate for any free housing he received from the church, amounted to \$7,800, he will owe \$499.20 in Social Security tax.

A March Day To Remember

Soon it will be April, the most welcome month of the year. The grass will be green again, the trees awaking from winter's slumber, the roses on their way to May beauty and the robin busily making a nest for her young. The lettuce, onions and spring greens will tempt the winter-weary taste buds.

But March is not April for March is the teasing month. With a warm day of sunshine she beckons the dreamer of summer, but with a blowing snowstorm she shatters his dreams.

Pastors with smaller incomes will have to pay proportionately less Social Security tax.

If a pastor should owe around \$500 income tax, it is altogether conceivable that he would have to come up by April 15th with about \$1,000 including his Social Security tax. And what pastor among us could come up with that kind of cash? Many would be faced with borrowing the money.

Can a church help a pastor in such a predicament? Yes, by all means! While a church cannot pay Social Security tax for the pastor, the pastor could be given a salary increase or a bonus to help him meet the emergency. Churches should not be frightened away from such help by learning they cannot participate with the pastor in Social Security on an employer-employee basis.

By salary increase is not meant the five or six hundred dollar increase given at the beginning of the year. This was hardly a cost-of-living adjustment considering inflation.

Pastors should not let another April 15th catch them unprepared. More and more pastors are planning ahead by putting a part of every salary check in a special bank account to meet income tax and Social Security obligations when they come due. These are wise pastors, indeed, and are not embarrassed when April 15th rolls around.

Church leaders should care enough to learn the predicament of their pastor and, if he needs it, they should come to his rescue. And this means more than going on his note at the bank.

Today, only a week away from spring on the calendar, the snow is swirling outside the window, the temperature lingers in the low twenties and the brave crocuses shiver. Last week it was different. On an early March morn the sun rose without a cloud to hinder its spring warmth. The cardinals were awake early and their happy whistle was sure news that winter's back was broken.

A young man's fancies in spring may turn to love, a woman's thoughts to bright clothes and some men

may hurry off to the golf course, but to this soul nothing excites the imagination and refreshes the spirit like a shimmering lake, neglected fish and a friend in the other end of a boat.

And so this warm March day found Evangelism Secretary Hicks Shelton and me in search of hungry fish in a lake frozen over only a few days earlier. A thin layer of ice cracked under the boat along the shoreline and the rowing against the breeze toward our favorite spot provided welcome warmth.

The croppie by a fallen tree were not discouraged by the chilly water and it was soon apparent the bologna bought by Hicks the night before at a country store would not be needed for lunch. Noontime and our appetites came on together and, as usual, our eyes proved bigger than our stomachs as we dressed more fish than we could eat.

The wall of a little boathouse made a perfect shelter from the March wind and a warm reflector for the spring sun. Soon the camp stove was ready and the

smell of frying fish, hushpuppies and potatoes filled the air. So did the aroma of coffee made with the grounds in the water. The snow white croppie meat, the tasty bread and potatoes, the strong coffee and a store-bought snowball cake made a banquet kings could covet.

After lunch the fish were still in the mood and so were we. Before it was over bass got into the act as did a pre-season bluegill and a rock bass. But the cooperative mood of the fisherman ended as we decided to call it a day and started arguing over who would take the fish and clean them. As usual evangelism won out over journalism and I ended up later dressing the day's harvest.

Let the snow swirl today. We have a March day to remember which brightened the lingering winter and heightened the anticipation of coming spring. Like many other fleeting opportunities in life, a warm March day must be grasped before it flees forever. Life is made meaningful by such moments of physical and spiritual renewal.

BAPTIST FORUM



FROM INDONESIA

Dear Editor:

I'm a year and half-a-world away from the snow we left in Kentucky. Here in south Sumatra the only change in the warm weather is when it rains, which it does every day or so.

All around me are coconut palms and banana trees. In one direction from my hotel window I can see the beautiful bay—the harbor where ships are loaded with rubber, copra or coffee. In the other direction are the woven bamboo shacks of the common people.

After a year's study of the Indonesian language in Bandung on Java, I can converse with the people. But the everyday language of many of them is Chinese, Javanese, Lampungese or another dialect.

How does one begin to share the gospel under these circumstances? Pray that I may find the right answer.

Now I'm looking for a place for my family to live. How thankful we are that Baptists have provided enough money for decent housing! My family should join me in June when our three children finish the school term in Bandung.

We hope we will soon be able to share with you wonderful reports of what God is doing here. Pray that it may be so.

Lampung, Indonesia Wendell Smith

[Editor's note: Wendell and Betty Smith are products of the Rineyville Baptist Church, Campbellville and Georgetown Colleges, and Southern Seminary. The Smiths served four years at the Riverview Baptist Church, Berry, Kentucky, and seven years in Ohio before being appointed missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board, SBC in 1967. They have been asked to open Baptist work in the province of Lampung (population of three-and-a-half million), which is the southernmost part of Sumatra.]

AGAINST BILLBOARDS

Dear Editor:

What is the goal of the Crusade of the Americas? With the slogan "Jesus Christ our only hope!" it would seem that the Crusade was begun with the idea of winning people to Christ.

But the billboards seen all over the city and illustrated on your front cover last week seem to indicate otherwise. Is the purpose of the local crusade "to increase the membership of Baptist churches?" I feel that this type of advertising—"Attend a Baptist Church"—does not project Baptists in the best image.

Also, I question the value of this form of advertising and the large

amount of money spent on the advertising in light of your editorial and James L. Clark's article. Could this money not be used for more constructive purposes?

Let's study the New Testament for the best way of spreading the gospel: They said, "come to Jesus," not "come to a Baptist Church."

Let's advertise Christ only, if we are to advertise anything!

Southern Seminary Randy Jones

EDITORIAL RESPONSE

Dear Editor:

I read with interest a recent reprint of the piece you wrote on reverence (irreverence) in Baptist church services. My first reaction was this: So long as Baptist editors and educators (?) continue their far right extremism on the fundamentalist approach to Biblical interpretations, we can expect nothing but fruits of what naturally grow out of such "erraticisms."

The hyper-emotional, pep-rally style of writing, preaching, and promoting which have characterized so much of our traditional approach have combined to create an unstable rank and file following in our movement. I think when we have stability of thought and emotion, we may rightly expect some reverence in conduct.

Please keep calling these matters to the attention of your Baptist readership.

Durant, Oklahoma J. M. Gaskin

Ministers Should Pay Social Security With Taxes Annuity Official Says

To avoid possible penalties and interests, an ordained minister must pay his Social Security taxes by April 15, 1969.

This warning was issued by John D. Boskas, editor of *The Years Ahead*, especially to ministers who never before paid Social Security taxes.

Boskas said his office at the Annuity Board in Dallas has received numerous letters and phone calls asking for clarification on "when to pay" this, following his article about Social Security in the January-March, 1969, issue of *The Years Ahead*.

Boskas, who talked with Social Security and Internal Revenue personnel, said all ministers are automatically in Social Security now unless they apply for an exemption because they oppose the acceptance of public (government) insurance, including Social Security, because of religious principle or conscience.

He said a minister who has not been in Social Security before has until April

15, 1970, to file Form 4361, requesting an exemption from participating in Social Security. However, he said, while waiting to make up his mind, a minister should file his Social Security taxes on earnings he received as a self-employed person when he files his 1968 tax return to avoid any possible interest and penalty payments.

He said if the minister then applies for the exemption by April 15, 1970, he will have to file an amended return for 1968, to obtain his refund on payments he made for Social Security.

Boskas said his article did not state officially that penalty and interest would be required if a minister waited until 1970 to file. One sentence should have read: "... You can wait until April 15, 1970, to pay these taxes (Social Security) but you will have to pay for both years—1968-69, plus interest and possible penalties for the year 1968."

"The last nine words were inadvertently omitted," Boskas said.

Seven Cumberland College Alumni Listed In "Outstanding Young Men"

Seven Cumberland College alumni have been selected to appear in the 1969 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

They are: Joe E. Early, 3700 Sutherland Ave., Knoxville, Tennessee, currently working on a doctorate in math education; Allen Floyd Harrod, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shelby, Mississippi; Byron Morris Owens, Somerset, Kentucky, a dentist; Frederick Wayne Robbins, Calvin, Kentucky, president of the Bell Alumni chapter;

Donnie Stephens, of Cynthiana, Kentucky, a medical doctor; Major Ronald Blaine Stewart, Havre de Grace, Maryland, an Army judge advocate; Rayford N. Watts, Jellico, Tennessee, an English teacher at Cumberland.

Outstanding Young Men of America is an annual biographical compilation featuring the accomplishments of approximately 5,000 young men of outstanding rank throughout America. Nominations for the awards publication are made by Jaycee chapters, college alumni associations and military commandants.

Third New Orleans Prof Resigns

Samuel J. Mikolaski, professor of theology and philosophy of religion at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, recently announced his resignation, effective this summer. He, his wife and four children are Canadians and will be returning to Baptist work in Canada. They came to New Orleans in 1960.

Mikolaski will be replaced by William A. Mueller, who had taught theology and church history at the Seminary until this year when he became campus pastor.

In his resignation statement Mikolaski expressed his appreciation to Southern Baptists for the opportunities of service and for the fellowship with the Seminary faculty. While at New Orleans Dr. Mikolaski led in conferences in 17 different states, including conferences at both Glorieta and Ridgecrest Assemblies.

He is the author of two books and many articles in theological journals.

Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman described Mikolaski as "one of the most competent and effective scholars" on the New Orleans faculty.



APRIL 4—YOUTH NIGHT

Last November the Convention in Florence directed the committee on order of business to schedule a 1969 state-wide Youth Night. J. M. Boswell, Cumberland College president and chairman, called his committee together to study a suitable time and program.

Friday, April 4, is the time. Freedom Hall, Louisville Fairgrounds, the place. Arthur Blessitt, youth evangelist from Sunset Strip, Hollywood, California, the principal speaker! Already, a striking team for the 1969 Youth Night is taking shape, and details have been sent to all pastors, ministers of youth, education, and music throughout the state for a crash program of alerting all youth, gearing all choirs, and planning the trip. Kentucky will have another opportunity to show how well they can respond to a challenge, and how much they care for youth.

Jointly Sponsored

The first action of our committee was to invite the General Association of Baptists to join with us again in this Youth Night. Moderator E. M. Elmore led his group to endorse it and a committee of three youth leaders appointed: Thurmond Coleman, J. C. Pyles, and J. R. Gant of Louisville. The present plans are jointly made and their pastors and choir leaders are receiving the information and being asked to back the rally with their youth.

Spark the crusades

April 4th was chosen as the nearest and best time to undergird the churches—phase of the Crusade of the Americas in Kentucky—being the "middle week" between the first of three revival periods. For those in the west whose crusades will be closing, it will be significant follow-up with youth in continuing witness. For churches in the central and eastern areas, it could be used of God to put the needed spark in their church revivals to follow in April and May.

Evangelistic service

This will be an evangelistic service for youth and others. Churches are urged to bring all their youth and unsaved young people. Leaders will provide counsellors for those making decisions. If 25,000 attend, thousands will be hearing the gospel in their language and hundreds should be saved. Blessitt's message also sparks youth to get into the witnessing task as few other leaders today.

State, SBC Offerings Up But Not Enough

A 12.26 percent increase in Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program missions gifts during the month of February has offset a 16 percent decrease during the month of December, a monthly SBC financial report indicated.

The 12 percent increase for February, coupled with 9.9 percent increase during the month of January, offset the 16 percent December decrease to put the convention 1.92 percent ahead of contributions for the same three-month period during 1967-68.

Total contributions through the Cooperative Program, which supports the mission efforts of 19 different SBC agencies, for 1969 (January and February combined) was reported at \$4,981,690, an increase of \$497,462, or an average of 11.09 percent for the year over

gifts for the same two months of 1968.

Designated contributions to specific SBC mission causes during 1969 reached \$11,095,936, up more than a million dollars over the 1968 figures, and up 10.48 percent. The \$11 million figure includes a total of \$10½ million given to the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions.

Of the \$16 million in total gifts for the year to date, more than \$13.6 million has gone to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, most of it through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

In Kentucky

In Kentucky offerings are up over last year for the corresponding period, but continue to lag behind forecast giving.

During February, Baptists contributed

\$293,155.19 through the Cooperative Program. This is \$35,010.81 under monthly budget needs of \$329,166.

To date Kentucky is \$223,841.08 behind its budget goal of \$3,950,000. Total receipts are \$1,975,000.02. However, last year at this time only \$1,613,696.91 had been contributed.

Stewardship secretary Jesse Stricker said percentage wise, giving is up over last year 8.2%. Because the convention did not meet its budget last year, he pointed out, the percentage increase is not sufficient.

Last year departments of the executive board did not receive their full budgeted allocations. Other agencies, such as the Children's Homes, also failed to receive expected funds.

If current trends continue, department and agency budgets may again be cut.

White Supremacy Missions Determent Speaker Says

"The false but often practiced belief of white supremacy is the greatest deterrent to our missionary movement throughout the world," a noted American Indian educator declared at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"As a member of a minority race in America, I speak from experience," said English B. Jones, president of Pembroke State College in Pembroke, North Carolina, during his missionary day address at the Baptist seminary.

"I concluded a long time ago that Christ truly loves me, but often there has been an absence of brotherly love

from my white Christian brother," Jones said.

"It is difficult for me to understand how one can love my soul and not love me as a person," he added.

Stating that missions will be effective and rewarding when men exhibit a universal love like that shown by Jesus Christ, Jones pointed out that missions is not an extension of white western cultural paternalism.

"Nor is it an attempt to save souls from the hell of hereafter without any concern and action to save souls from the present-world hells of injustice,

hunger, ignorance, discrimination and second-class citizenship," he declared.

The University of Kentucky graduate warned the students that the servant of the Lord must be willing to be lost in service in order to work others up to places of leadership and responsibility.

Committee Re-affirms 1st Amendment

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semi-annual session re-affirmed its position that the First Amendment to the Constitution is adequate protection in law for religious liberty.

The action was taken in view of hearings that may be scheduled by the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments to consider proposed "prayer amendments" that are designed to undo the Supreme Court decisions on religion in public schools.

The most prominent of these proposals is the so-called Dirksen Amendment.

This proposal, submitted by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Illinois) says, "Nothing in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in non-denominational prayer."

It is the intent of the Senate Subcom-

mittee on Constitutional Amendments to announce within the next three months that hearings on the Dirksen Amendment will be scheduled.

In instructing its staff for testimony at these hearings, the Baptist Joint Committee did not address itself directly to the Dirksen Amendment but re-affirmed its long-standing position that the First Amendment is adequate.

The affirmed resolution (originally approved in 1964) says in part:

"The committee recognizes that some political leaders may make appeals for the establishment of religious acts through legalized means to arouse public sentiment. This we regard to be in bad taste as a violation of the principle of separation of church and state. This is the basic principle of the Constitution of the United States that 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.'"

Gordon Remains In Full-time Evangelism

Clyde Gordon, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Scottsville, says he is in evangelism to stay. Gordon resigned the Scottsville pastorate three years ago to enter full-time evangelism. He now lives at 1514 Shawnee Drive, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Gordon says pastors often ask him if he likes evangelism, and if he thinks he will stay in full-time evangelism. In answer to these questions, he says he loves the work of full-time evangelism, has been blessed beyond his fondest dreams and intends to stay in the work.

In the three years, Gordon says he has preached in 82 revivals in Southern Baptist churches. Forty-seven of these have been in Kentucky and others have been in Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, West Virginia, Indiana and Texas.

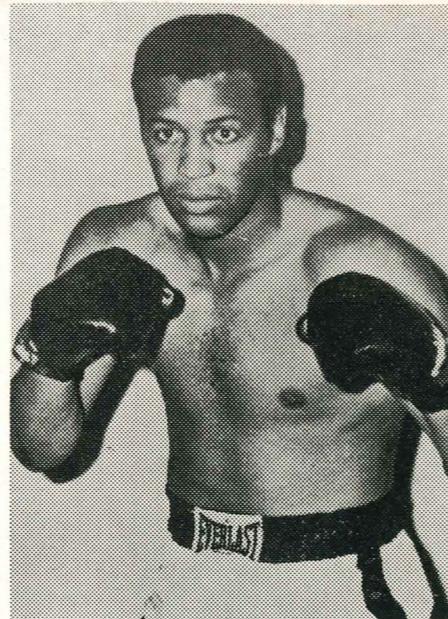


Gordon

Heavyweight Boxing Champion To Speak At Youth Night

World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Jimmy Ellis of Louisville will be among the featured speakers at the annual Youth Night scheduled for April 4 at 7:30 E.S.T. Freedom Hall at the State Fairgrounds is the site of the meeting. Twenty-five thousand young people from across Kentucky are expected to descend on Freedom Hall for the special event jointly sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Others appearing on the program include Sunset Strip evangelist Arthur Blessitt, recording artist Jimmy Smith of Prospect, and Miss Donna Randolph of Louisville, a member of the Spurrflow Singers.

A special feature will be a 5,000-voice mass youth choir. Reservations for choirs are being handled by state music secretary Eugene Quinn. In addition to giving his testimony about the difference Christ has made in his life, Ellis, together with his wife, will sing two songs. Ellis is a life-long Baptist. Currently he is an active member of the Riverside Baptist Church of Louisville. He is a choir member and leads his own church singing group. His father is associate pastor of Riverside church. His father-in-law is a deacon there. Ellis, age 28, has reigned as world heavyweight champion since April, 1967,



Jimmy Ellis

when he defeated Jerry Quarry in an elimination tournament sponsored by the World Boxing Association. In July of last year, he successfully defended his title against Floyd Patterson.

Originally Ellis was scheduled to begin training for an upcoming fight April 1. However, his manager, Angelo Dundee, agreed to delay training camp one week to allow Ellis to appear at the Youth Night rally.

Preparation Underway For October Ford Philpot Evangelistic Crusade

Preparation is already underway for the October scheduled Greater Falls City Area evangelistic crusade led by Lexington evangelist Ford Philpot. Special seminar training sessions have already been held for area ministers and laymen. At the urging of those attend-

ing the seminars, they are being repeated to give others an opportunity to participate. Thursday, March 20, three seminars are scheduled. At 8:30 a.m., the first will meet at Evangel Tabernacle, 3701 Fern Valley Road. The Hillview Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 3331 Preston Highway, is the site of the second meeting at 10:30 a.m. St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview, will host the third conference of the day at 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, seminars will be held at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Third and St. Catherine, at 8:30 a.m., Bethany Christian Church, 2110 Auburn Avenue, at 10:30 a.m., and Culbertson Avenue Baptist Church, 1799 Culbertson in New Albany, at 12:30 p.m.

New U. of L. Campus Minister Is Lyons

Dwight K. Lyons has assumed his duties as Baptist Campus Minister for the Baptist Student Union at the University of Louisville. He comes to Louisville from a similar position in Richmond, Kentucky, where he served for nine years as Baptist Campus Minister at Eastern Kentucky University.



Lyons

During his ministry in Richmond the Baptist Student Union developed an outstanding choir that made an annual tour, intramural teams were organized, discussion groups and devotional meetings were expanded and the total ministry to the Baptist students was broadened.

Lyons is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of East Tennessee State University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done additional summer study at Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

Family Seminar Planned

A seminar on "Contemporary Families and the Church," designed for pastors, staff members, and other church leaders, will be held April 21-25 at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Sponsored by the program of family ministry, the seminar is designed to provide an introduction to the role of the church in meeting the needs of contemporary families.

Total cost of the seminar is \$20 for each person. Registration fees and inquiries concerning the seminar may be sent to the Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Seminary Wife Gets Award For Writing On Social Welfare

A series of articles written by the wife of a Southern Baptist Seminary student for a Georgia newspaper has been chosen as "the most outstanding piece of writing in the field of social welfare in the state during 1968."

Mrs. Marlon Lastinger wrote the series while serving as social editor—feature writer for the Forest Blade in Swainsboro, Georgia. The articles dealt with the foster home program of the Swainsboro Department of Family and Children Services.

The Georgia Conference on Social Welfare made the award, stating that "concern of people like Mrs. Lastinger for the problems of our fellow human beings is vital to the progress of social welfare efforts in our state."

Mrs. Lastinger is now alumni editor of *The Tie*, the seminary's monthly newsmagazine, and is secretary to the executive assistant to the president. She will receive a cash award of \$100 from the Georgia Conference on Social Welfare. (BP)

Missionaries Highlight WMU Convention

The annual Woman's Missionary Union Convention will begin April 1, at Glasgow Baptist Church, Glasgow. The meeting will begin at 7:30 C.S.T.

According to WMU state executive secretary Mrs. George Ferguson, 2,000 WMU workers and members are expected to attend the three-day confab.

Mrs. Cecil Wilson, Woman's Missionary Union director for the host church, reports that most of the details have been cared for and all seems in order for the meeting.



Mrs. Wilson

Highlighting the convention will be six foreign missionaries and a representative from the Home Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention Woman's Missionary Union with offices in Birmingham, Alabama.

Opening each session will be Mrs. Robert E. Amis who will lead the calls to worship. Mrs. Amis is the former Joan Skaggs of Stanton. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and Southern Seminary.

Before her appointment as a missionary to Nigeria, she was a school teacher in Louisville and a bookkeeper in Taylorsville which is her permanent address.

Mrs. Amis will also close each session by reading excerpts from the manifestos given at the Continental Congress on Evangelism held in Washington, D. C., last November. Wednesday morning she will speak on the topic, "A Housewife Sees Nigeria."

Presenting the work on the opposite side of Africa will be Mrs. Carlos R. Owens, missionary to Tanzania in East Africa. Mrs. Owens is a graduate of the former Carver School of Missions, now merged with Southern Seminary, and the Mather School of Nursing at the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

After presenting her work in Tanzania Tuesday evening, Mrs. Owens will address the group Wednesday morning on the topic "Christ, Our Hope."

That afternoon, Miss Marilois Kirksey, missionary to Brazil, will present her work in a Good Will Center in Rio de Janeiro.

A native of Texas, Miss Kirksey attended Carver School of Missions before it merged with Southern Seminary. She has been under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board since 1963.

The husband and wife team of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. (Pete) Gillespie will be featured in the Wednesday evening session.

Mrs. Gillespie, the former Viola Boyd, will discuss "A Woman Looks at Japan." A native of Bedford, Indiana, Mrs. Gillespie is a graduate of Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. Prior to her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board, she worked as a nurse at her alma mater.

A. L. (Pete) Gillespie will give "A Man's Viewpoint" following his wife's address. He is an evangelistic worker in Osaka, Japan.

Gillespie is well known to Kentucky Baptists. He has pastored at Nebo and Pond Fork as well as Owenton. For a time he was secretary for the Kentucky Baptist Convention department of student work.

A native of Tennessee, Gillespie is a graduate of Southern Seminary.

Two Kentucky natives will speak at the Thursday morning session. They are E. Truman Mays of Corbin and M. Wendell Belew of Keefer.

Mays is a medical doctor in Nigeria. He did his medical study at the University of Louisville and was assistant professor of surgery there at the time of his appointment by the Foreign Mission Board. He is also a graduate of Georgetown College with additional study at Southern Seminary.

During his student days he was a BSU summer worker, associate pastor of his home church, Central in Corbin, and worked at Camp Cedarmore.



Mrs. Amis



Mrs. Owens



Miss Kirksey



Mrs. Gillespie

While on leave from the Foreign Mission Board, Mays is engaged in private practice in Louisville and teaches at the

University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Belew is secretary for the department of pioneer missions for the Home Mission Board. He has been with the Home Board since 1956. Prior to that time



Mr. Gillespie



Dr. Mays



Miss Bruce



Mr. Belew

he was director of mountain missions for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. He was also pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

Belew is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He is the author of the 1965 junior home missions study book *The Dark's A-Creepin'*.

His topic for the Woman's Missionary Union Convention will be "Christ, the Hope of America."

Addressing each session will be Miss Margaret Bruce, WMS director for the SBC Woman's Missionary Union. She will lead the devotionals for each meeting.

Miss Bruce is a graduate of Georgetown College and the WMU Training School, now merged with Southern Seminary. She has served as Baptist Student Union director for Georgetown College and worked in the WMU office of the Tennessee Baptist Convention before going with the convention wide organization.

Other features on the program include special musical groups, the observance of the centennial celebration of Kentucky Baptists' Child Care Program done by Mrs. J. William Jones of Princeton, the Week of Prayer for State Missions, and a report on the "new look" of Woman's Missionary Union work.

Woodland Church Dedicates Building

Woodland Baptist Church, Middletown, dedicated its first permanent building Sunday, March 16.

Special speaker for the occasion was Southern Seminary New Testament Professor Peter Rhea Jones, the church's former pastor. Representatives of the Long Run Association and the Kentucky Baptist Convention were also present.

Began as a mission of the First Baptist Church of Middletown, Woodland church is four years old and has a membership totaling over 250.

The new structure contains ten teaching units on the lower level which opens onto a patio cut into the hillside. The hexagon shaped upper level sanctuary will seat approximately 270.

Dan Laird is pastor of the Woodland church.



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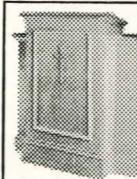
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Staff Changes

Bevil Accepts Stanford Church, Deane To Fordsville

Carson D. Bevil, pastor of the Bethabara Baptist Church, Habit, Kentucky, since 1965 has accepted the pastorate of the Stanford Baptist Church. He will begin his Stanford duties on April 13.



Bevil

Bevil is a native of Grayson County, Kentucky, and was educated at Western Kentucky University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. At the Seminary he received the BD and the MRE degrees. He served as pastor of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, McLean County, Ky., 1957-1960, the Sorgho Baptist Church, Sorgho, Ky., 1960-63, and the Twelfth Avenue Baptist Church, Emporia, Kansas, 1963-65.

In Kansas he served as moderator of the Blue Stem Association and was pastor advisor for the Baptist Student Union at Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia and also for the Student Union of the Kansas Baptist Convention.

In Kentucky he was Sunday School Superintendent for Daviess-McLean Association in 1968 and presently is an associational trustee and treasurer of the Baptist Ministers Fellowship of Owensboro.

He is married to the former Kay Ferguson. The couple has one son, Dewayne, age 7.

Lester Baker, pastor of the Blackford Baptist Church in Blackford Association, has resigned to become pastor of the Maceo Baptist Church of the Daviess-McLean Association.

Bob Beavers, former pastor of Second Baptist Church in Little Bethel Association, is now pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Caldwell Association.

Jackie Burkett, a student at Clear Creek School, is the new pastor of Jeffersonville Baptist Church of Boone's Creek Association.

Don Champion is now pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church of Benton. The church is in the Blood River Association.

Charles Chumber is now pastor of Spring Creek Baptist Church in Murray. Formerly he was pastor of Poplar Spring Baptist Church in Blood River Association.

J. Edwin Davis is now pastor of Owingsville Baptist Church in Bracken Association. To accept this position, Davis resigned as local missionary at Mousie in Three Forks Association.

Kenneth Dick has resigned as pastor of Robinson Creek Baptist Church in Lynn Camp Association to become pas-

tor of the Artemus Baptist Church in North Concord Association.

Jerry G. Farmer is the new pastor of Stone Lick Baptist Church of Bracken Association. He is a student at Georgetown College.

Paul Fox has accepted the pastorate of Cash Creek Church, Green Valley Association. He was pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama, for five years before coming to Henderson, Kentucky, a year and a half ago to serve as a Guidance Counselor at the Breckenridge Job Corps. Fox served as pastor of Central Church, Winchester from 1950-55.

Mrs. Fox is a state approved worker with the Sunday school department in the field of Junior work. She conducts conferences in several southern states.

Cecil F. Fultz, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Bell County, has resigned. He is now pastor of Cannonsburg Baptist Church, Greenup Association.

Billy Gallimore is the new pastor of New Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in New Concord.

Ed Gibson has accepted the pastorate of the Grand Rivers Baptist Church of the Ohio River Association. He resigned the pastorate of the Watson Lane Baptist Church of Green Valley Association to accept his new post.

Ronnie Hampton is the new minister of music at First Missionary Baptist Church of Benton in Blood River Association.

Willis Harven has joined the staff of the Central Baptist Church in Lexington. He is minister of education. Harven comes to the Central church from a similar position with the Gainesville Baptist Church of Gainesville, Florida.

Fred Hill has resigned the pastorate of the Pulaski Baptist Church in Pulaski County Association. He is now pastor of the Stony Point Baptist Church in Freedom Association.

Lonnie Knight has been called as pastor of Owen's Chapel in Blood River Association.

David McFarland is the new pastor of Flat Lick Baptist Church in Pulaski County Association. He resigned the pastorate of Pond Baptist Church in Lincoln County Association to accept the new church.

Ed Medlin is now pastor of Poplar Grove Baptist Church in Lynn Camp Association.

Charles Milan recently became the pastor of East Williamson Baptist Church in Pike Association. To accept that post he resigned as pastor of the Cross Lane Baptist Church of Charles-ton, West Virginia.

John Pippin has resigned the pastorate of the Sinking Spring Baptist Church in Blood River Association. He is now pastor of the Medina Baptist Church in Medina, Tennessee.

Kenneth Puckett is the new pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Graves Association.

Koger Ramsey, newly ordained minister has been called as pastor of New Charity Baptist Church in Wayne County Association.

Jade Smith is now pastor of Harmony Baptist Church in Bell County Association.

Lee A. Stofor has been called as pastor of Locust Grove Baptist Church in Little River Association. He resigned as pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Christian County Association to accept the post.

The new pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church of the Ohio River Association is L. L. Terrell.

Billy Turner recently resigned the pastorate of Bellview Baptist Church in West Union Association. He is now pastor of Hickory Baptist Church in Graves Association.

Guy M. Deane, Jr. has moved from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Jenkins, to the Fordsville Baptist Church. He had served the Jenkins congregation four-and-a-half years.

Deane is a native of Daviess County, a graduate of Owensboro High School, Georgetown College, and the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He served three years

in the United States Navy.

Much of the ministry of Deane has been spent in mission churches. In New Orleans he did mission work in the French quarters and while at Georgetown College he served missions in Lee County.

Pastorates include the Buck Creek Baptist Church, McLean County; First Baptist Church, Martin; Campton Baptist Church, Campton; and Northside Baptist Church, Morganfield. He has served as moderator of the Red River Association and Pine Mountain Association. He has also served on various nomination committees, including the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board He is a former trustee of Bethel College and Magoffin Institute.

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An interior view of the new First Baptist Church of Mt. Washington

First Baptist Church, Mount Washington, Dedicates Building

On Sunday, March 2, the First Baptist Church of Mount Washington held services in its new building for the first time.

The \$433,365.19 building sits on the site of the original building constructed in 1874. The new structure is 135 feet long and 65 feet wide. It has a seating capacity of 596 on the main floor and 298 in the balcony, not yet completed.

The lower level has a kitchen and dining hall to accommodate 350 people. This area can be converted into two assembly areas with eight class rooms. Also in the lower level are two beginner departments and one primary department.

A special attraction of the new building is its pulpit furniture. Pastor Wendell Romans pointed out that its design was done especially for the Mount Washington church. "This exact design will be found in no other church in the United States," he said.

Special guided tours were conducted by the church deacons during the afternoon. The evening service featured an address by Harold Sanders, executive secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

For the Sunday morning service an estimated congregation of 650 were present. The church has a membership of 940.

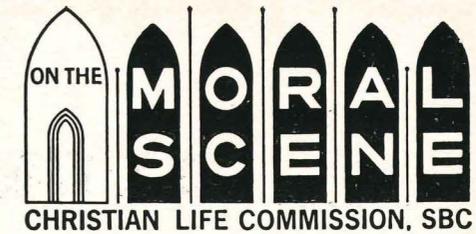
Former Cuban Missionary Herbert Caudill To Speak In Bowling Green

Herbert Caudill, the veteran Southern Baptist missionary recently released from Cuban imprisonment, will be in Bowling Green, March 30, for special services in two Baptist churches. He will be at the Forest Park Baptist Church for the televised morning worship service. On Sunday evening he will speak at the First Baptist Church in a special missionary service in which most other Bowling Green Baptist congregations will participate. The evening service will climax the annual Home Mission study, prayer and offering in the churches.

Caudill and his missionary son-in-law, David Fite, were prisoners in Cuba

from April 8, 1965, until their release late last year. Caudill was released from prison earlier due to poor health, but remained under house arrest. Fite was unexpectedly released from a Cuban prison work camp on December 16. Both missionaries with their families returned early this year to the United States by way of Mexico.

The Caudills and Fites have been swamped with invitations for appearances before Baptist groups since their return. Forest Park pastor, Wallace Morris, says he feels Bowling Green Baptists are very fortunate to have the opportunity to hear the noted missionary.



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By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for March 30, 1969)

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The Holy Spirit is not a mere benevolent influence, as some erroneously believe and teach, but He is a Person Who thinks, feels, and wills. Both His attributes and His actions prove His deity. Apart from Him all missionary effort is unavailing.

John 16:7-14

Having forewarned the disciples of their future persecution by the world, Christ told them that He was going to leave them. Overwhelmed with sorrow over His forthcoming departure, not one of them even asked where He was going. For their encouragement Christ announced the good news of the coming of the Holy Spirit, and assured them that the blessings which the Holy Spirit would bring to them would more than compensate for their loss of His own physical presence with them.

Since all of His work centers in Christ, to the unsaved the Holy Spirit bears witness to the truth regarding the Saviour (John 15:26), Whom He ever magnifies, exalts, and glorifies. Then, He illuminates the understanding of the unsaved. Through the use of God's Word the Holy Spirit convicts the unsaved; that is, proves to them that they are out of harmony with God, that their guilt is inexcusable, and that God's demands must be satisfied or they will be punished.

The believer is given a new mind, a new will, and new affections. The Holy Spirit guides us as believers in the study of the Scriptures and enables us to understand and interpret them correctly. Christ assured His disciples that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth. Power to live in close fellowship with Christ, to overcome worldly aspirations, personal ambitions, fleshly appetites and human weaknesses, and to render acceptable service for Christ is provided for us by the Holy Spirit. He even enables God's children to pass through great sorrows with a peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

Acts 1:4-8

Christ commanded the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem and await the arrival of the Holy Spirit. He was unwilling for the believers to undertake the task of world-wide evangelization until they

were endued with the power from on high. Christ assured them that they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit immediately. Only after being endued with the power of the Holy Spirit would they be qualified for the task which had been assigned to them. We, too, need the endowment of the Holy Spirit to enable us to witness for Christ where we are.

Because the disciples were still expecting Christ to bring national restoration and political independence to Israel, just before He ascended, they asked Him if He would restore the kingdom immediately. He merely replied that this was not the consideration of present or paramount importance. It was not their privilege to "know the times or the seasons," as those things were entirely with God.

Christ stressed the fact that they were not to be absorbed in counting days, but in witnessing for Him.

The purpose of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples was very clearly and definitely stated in the words, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." A wit-

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When Christ was arrested by the soldiers all of His disciples in a panic forsook Him and fled. Peter and John soon turned in their flight and followed Him. As His captors led Him to the palace of Caiaphas, the high priest, Peter followed Christ timidly and distantly. Evidently John was acquainted with Caiaphas, so, he was admitted into the palace. Forsaken for once by his native boldness, Peter remained on the outside. Observing this, John went out and through his influence with the portress at the gate, he easily obtained admission into the courtyard for Peter.

Mark 14:55-65

Prejudiced, dishonest, and malicious enemies of Christ were determined to get rid of Him. To accomplish their

ness is one who has seen, heard, experienced, or known something, and who is willing to tell what he knows. A witness for Christ is one who tells another what he knows about the Saviour with a view to winning to a saving knowledge of Christ or to influencing him to conform to the will of the Lord. Christian witnessing is of two kinds—that of the lips and that of the life. The life speaks even when the lips are silent.

Acts 5:29-32

After Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did mighty things through the disciples. Convinced that God was with them, the apostles refused to be frightened by threats, stripes, imprisonments or death. It was imperative that they actually do the will of God, and deliver His message. Regardless of what others may say or do, by way of opposition, every believer in Christ must obey God. When a Christian is truly obedient to God, he will be opposed by the world, and frequently persecuted, but at the same time he will be cared for and empowered by the Almighty.

nefarious purpose, they diligently sought false witnesses whom they could get to present testimony that would justify them in putting Christ to death.

At first the court could not get the false witnesses to agree in their testimony, perhaps due to the lack of time and opportunity for adequate instruction. Their conflicting evidence disclosed the falsity of their allegations. Their testimony was too contradictory and ridiculous to merit the dignity of a response. Silence is frequently the best treatment for false accusations. What could be gained by answering false accusations in the presence of a hostile group that did not have any jurisdiction over the case?



At length, some of the false witnesses swore that they had heard Christ say that He would destroy the temple at Jerusalem and then build another within three days. Of course, He never said that. What He had said was, "Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down" (Mark 13:2).

Their false and contradictory testimony infuriated Caiaphas, who, realizing that Christ could not be executed on such testimony, promptly took the case into his own hands. When he did so, he dramatically asked a leading and crafty question which he hoped would cause the Lord Jesus to incriminate Himself, a thing which was strictly forbidden by the law. Caiaphas asked Him, "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" Plainly, fearlessly, and publicly Christ acknowledged that He was the Messiah, whereupon the high priest ripped apart his own garments, as a sign of deep mourning over what he considered blasphemy.

The Sanhedrin had what its members wanted, namely, a challenge which in their opinion merited the death penalty, and they were delighted. The mob rejected the claim of Christ and began to abuse and taunt Him mercilessly and outrageously, and continued to do so until He was crucified.

Mark 15:24-27

The procession ascended the skull-shaped hill a short distance outside and overlooking the city of Jerusalem. It was the common execution ground for felons and outlaws. Having removed Christ's garments from Him, His executioners laid Him on His back on the cross which was lying on the ground. Then, they drove the cruel spikes through the palms of His hands, fastening them to the ends of the crosspiece, and they nailed His feet to the upright piece. While His blood was flowing, a hole was prepared in the ground, the cross was lifted on end and dropped into the hole with a thud, leaving Him to suffer as the blood dripped from His head, His hands, and His feet.

A superscription, which contained the accusation against Christ, was placed above His head. It read, "This is the King of the Jews." In order that all who passed by might read it, it was written in all the current languages—Hebrew, Greek, and Latin—the languages of religion, culture, and government, respectively. The accusation against Him did not express all the truth. Christ not only claimed that He was the King of the Jews, but also that He was to be trusted as Saviour and obeyed as Lord.

As a further humiliation, or to add ignominy to His death, Christ was crucified between two robbers, in literal fulfillment of prophecy, "And he was numbered with the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12).



TEEN TEMPO

by Donal W. Key

Look Who's Human

"Behind the long hair, different dress, and the way-out speech, I am still human." This is one of the messages verbalized by some and silently felt by others in the teenage world. This is also the sort of message which has difficulty penetrating the oldsters. You see, it's hard to believe something is human that doesn't look or sound human. But the question is, how does a decent human look and sound?

Conformity is the rule in much of American life. Therefore, it is felt, those who step outside the accepted pattern, especially in appearance, must have something wrong with them.

There are certain traits and appearances which are viewed strongly as being either basically feminine or masculine. For a long time now, under normal barber-availability-conditions, it has been considered feminine to have long hair. The wearing of earrings and certain types of necklaces have been considered adornment for women only. So the first impression of society toward a long haired, jewelry bedecked male is that he is sick.

But, you know, the strange thing is that most of the long haired boys I have talked to do not think of themselves as feminine at all. They are not trying to be feminine nor do they particularly have their roles confused as some are saying. Basically the long hair is a way of saying, "Hey world! I am different. I am not like you." He may not yet be sure just what he is but it is certain he

does not want to be a carbon copy of the adult generation. But he does want to be seen and treated as a human being.

The way one looks has very little to do with being a real person. A lot of us are overlooking this fact. We are all people, human, no matter how we look or talk. And there's nothing sinful about being human, although, while being human a guy can do some pretty bad things. But you, teenager, need to get credit for being like the remainder of the human race yet daring enough to sometimes express it differently. It is the nature of the young to be dramatic and extreme. This quality, at times, has led us all to do things that look ridiculous. But it is this same quality which brings new developments and progress into existence.

Let's be fair about the matter and look at it from the other side. In trying to escape the establishment you as a teenager are in danger of falling into the clutches of the very thing you are rebelling against. A new conformity is established. The only difference is the new pattern is created and conformed to by teenagers, all of whom appear to be quite like yourself. If it becomes the "in thing" for all to have long hair, wear jewelry, and dress differently (which is certainly your privilege if your guardians approve) what have you gained?

P.S. No one but a hermit has the right to be dirty. And if the dirt harms his own body even he forfeits that right.

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