

the Royal Ambassador
PLEDGE

As a Royal Ambassador I will do my best:

*to become a well-informed,
responsible follower of Christ;*

*to have a Christlike concern for
all people;*

*to learn how the message of Christ
is carried around the world;*

*to work with others in sharing
Christ; and*

*to keep myself clean and
healthy in mind and body.*



People And Places

The Lyle Road Baptist Mission in Lexington was constituted into a Baptist church, Sunday, January 17. C. H. Gordon was called as church pastor and Donald Staley as youth minister.

The church currently meets in a mobile home in the Spindletop Mobile Home Park. An acre of land has been purchased and plans now call for construction of a permanent site in early spring.

George A. Buttrick, former pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City and Harvard University professor, will speak at both Sunday services at St. Matthews Baptist Church February 21. Buttrick, who served as general editor of *The Interpreter's Bible*, is currently a lecturer at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville.

Archie Allison, pastor of Buena Vista Baptist Church in Owensboro, recently received a special Christmas gift from his church. It was an all expense paid tour of the Holy Lands led by Somerset pastor Eldred Taylor. The Allison left February 15 and will return March 1.

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, recently ordained Richard Robinson to the gospel ministry. The service took place on Sunday, January 24. Robinson now serves as pastor of the Round Top Baptist Church in Severns Valley Association. Clyde Voyles is pastor of the ordaining church.

The executive committee of Camp Joy, the Southern Region Baptist Camp in Edmonson County, has adopted a resolution of respect to the memory of Truman Demunbrum who died in December. The resolution noted Demunbrum's service to the camp and his vision of its potential as an instrument to teach God's word and to reach persons for Him.

W. O. McDowell was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday, January 31, by the Central Missionary Baptist Church, Burna. The ordination was requested by the Lola Missionary Baptist Church where McDowell now serves as pastor. Tom Keeling is pastor of the ordaining church.

Paul Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, Walton, Kentucky, was ordained on January 20, 1971, at the First Baptist Church in Blue Springs, Missouri. The ordination was to the gospel ministry of religious education and youth.

Wilson is a graduate of Verona High School and Georgetown College and is now in his third year at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Kansas City.

Wilson is married to the former Melody Moore of Dallas, Texas, and the couple has one son, Paul, Jr. He is serving as full-time minister of religious education and youth at the Blue Springs Baptist Church in Missouri.

On January 24, 1971, Carroll Hubbard, state senator from Graves County, was guest speaker for Laymen's Day at First Baptist Church, Fairdale. Jim Daniels is pastor of the Fairdale congregation.

A resolution of respect has been adopted by the Farmdale Baptist Church, Louisville, to the memory of John W. Parrish who died January 8. Parrish was cited for his faithfulness during the 21 years he served the church as a deacon.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Grover hedges his trust in God with a sound selection of blue chip stocks!"

DEVOTIONAL



Truman Johnson
Pastor, Cloverport
Baptist Church

Truth

John 8:32

One of the popular hit songs of today issues a warning to our generation. We are told that we had better help the lonely voice of youth find "What Is Truth!" Throughout the song the inconsistencies of our day are pointed out in vivid illustrations: A little boy sitting on the floor asks his daddy "What is War?" When told that war is when men fight and die he becomes more puzzled and pleads, "Daddy, why?" Then there is the young man in Sunday School being taught the golden rule and knowing all the time that before another year rolls around he may have to kill or be killed. These illustrations remind us that life is not always as simple as it seems.

There is no doubt as to the hypocrisy of our day. This is evidenced in the home, the marketplace and, of all places, the church! A youth group in Louisville is putting together a film entitled "The Games Church People Play." This film should contain some amazing insights.

People are not as receptive to the truth as we would like to think. This is nothing new; the people in Jesus' generation did not accept the truth either. In John 8:40 he says, "All I have ever done is to tell you the truth yet you are trying to kill me." People use their self deceptions as armor to protect and justify their actions. When someone breaks through their armor with truth it leaves them naked and exposed. It forces them to face the truth and accept or reject it.

The need for freedom — both spiritual and political — is just as great today as ever. The opposite of freedom is oppression and tyranny. Few are the ones who are to live fruitfully under these conditions. Perhaps the cry, "Give me liberty (freedom) or give me death" needs to be echoed more often. There is only one way to freedom. Jesus said, "The TRUTH will make you FREE." May God help us to live in the TRUTH!

Speak up in Baptist Forum

In writing on this subject I am not endeavoring to sit in judgment on the men who have left the pastoral ministry. What thoughtful and sincere pastor has not thought about it at times?

Some have left to serve in places of responsibility in a religious or secular structure because they felt very deeply God's leadership and the challenge of the new position. A few, perhaps, have simply opted out because of the heavy load of problems, disappointments and frustrations. Others have dropped out in periods of internal church difficulty because in our system of expendable preachers they simply could find no place to go.

Why have I continued in the pastoral ministry for 31 years? (This includes part-time student pastorates.) I can answer the question for myself by saying that God has called me to the pastoral ministry and I believe that He still wants me there. I am of the old school; I did not go to the seminary to find out whether or not God wanted me to be a preacher. I went because I had a deep conviction that God had already called me to be a preacher and this conviction has deepened through the years.

Is this being naive? I think not. I could make my list of the faults of the church has, the many disappointments and frustrations that any conscientious pastor faces. My list would probably be as long or longer than some who have left the pastorate. However, I have found that when you have the assurance that you are doing what God wants you to do and doing it where He wants you to do it, you can take most anything.

From the human standpoint the pastorate challenges the best there is in me. This does not mean that I consider every area of the work to be of equal importance or that I enjoy every type of work included in the pastorate. Administrative details and promotion are necessary chores that I dislike. However, the basic responsibilities of the pastorate inspire me.

The term "Shepherd-Prophet" which Wallace Fisher uses to describe the role of the pastor appeals to me. Let us look first at some of the opportunities included under the term "Shepherd."

I am challenged by the responsibility to develop a caring ministry for persons of all ages and with all kinds of needs. It literally involves a ministry to persons from the cradle to the grave. I find inspiration in trying to explain to a boy or girl the joy and adventure of the Christian life. I am encouraged when I talk with a bright teen-ager about his continuing education and his vocational choice. It is a rewarding experience to share some of the joy of the wedding day as you look into the sparkling eyes of two happy young people whom you have helped to gain a Christian interpretation of marriage and sex. There is a deep sense of grati-

Why I Stayed In The Pastorate

tude later on when you offer a prayer of thanksgiving as the couple dedicates their first born infant to God.

In addition to the times of joy that you share with your people, it is heartening to know that your ministry brings real help to persons in their times of illness, sorrow and death. Your presence and concern, far more than your words, bring strength to the anxious loved ones as the doctor informs them that the operation revealed an extended malignancy which he could not remove. You walk with them and the patient through the ensuing months of anxiety and sorrow. You stand with them as their loved one walks through the door of death, helping them to see that this separation, though terribly painful, is strictly temporary and that one day they will be reunited in a love and fellowship that can never be broken.

The ministry of a pastor is not limited to the members of his own church. It is still true that people turn to a minister more than to any other person in seeking help to solve their problems. There is a real sense of fulfillment when you are able to help a couple understand the nature of their real problems, find some solutions and see them save their marriage. A pastor who cares for people will usually have ample opportunities for personal counseling. It is good to know that one does not have to be a highly trained professional counselor in order to help many people. One who loves and listens can make a great contribution.

One other phase of the pastor's work that could be considered under the role of shepherd is his task as a teacher. There is an urgent need in our churches and in our denomination as a whole for a more comprehensive and mature understanding of the Bible. The pastor is in a strategic spot to help bring this about. His teaching opportunities are limited only by his time, strength and ingenuity.

Having considered some of the tasks of the pastor as shepherd, let us now

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Norfolk, Virginia

look at his prophetic role. This appeals to me. I am using the term "prophet" in the Biblical sense of one who communicates with deep conviction the truth of God as he understands it, not as one who spends most of his time refining his chart of the Book of Revelation.

I believe that preaching is important! There is joy in proclaiming the good news of the gospel that meets man's deepest needs. I cannot join the increasing number who would relegate it to an incidental category. I am aware of the fact that a decreasing percentage of the population is listening to our preaching today, especially among the college age young people. There are many factors that help explain this situation, but we who are pastors cannot escape the tragic fact that one reason why people are not listening to our message is that we have not taken seriously enough our prophetic responsibility. We have been fearful to focus the light of the gospel on the living issues of our day, especially the issue of race. Many of our young people consider the preacher and the congregation little more than timid spectators who can do no more than offer a few pious remarks after the battle is over. Any pastor who does not have the courage to preach his convictions concerning God's truth as it relates to any issue ought to get out of the ministry and stop whining about his lack of freedom.

As a pastor who serves a church in a changing community, these issues are extremely relevant to me. I am not naive enough to believe that this is all of the gospel. However, I am painfully aware of the fact that unless we apply the gospel to these issues, we call into question the validity of the whole gospel. The task of leading our people to become a fellowship of love that will climb over economic and racial barriers is one of the continuing challenges that keeps me in the pastorate. I am convinced that the important issues of our faith will ultimately be decided at the level of the local church.

I appreciate the freedom as pastor to speak my convictions concerning the issues facing the denomination I love and to which I owe so much. I get upset when an honest Christian seminary professor is crucified, or when an excellent commentary is banned, or when a "chief censor" is set up in Nashville. I not only get upset, but I say so in no uncertain terms. I appreciate this freedom which so often disappears when one becomes a denominational official or employee.

I have shared with you out of my heart some of the reasons why I have continued in the pastorate. As I contemplate the comprehensive task to which God has called me, I cannot help but ask at times, "How in the world did God choose me?" I must confess, however, that I am glad He did. With His help, I plan to go all the way.

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Observations On The Guaranty Bond Company Closing

The recent news of the closing of the operations of the Guaranty Bond and Securities Corporation, Nashville, Tennessee, by a federal court injunction came as a shock to thousands of Baptists who have invested in bonds handled by this company and who are members of churches which have used the services of Guaranty in bonding programs. The shock was due, mainly to the good record of this company and the good reputation of the Baptist laymen who owned and operated the company. Guaranty has been the leading church bonding company in the South and according to Mr. H. J. Huey, president of Guaranty, over the past nine years has placed bond issues for 834 churches and other institutions totaling 124 million dollars and has never defaulted on any one of the bonds.

Nevertheless, a hearing in federal court in Nashville considered an 11 page list of charges against Guaranty and found the company in violation of rules of the United States Security and Exchange Commission. Seven specific charges were listed and the judge hearing the case ruled there were violations in respect to all the charges. (See article on page 11 of January 16, 1971, issue of *Western Recorder*.)

Guaranty President Huey, a prominent Baptist layman, and his defense attorneys claimed it was a matter of different interpretation of the Security and Exchange Commission rules but the judge ordered Guaranty to cease operations and by now the company is in receivership in an effort to help solve its financial difficulties. (Page 16, *Western Recorder*, February 13.)

This editor is not versed in the rules and regulations of bonding companies nor has ever been involved with Guaranty or any other bonding company in a bonding program and so is reluctant to make judgments in this case. However, one can scarcely argue with the findings and rulings of a federal court and therefore this failure of Guaranty which was headed by prominent Baptist laymen cannot but em-

barrass fellow Baptists and cast reflection upon businesses which use as part of their appeal to customers the Christian image of their owners and operators. This has happened too often in respect to business operations with which Baptist laymen and preachers have been connected.

On the other hand those who know Mr. Huey and those associated with him are convinced of his and their sincerity as honest businessmen and conscientious Christians. Furthermore, Mr. Huey has said he fully intends to use every possible effort to see that no church nor individual who has done or is doing business with Guaranty will lose anything.

It would be consoling to say this is a certainty but we will have to wait to see. In the meantime, those churches who have used Guaranty and have received all funds Guaranty was supposed to provide would seem to have little to worry about. It's the churches which are now in the process of building and have not received all they were counting on from Guaranty which have most to worry about.

As for the thousands who have bought Guaranty bonds, it would be comforting to have assurance that every cent invested along with promised interest will be forthcoming, but at this point this cannot be guaranteed.

What is consoling is that a receiver has been appointed by the federal judge to make every effort to see that every church and bondholder involved with Guaranty will receive all which is due them. Chances for this outcome seem to be good in that there is no hint of any fraud but only violations of regulations and possibly acceptable business ethics.

Pastors and church leaders who have recommended the use of Guaranty to their fellow church members should have no feeling of guilt nor be criticized for their recommendations. They had no reason not to trust Guaranty to handle their bonding program in the most acceptable way if a bonding program was to be used by the church.

Western Recorder Endowment Fund Grows

The recent announcement of the establishment of an endowment fund for the *Western Recorder* has brought some immediate and most encouraging response. This response clearly indicates that reflective readers of the *Western Recorder* realize the indis-

pensability of a reliable state Baptist paper and also the necessity for some financial undergirding for such a publication in the years ahead.

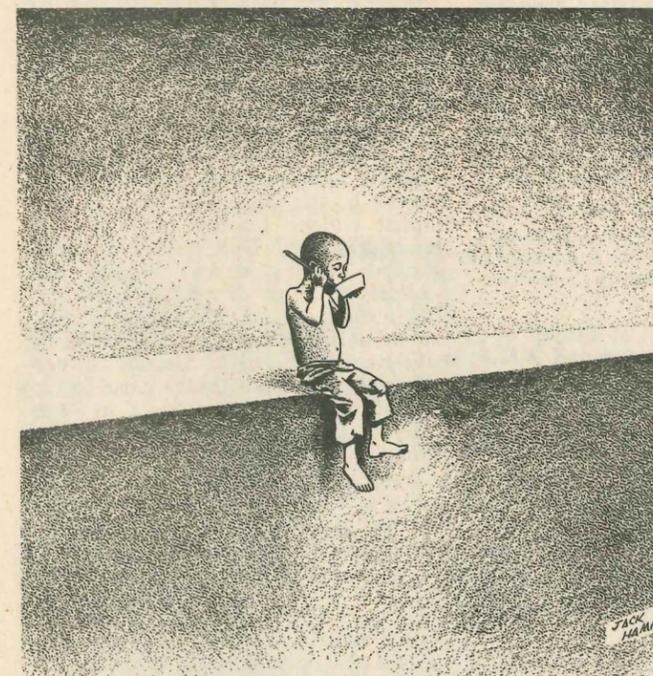
The first contributor to the *Western Recorder* endowment fund strangely enough was not a Kentuck-

ian but a Georgian who was my college freshman English teacher back in the late 30's and the one teacher who probably taught me most about the little I know about writing.

Prof. J. H. Reddick, Sylvania, Georgia, is now retired after a successful teaching career and after also serving many years as county court clerk of Screven County, Georgia. Though retired officially he is busier than ever doing research on Screven County history and writing a weekly column in one of the local papers. He has suffered five heart attacks in recent years but still reads and writes almost every day. This is what I found him doing when I stopped by the hospital to see him on a recent visit to Georgia.

As a regular reader of the *Western Recorder*, Prof. Reddick talked about some of the recent *Western Recorder* editorials, expressed some keen Baptist insights and expressed solid convictions about the independence of a state Baptist paper. As I said goodbye he reached for his checkbook to make the first contribution to the *Western Recorder* endowment fund. Coming from one of limited financial resources and bearing heavy hospital expenses, Prof. Reddick's gift could not be the largest in amount the *Western Recorder* will ever receive, but no subsequent gift could be more appreciated and meaningful.

A few days later came a letter from Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson with the second gift to the *Western Recorder* endowment fund. The check in this letter was sizeable and you can know it made for a bright day



"WHOEVER GIVES TO ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES EVEN A CUP OF COLD WATER, BECAUSE HE IS A DISCIPLE, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, HE SHALL NOT LOSE HIS REWARD."
— MATTHEW 10:42 (RSV)

and happy hearts in the *Western Recorder* offices. These appreciative Baptists are members of the First Baptist Church, Henderson, Kentucky, and the letter accompanying the check expressed the kind of evaluation of the *Western Recorder* that makes the editor's task more inspiring and encouraging.

The purpose of an endowment fund for the *Western Recorder* is not to make it financially independent even if this were possible which it is most likely not. The desperate need for some endowment income is to supplement what the Kentucky Baptist Convention can afford to invest in a state paper and what we receive from sale of subscriptions and advertising. In light of our income from present sources and the spiraling costs of production and mailing, we do foresee a crisis without some additional source of income. In this respect we share the plight of some of our Baptist colleges and other Baptist agencies and institutions.

There is another consideration in having several sources of income for a state Baptist paper which is desperately important in the thinking of this editor. A state Baptist paper cannot become dependent upon any one source of income for its existence without the danger of selling its soul. If it had to live by pleasing every reader, a paper could never be a pioneer in leadership but would merely reflect the consensus of prevailing Baptist opinion and its contribution would be less than its purpose for existing.

If, on the other hand, the state Baptist paper were financed completely by funds appropriated by the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, it would tend to be little more than a promotional bulletin or propaganda sheet for the "party" line. It would thus lose its function as an independent voice with the capacity to evaluate or question the "official" position on all denominational issues.

While always answerable through duly elected directors to its ultimate owner, the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the *Western Recorder* must never be completely dependent for its existence upon any one benefactor, board, committee or even its readers for its life or death. It must be dependent upon several sources for its livelihood but independent of any one source for its existence. Otherwise, it loses the vital function it has performed in Kentucky Baptist life since its beginning.

This is why an endowment fund is so important for the future of the *Western Recorder* and this is why in another article before long several plans and ways for making gifts to this fund will be listed and explained. In the meantime thank the Lord for Prof. Reddick and for Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson who have the honor of being the first two contributors to this fund. As endowment funds this money will not be spent for current operations or capital outlay but will be invested and the income from the funds will be used according to the discretion of the directors elected annually by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Home Mission Emphasis Set In SBC Churches March 7-14

Home Missions will be the topic sounded from Southern Baptist pulpits, classrooms, and homes March 7-14.

This is the date for the Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, an annual support effort by families, whole congregations, individuals and Woman's Missionary Union organizations.

The theme, "Sharing... with One or One Thousand," represents the individuals and groups who will be recipients of the prayer and financial support the week will elicit.

A goal of \$6,000,000 has been set for the home missions offering. Usually the Annie Armstrong Offering provides well-over 40 percent of the Home Mission Board budget, the remainder coming from the Cooperative Program. The \$6,000,000 projected for this year's of-



Missionary nurse Naomi Page dispenses love and reassurance along with medicine to Cuna Indians on the San Blas Islands of Panama. After completing a two-year term as a US-2 missionary, assisting Dr. Daniel Gruver, she would not turn her back on the San Blas Islands. She is still on the job in the Marvel Iglesias Clinic — one of hundreds of home mission sites which will be aided during the upcoming Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

fering would total more than half the contributions to the Board's work.

All church members are invited to pray privately each day for home missionaries and their work. A meditation guide for individual use is inserted in the March issue of *Royal Service*, the WMU magazine for adults.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of WMU, urged individuals to consider their personal obligation to invest financially in home missions. In 1969 Southern Baptists gave only 45 cents per capita to home missions via the Annie Armstrong Offering and other designated gifts. Mrs. Mathis said, "Surely this amount is only a token of the vast concern we feel for leading people in the United States to reconciliation in Christ.

"Unless each individual shoulders a respectable part of the burden of paying for an extensive witness, we cannot progress beyond our present level of support," she said. "We cannot leave the job to a few generous givers. Every Baptist who sees the needs of these times must give accordingly."

Family participation in the Week of Prayer is based on daily use of a Family Prayer Folder, distributed free by state WMU offices through church WMU directors. Prayer partnerships between families are suggested.

Families are also encouraged to take "Go and See" trips to study nearby home missions work and to report to their church about their findings.

Family Missions Guide (\$1.00 from Baptist Book Stores or WMU, Birmingham, Alabama 35203) gives suggestions for these and other family activities for the Week of Prayer.

The churchwide Week of Prayer observance is led by the pastor and WMU director in cooperation with directors of other church organizations. Sunday School will spotlight home missions March 14. Missions sermons, talks by visiting missionaries, a new filmstrip, a special recording about home missions, new home missions drama and a musical missions program are among ideas suggested for Sunday and mid-week church services. Details are found in *Dimension* magazine for January, February, March.

Woman's Missionary Union organizations observe the week following study, prayer and giving suggestions in their age-level magazines. Baptist Women organizations will have five days of meetings for corporate prayer. Baptist Young Women will have a combination of group and private prayer sessions throughout the week.



Education and God

I have just finished reading an article by J. Chester Durham, our student secretary, entitled "Why a Baptist Witness in Higher Education?" He quotes from John Henry Newman:

"All things must speak of God and refer to God or they are atheistic. History without God is a chaos without design or end or aim. Political economy without God is a selfish teaching about the acquisition of wealth. Physics without God would be a dull inquiry into certain meaningless phenomena. Ethics without God would be examining certain changeable rules, with no principles or substance or center or ruling hand... All sciences would tend to exclude the thought of God if they are not cultivated with reference to Him."

Meeting the Challenge in Colleges

Durham adds "We do not meet this requirement simply by calling colleges 'church colleges.' We do not meet this challenge simply by having a class in religion in the state institution. It takes far more than this. Nevertheless, our belief in God involves us in the educational process. From the very beginning of higher education we find the Christian church deeply involved."

The Baptist college and seminary must lead in meeting this challenge by a Baptist and church-centered purpose. It must be the warp and woof of each Baptist college teacher to make "all things speak of God." As Paul commanded: "Bring every thought into captivity to Jesus Christ."

I attended two Baptist colleges, Louisville-based Southern Seminary, have been a trustee of Stetson University, and have been pretty close to our Baptist colleges and schools in Kentucky these ten years. I am convinced, from a knowledge of the Christian witness of each president and many teachers in our Baptist schools, that a serious attempt is made to make our schools "Christian" in spirit and in truth. Of course there are degrees of commitment among faculties as there are among deacons and pastors and young people; there will occasionally be one that seems to be unfit for the role of the Baptist college teacher; and generally these do not last long. However, by and large, they are academically trained, Jesus-blessed, dedicated and faithful representatives of God teaching our youth.

Harold G. Sanders

Southern Seminary Begins Pastoral Studies Program

An experimental "pastoral studies" program is being developed at Southern Seminary in Louisville in an effort to provide students with an opportunity to "fill in the cracks" between regular course offerings and the day-to-day practice of the pastoral ministry, school officials said.

The inauguration of the program is scheduled for the June, 1971, session of summer school. It will be held again during the January, 1972, "Interterm." Thereafter, the program may become a regular feature of the seminary's June, July and January month-long sessions.

William E. Hull, dean of the school of theology at the seminary, said the program will provide the students with an opportunity to study under a "top-notch pastor who is on the firing line" and thus not available to teach at the seminary year-around.

Different pastors will be invited each time the program is offered. Walter L. Moore, the immediate past president of the Georgia Baptist Convention and retired pastor of Vineville Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia, will teach during June, 1971.

Clarence W. Cranford, former president of the American Baptist Convention and pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., will teach during January, 1972.

Funds for the first two sessions have been provided by Warren F. Sewell, Sr., of Bremen, Georgia. The program is named after him and the pastor-teacher will be called the Sewell Visiting Professor of Pastoral Studies. (BP)



Midway pastor Byrd Ison, right, and Austin Roberts of Danville, center, talk with SBC Annuity Board official Davey L. Borders during recent Dallas meet.



A MISSION TO MISSIONARIES — When snow caused cancellation of several World Mission Conference sessions last week in Louisville, Mrs. J. W. Lester of Loyall, Kentucky, gathered up missionaries and gave them a 10 hour instruction in the Lauback Literacy program. Now the missionaries, who received training certificates, are capable of teaching others to read and write. Among those taking the course were, left to right, Fay Hughes, St. Louis; Joy Hall, Nigeria; Mrs. and Dr. J. Christopher Pool, Nigeria; Cora New Hardy, Nigeria; and Mrs. Beryl Flanagan, Baltimore. Mrs. Lester is at right.

Annuity Board Votes Dividends

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board meeting in Dallas, Texas, elected a layman as their chairman, endorsed several benefit increases and honored three executive officers who retired.

Elected as chairman of the board was Donald E. Bowles, a Dallas insurance executive and the first layman to hold the top trustee post in the 53-year history of the Annuity Board.

The trustees also approved the issuance of the fifth consecutive "13th Check" and the continuation of the four percent increase in benefits to annuitants henceforth on a guaranteed basis.

R. Alton Reed, president and chief executive officer of the board, said the "13th Check" amounts to 8.33 percent of the annual benefit paid to annuitants during 1970, except those getting benefits for education, fixed period and variable.

Reed said the four percent increase in benefits for annuitants is a guaranteed amount as of January 1, 1971. The increase was given for the first time a year ago, Reed said.

He said 38,965 persons were participating in the protection program as of December 31, 1970. Of this total, 24,526 are in Plan A, the basic part of the program which includes all family benefits; 10,541 in Plan B; and 3,898 in Plan C, the variable benefit.

Reed said that another 16,374 persons were participating in the health benefit plan while 21,200 are in the life insurance programs.

He said funds held in trust for persons participating in the protection program reached an all time high of \$249,510,412, representing an increase of \$19,461,176 over 1969.

Reed said persons who began to get benefits during 1970 included 373 for age retirement, 159 for widow and 50 for disability. In addition, 84 children received child benefits; 142 education; and 48 variable benefits.

SBC Membership Tops 11.6 Million, Programs Show More Decreases

Church membership in the Southern Baptist Convention increased to 11,629,880 during 1970, the denomination's research and statistics department reported in Nashville in a presentation before the SBC executive committee.

Although total church membership increased 140,267 over the 1969 membership totals, decreases were reported in Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood (layman's group), and Woman's Missionary Union organization enrollments.

The statistics were based on a total of 34,360 churches affiliated with the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination. The number of churches was up 25 from the number reported last year.

For the first time, figures were reported for New York, a new state convention composed of churches formerly in the Maryland and Ohio state conventions.

The number of baptisms (conversions) reported by SBC churches was 368,863, up 638 from the 1969 figure. The peak year for baptisms was 1959, when 429,063 were reported, said Martin Bradley, secretary, research and statistics department.

Sunday School enrollment dropped by 127,620 to 7,290,447. This represents the sixth consecutive annual decrease after 21 years of steady increase, Bradley said. The all-time high in 1964 was 7,671,165.

The Brotherhood (men and boys' missions organization) reported an enrollment of 422,527, a decrease of 7,812.

Total Training Union ongoing and cumulative enrollment totalled 2,494,251, dropping by 154,137 from the 1969 figures.

Enrollment reported for Woman's Missionary Union (women and girls) was down 91,408 to a total of 1,199,813.

Church music enrollment increased



MISSION GIFT — Kentucky Baptist stewardship secretary Jesse Stricker, left, receives a special check for the Cooperative Program from T. A. Prickett, pastor of Seven Hills Baptist Church in Owensboro, and minister of music and education Harold Rose. Each year the church equally divides all assets in the general fund, over \$2,000 between debt retirement and world missions through the Cooperative Program. This year \$1,113.06 went to world missions. Stricker commented that the Owensboro church had set a good example for other Kentucky Baptist churches.

by 13,993, reaching a new high of 1,076,487.

Giving by Southern Baptists continued upward. Total tithes, offerings, special gifts and other receipts amounted to \$892,255,918, an increase of \$49,548,528 over the 1969 total.

Tithes, offerings and special gifts averaged \$73.70 per number.

Contributions to missions increased \$5,276,548 for a total of \$138,500,883.

Churches reported spending \$136,526,861 for their own construction programs and another \$3,603,850 on construction of local church-sponsored mission facilities.

Debt reported by churches rose to a new high of \$879,355,226, an increase of \$9.1 million.

Churches ordained 2,244 persons for the gospel ministry, an increase of 164 over the 1969 total.

BWA Too 'American' Says Ohm

The foreign missions secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden said the recent Baptist World Alliance Congress in Tokyo was, like previous congresses, too American dominated.

He observed that American dominance was evident in the program worked out for Tokyo. "Long meetings

with several long speeches,"

He also noted that the overwhelming majority of delegates came from the United States.

The Swedish mission leader also was disappointed that the Congress failed to elect an Asian as president. He was a bit frightened by how close the BWA came to having both its general secretary and its president belonging to the same Baptist body in America (the Southern Baptist Convention).

"If the BWA shall function as a world fellowship, around which a general meeting occurs, American dominance in general and Southern Baptist (involvement) in particular will have to be broken," said Ohm.

Baptist World Alliance statistics show there are over 31 million Baptists throughout the world, of whom only about four million live outside the United States. Contributions to the BWA by Baptists around the world during 1969 showed that North American groups supplied nearly \$120,000 of the total \$132,254 received. (EBPS)

Mullins Fellowship Dissolves — Lack Of Interest

The E. Y. Mullins Fellowship, an organization of liberals in the Southern Baptist Convention, is dead.

The organization, born during a period of doctrinal dissent in the SBC, was dissolved by its leaders due to lack of interest.

Thomas D. Austin, chairman of the continuing committee for the Mullins Fellowship, announced the decision to discontinue the organization in a letter to the *Religious Herald*, Baptist state paper in Virginia.

Austin, former pastor of Montrose Baptist Church in Richmond who recently became senior minister at First Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, said that he sent to each of the 150 dues-paying members of the organization a letter in December saying he had decided to resign his leadership

role and suggesting that the organization be dissolved.

At the Denver convention in June, 1970, the causes which the Mullins Fellowship had espoused—primarily openness and freedom in biblical scholarship and the use of the historical critical method of biblical interpretation—took a sound beating with the SBC requesting the recall and rewriting of the Broadman Bible Commentary "with due consideration to the conservative point of view."

Austin said that the convention had come to this point partly because liberals in the SBC have not really cared enough to become involved in the denomination's political structure.

In a letter to the editor of the *Religious Herald*, Austin said he felt that

the group had been grossly misunderstood from the beginning.

One such misunderstanding was that many Baptists felt the group was proposing a power play to force the SBC to agree with their point of view, and another misunderstanding was that "we were anti-Criswell," said Austin.

The group was also associated in the minds of many with action taken by an entirely different group, the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, which in January of 1969 adopted a resolution critical of W. A. Criswell, then president of the SBC, for his book entitled, *Why I Preach That the Bible Is Literally True*, and an advertising campaign which they charged implied this was the official position of the SBC.

"It is true that much of our dissent was focused against Criswell's point of view but we were simply wanting Southern Baptists to recognize that one did not have to toe the denominational line to be a loyal Southern Baptist," Austin said.

"We were nothing more or nothing less than loyal and faithful Southern Baptists who were concerned that our convention not adopt doctrinaire positions..." he added.

The Mullins Fellowship was organized in the spring of 1969, with its first full meeting at the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans that June. It was named for the late E. Y. Mullins, former seminary president and denominational leader in the SBC.

At its peak, the Mullins Fellowship had about 375 members and just before it dissolved the membership was about 150, Austin said. (BP)

Regional Music Festivals Set

Regional church music festivals begin February 19 when Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, hosts the first in a series of festivals across Kentucky.

Under the direction of Arnold Epley, regional music director for the Louisville area, the first festival will feature adult church choirs. A later festival will be scheduled for youth choirs.

State music secretary Eugene Quinn described the festivals as "a help to the church's graded choir program and an inspiration to the musicians to render greater service."

"Musicians work hard preparing anthems and special music week after week," Quinn noted. "Churches often tell their musicians how good they are but festivals give the choirs, ensembles, soloists and instrumentalists an opportunity to test their growth and level of performance."

Adjudicators (judges) are provided at each festival, the state music secretary explained, to evaluate the musicians on vocal techniques, musicianship, communication and choral techniques along with other categories. Each group may also receive an overall final grade if they so desire.

"This type program helps enrich the musical experiences of choir members and others," Quinn continued. "They must be familiar with many types of music instead of repeating one particular type of music over and over again."

"It is also encouraging for church choir members to see the progress made by neighboring church choirs from year to year," he added. "They develop the type of philosophy that says 'if they can improve like that or do music that difficult, so can we,' and they do it."

In addition to Epley, Kentucky regional music directors are Jerry Douglas of Ashland; Voris Howard, Covington; Harold Reynieron, Danville; Doyle Search, Glasgow; Grover Waller, Owensboro; and Harold Wortman, Williamsburg. Each of these men will be directing a church music festival for adult and youth groups between now and the end of April.

Reservation forms and required music lists and dates for the various festivals may be received by writing to the Church Music Department, Kentucky Baptist Building, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.



BSU MISSIONS — The Baptist Student Union Summer mission committee met in Middletown February 12-14 to interview candidates for appointment as BSU summer missionaries. The four inch snow storm extended their work into Sunday but 17 persons were appointed. See next week's *Western Recorder* for complete story.

SUMMARY OF 1970 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION STATISTICS

	1970	1969	Numerical change	Percent change
Associations	1,192	1,196	-4	-0.3
Churches	34,360	34,335	25	0.1
Baptisms	368,863	368,225	638	0.2
Additions by letter	498,043	513,370	-15,327	-3.0
Total Membership	11,629,880	11,489,613	140,267	1.2
Sunday School enrollment	7,290,447	7,418,067	-127,620	-1.7
Church Training enrollment	2,494,251	2,648,388	-154,137	-5.8
Brotherhood enrollment	422,527	430,339	-7,812	-1.8
WMU enrollment	1,199,813	1,291,221	-91,408	-7.1
Church Music enrollment	1,076,487	1,062,494	13,993	1.3
Total Receipts	\$ 892,255,918	\$ 842,707,390	\$ 49,548,528	5.9
Total Mission gifts	\$ 138,500,883	\$ 133,224,335	\$ 5,276,548	4.0
Per capita Mission gifts	\$ 11.91	\$ 11.60	\$.31	.27
Church property value	\$4,127,738,253	\$3,900,472,691	\$ 227,265,562	5.8
New construction:				
Local church	\$ 136,526,861	\$ 132,016,435	\$ 4,510,426	3.4
Mission	\$ 3,603,850	\$ 3,492,962	\$ 110,888	3.2

Retirement Crisis Causes Grim Life For Elderly

A report released in Washington by a special Senate committee paints a grim picture of life for millions of elderly Americans and those approaching retirement. It predicts that unless the nation makes a new commitment to the problems of retired persons "a new group of aged poor is in the making."

"A most distressing fact — a dis-

grace in a nation pledged to an all-out war on poverty — is that there was an increase in both the number and the proportion of aged poor between 1968 and 1969," the Senate Special Committee on Aging said. Its report, "Economics of Aging," was released after a two-year study. Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr., (Democrat, New Jersey) is chairman of the committee.

One out of every four Americans over 65 is living in poverty, according to the report. Statistics compiled by the committee show that in 1969 there was an increase of almost 200,000 persons over 65 in the poverty population. The one in four figure is in contrast to a ratio of one in nine for persons under 65 with poverty-level incomes.

The "unnoticed crisis" among retired persons was attributed by the committee to "generally inadequate retirement incomes." This has been intensified, the report said, by new demands upon that income. In addition to overall inflation, the report noted increased property taxes making it impossible for many homeowners to hold on to their homes, and the skyrocketing costs in medicine and health care.

As an example, the committee reported that in fiscal year 1969 the average health bill for a person 65 or older was \$692, an amount six times that for a youth and two and one-half times that for a person aged 19-64.

Medicare, the government's program for elderly medical care, provides less than 50 percent of all health care costs of the elderly, the report said.

Another problem contributing to lower incomes among retired persons is widespread unemployment among workers 45 years old or older. Since January, 1969, according to the report, unemployment in this age group has had a 71 percent increase, jumping from 596,000 unemployed persons to 1,017,000.

Also in this age group, unemployment lasts longer and the jobless worker has a harder time finding new employment. This condition has led many persons, the committee said, to retire earlier, thus taking reduced Social Security benefits.

The alarming increase of poor persons in the 45-64 age bracket led the committee to predict that "a new group of aged poor is in the making." Nearly 8.5 million persons in this age group now have poverty-level incomes. Even more disturbing, the committee said, is that 28,000 in this age category have been added to the poverty rolls since 1968.

"For the first time since poverty statistics were tabulated, the number of middle-aged and older persons in poverty has increased," the committee emphasized.

Although the report paints a grim picture of retirement problems, the committee is optimistic that solutions can be "sold" to Congress and the nation early in the 1970's. It noted plans for the 1971 White House Conference on Aging, the first to be held since 1960, and the nationwide interest in older Americans. (BP)



PROMOTED — James Edward Cunningham, right, newly appointed by the American Bible Society as secretary for program and promotion in its national distribution department, discusses expanding domestic and world scripture distribution with Warner A. Hutchinson, ABS executive secretary for overseas distribution, at a recent meeting in New York. Cunningham formerly served as director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Mountain Mission Program.

ABS Bible Distributions Rise

A tremendous upswing in the demand for Selections (Biblical passages shorter than a book of the Bible) enabled the American Bible Society to break two scripture distribution figures in 1970.

In the United States, scripture distribution totaled 99,595,467 copies — compared to a total of 76,216,553 in 1969, the previous all-time high.

Scripture distribution to the armed forces in 1970 totaled 4,323,599, exceeding the previous high in 1944 of 2,749,074. In 1969 a total of 2,224,844 scriptures were donated to the men and women in the armed forces.

James Z. Nettinga, executive secretary of the national distribution department, announced the 30.7 percent increase in the national figure and the 94.3 percent increase in the armed forces figure over 1969.

In both categories there was an increase in the number of complete Bibles circulated, while Testaments and Portions (one or more books of the Bible) declined from the 1969 figure.

A total of 691,750 complete Bibles was distributed in the United States in 1970, which was 31,500 more than the previous year. The 6,168,802 Testaments were 707,992 fewer than in 1969. Portions totaled 5,021,199, or 3,042,017 less than in 1969. Selections jumped to 87,165,371, an increase of 26,925,221.

There also was an increase in the number of Talking Bible records and tapes for the blind, 541,274, or 171,603 more than in 1969, and braille volumes, 7,071, an increase of 599.

Noted Scientist Set For Youth Conference

Noted scientist George K. Schweitzer will be the featured speaker for the 1971 Youth Assembly at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly July 5-9.

Schweitzer, professor of chemistry at University of Tennessee, is director of research in inorganic and nuclear chemistry at the Oak Ridge, Tennessee, division of the university.

A member of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, he is an active lecturer on religion, philosophy and science. Schweitzer has led numerous religious convocations, Religion-in-Life-Weeks and spiritual emphasis weeks on college campuses as well as in local churches.



Schweitzer

The Youth Assembly is designed for junior and senior high school age persons. Churches are expected to provide one counselor for every eight youths registered.

Sunday School secretary Roy Boatwright requested that churches make their reservations as soon as possible by writing Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky 40003. Reservation fee is \$3.00 per person.

Senate Hears Child Care Plan

Two Senators have introduced a bill calling for a bold new program of child care services for all children from birth to 14 years, regardless of family income.

Known as the Universal Child Care and Child Development Act of 1971 (Senate 530), the measure is the most comprehensive child care bill to be introduced in Congress. The two sponsors of the bill are Senator Birch Bayh (Democrat, Indiana) and Senator Walter F. Mondale (Democrat, Minnesota).

Under the proposals of this particular bill, voluntary community agencies and private, nonprofit groups competent to provide developmental child care would be eligible for contracts to operate a wide variety of services.

Included among the services that would be eligible for funding are: infant care, comprehensive preschool programs, general child care services during evening and night-time hours, day care programs before and after school, emergency care, day care and night care programs to aid working parents, and combinations of any of these programs.

Health, nutritional and social services would be an integral part of the programs funded, according to the bill's requirements.

The pricetag for such services calls

for \$2 billion in 1972, with an increase of \$2 billion each year in 1973 and 1974. This level of funding, Senator Bayh said, has been recommended by every major organization concerned with providing universal care for American children.

Senator Bayh pointed to the following facts as evidence that the needs "are both obvious and urgent":

► "There are 14 million children in this nation who have working mothers (eight out of 10 of these children are cared for through makeshift arrangements);

► "There are 2,790,000 mothers who work because they are the sole support of their families;

► "Of those mothers who work, nine out of 10 do so to satisfy an otherwise unmet economic need: basic support, medical bills, to provide for the future education of the children, etc."

While the proportion of working mothers with preschool children was 10 percent in the 1940's and 40 percent in the 1960's, it is estimated that the percentage will increase to between 60 and 70 percent in the decade of the 1970's, Senator Bayh noted.

The projected statistics for 1980 of working mothers with children under five years of age will be 5.3 million. Presently that figure is 3.7 million. (BP)

State VBS Clinics Near

State Vacation Bible School Clinics have been scheduled for the first week in March, according to a recent announcement by state Sunday School secretary Roy Boatwright.

First Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, will host the initial clinic on March 2. Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington will be the site of the March 4 clinic.

Designed for the associational Vacation Bible School workers, each clinic begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. Those attending should bring a sack lunch, Boatwright said.

Faculty for the state clinics include preschool workers Mrs. S. M. Mulkey of Dayton, Ohio, and Miss Mary John-

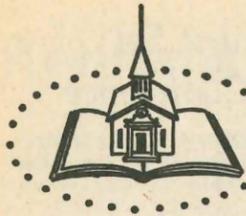
son of Louisville. Teaching in the children's division will be Mr. J. H. Mauney of Maysville, North Carolina; Mrs. Eldon Boone of Nashville, Tennessee; and Mr. Bill Ray of Elizabethtown. Youth workers will be led by Larry Armstrong of Louisville and Bill Simmons of Lexington.

Associational Vacation Bible School directors and associational missionaries will be under Boatwright's direction.

A Baptist Book Store representative will also be present for the clinics, the state Sunday School secretary noted. The directors will be able to order the Vacation Bible School Plan Book and other necessary materials.



TRIO RETIRES AT ANNUITY BOARD — Three top executive officers of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board were honored by the trustees on their retirement. Each received an employee service award plaque and a bound book containing letters of congratulations. The trio retiring as of March 1 are Floyd B. Chaffin, left, senior vice president and assistant to the president; Mrs. Pierce (Mabel H.) McCartney, secretary of the corporation; and Fred W. Noe, senior vice president and assistant to the president.



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By H. C. Chiles



(These Lessons for February 28, 1971)

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In The Presence Of Sorrow

There is always a mystery in sorrow. We do not understand why it comes to us. It all seems so inexplicable. If it has not already done so, sorrow will come to you. When it does, it will sweeten or embitter your spirit, draw you closer to God or drag you farther from Him. Christ, Who comforted His discouraged followers in the long ago, is able and willing to comfort you today or tomorrow.

John 11:1-6

In Bethany was an ideal home. The brothers and sisters loved one another, each of them loved Christ and He dearly loved each of them. In their home He was always a welcome guest. In time, Lazarus became desperately ill. Doubtless he received the very best care that the loving hearts and the tender hands of his sisters could provide, but he did not improve. Grievously concerned about their brother's critical condition, the first thought of his sisters was to get the word to Christ, their best Friend. They thought that the simple statement about the condition of Lazarus and their anxiety would bring Him to them.

At that particular time Christ was abiding in Bethabara, which was some twenty miles away and beyond the Jordan. Meanwhile a messenger was sent to Him with the laconic message, "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." Since the Saviour was such an intimate friend of the family, it was, of course, to be expected that He would immediately hasten to Bethany and minister to the needs of Lazarus. But that was not the procedure which He followed.

Christ's reaction to the message which He received was rather surprising. When the Saviour received the message He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." By this statement He meant that death would not have permanent dominion over Lazarus, but it would be a temporary state only which would provide an opportunity for the Father and His Son to be glorified.

We can only imagine the amazement and grief of the sisters when Christ neither came nor sent a message to them. Instead of departing promptly,

He remained and continued his activities for two days. What gave an added strangeness to His delay in coming was the fact that this is the only case on record where He hesitated to respond to a call for help.

One reason for this delay was in order that His disciples and the people might be more convinced than ever before of His divine power. He wanted to allow death to have its full sway and then His victory over it would be all the more convincing.

From this incident we can learn an important lesson. Frequently we want the Lord to do things in our way and at the specific time we want them done but we need to learn to let Him do them in His own way and in His own chosen time. Sometimes we think that the Lord waits too long to do what we want done but He doesn't. And He always has a purpose in what He does, even though we may not know what it is.

John 11:20-27

Four days after the death and burial of Lazarus Christ arrived at Bethany. As soon as the word reached Martha that Christ was approaching her home she went out to meet Him. Her state-

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Luke 12:13-21

There are some things about this capable, industrious, frugal and successful farmer in this parable that are of interest to us and quite worthy of careful consideration.

He did not put first things first. This man centered his undivided attention on things, putting property above purpose, cash above character, wealth above wisdom, and time above eternity.

He made the wrong disposition of his

ment, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died," indicated that she had sufficient faith to believe that, if He had arrived before the death of Lazarus, her brother would not have died. But there her faith stopped. She did not see in Christ the same sovereignty over death which He held over disease.

Christ gave Martha's faith another test by declaring, "Thy brother shall raise again." Instead of interpreting His statement to mean that Lazarus was going to rise immediately, Martha thought that He meant Lazarus would rise on the resurrection day. She and Mary believed in the resurrection at the last day but they did not know that He had the power to raise the dead then and there.

Christ proceeded to give one of the astounding revelations concerning Himself saying: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," meaning that those who believed in Him would again be brought to life. These matchless words have brought untold comfort and assurance to countless sorrowing hearts.

goods: In handling his accumulations, he ignored the needs of all others and their claims for help. How much sweeter and better his life would have been if only he had lived for others, instead of living for what he could get out of the world!

He left God out of his life. This man made the tragic blunder of completely ignoring God in his thoughts, considerations, plans and life. Unfortunately, he never consulted God in any of his calculations, resolutions or anticipations.

He made the wrong calculation of time. Apparently he lived as if he never expected to die. Since death is inevitable, none except fools dare disregard it.

He failed to make any preparation for eternity. Wise in preparing for the possible, he was certainly a fool in neglecting to prepare for the inevitable. Anybody who follows his example and fails to prepare for eternity is a fool. Why should anybody leave God out of his life?

Man's chief concern is not the acquirement of food, clothes and material benefits, but rather the devotion of his thoughts, time and efforts to the doing of God's will.

Matthew 6:19-21

These important words of Christ touch us right where we live. He spoke them for the benefit of each of us, so we need to face their well-nigh forgotten message fairly and squarely. By His statement, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth," Christ does not mean that we are not to make any provision for the needs of tomorrow. It is the duty of every Christian to be diligent in business, not only to avoid owing others but to be able to help others in their needs. Christ forbids us to accumulate earthly treasures for their own sake, to make the pursuit of them the chief end of life and to use them selfishly, forgetting our obligations to others. Christ forbids the making of money the object of one's affections and the end of one's activities.

One's treasure is that in which he places his chief delight. Christ does not condemn the laying up of treasures but he does exhort us to store them in the right place and for the right purpose. The proper place for them is not on earth but in heaven.

Treasures are the result of one's thoughts and labors. They are the things which one prizes above all else and which would break his heart if he were to lose them. Treasures are those things which absorb you and without which you think you could not live. The things for which we live determine the direction and quality of our lives.

Treasures are a curse to an individual if they lull him into a false sense of security, distort his vision or enslave him. Money can be a blessing. Money is laid up in heaven when it is invested in that which is going there. An unbeliever cannot lay up treasures in heaven.

Why did Christ forbid us to lay up for ourselves treasures on earth? Because they are liable to destruction, to inherent decay, or because they can be taken away from us. Earthly treasures are transitory. They neither last nor satisfy. There is always something lacking in or wrong with them. Somehow we lose interest in them and they do not fascinate us as they once did.

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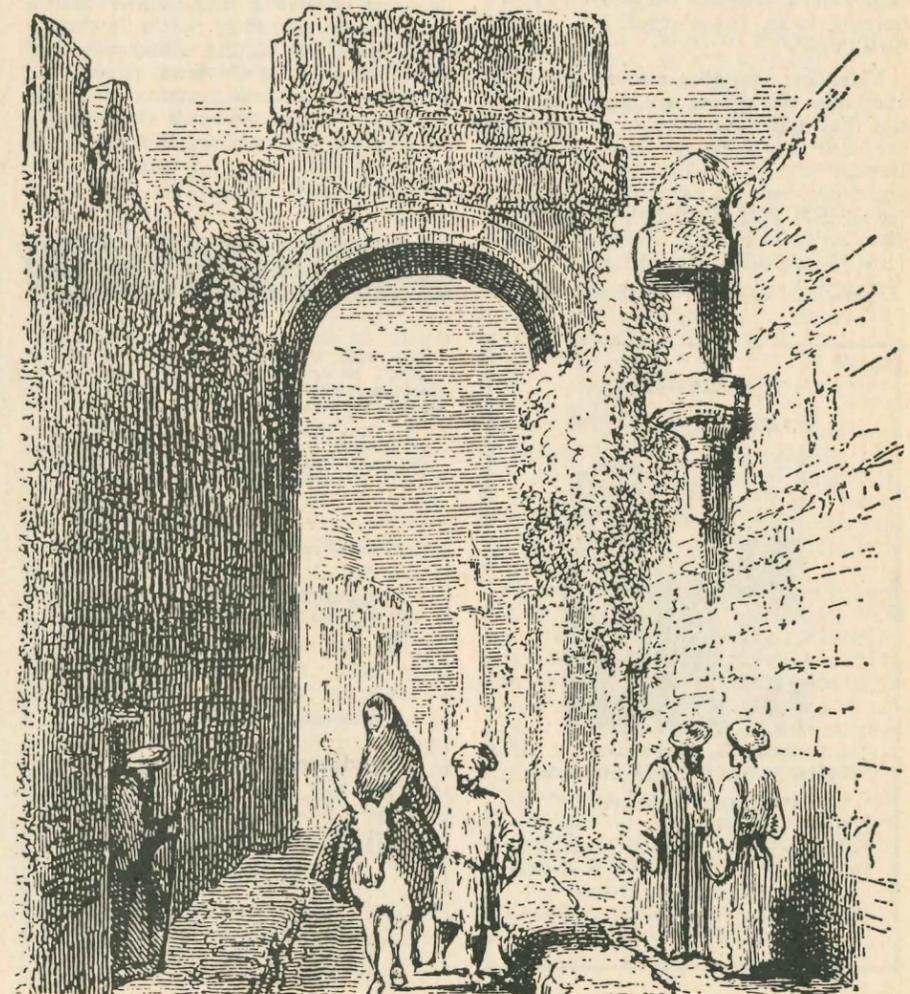
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Romney, Lindsay To Speak At Christian Life Seminar

Several government officials, including mayor John V. Lindsay of New York and housing and urban development department secretary George Romney, have accepted invitations to speak at a seminar on "National Priorities and Christian Responsibility," sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The seminar will be held at the Commodore Hotel in New York City, New York, March 1-3.

Other speakers will include a United Nations official, an assistant to consumer crusader Ralph Nader, a Peace Corps administrator, an evangelist, a nationally-known attorney, a former Long Island publisher and White House aide, a college student, several college and seminary professors and administrators, and a Negro Baptist pastor.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, stated that the seminar participants "will be challenged to accept our Christian responsibility for helping bring these priorities to vital fulfillment."

Valentine said that almost all of the available 400 spaces are now reserved but that a limited number of openings are still available to "any Southern Baptist who would like to participate" and who sends an advance registration fee of \$20 to the commission's office, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.

Speakers on the final program out-

line, released just three weeks prior to the seminar, included:

Romney; Lindsay; George Bush, United States representative-designate for the United Nations; William M. Dyal, a regional director for the Peace Corps; Arthur Flemming, president of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota; Kate Blackwell, research assistant to Ralph Nader; James E. Allen, visiting lecturer in education and public affairs at Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, New Jersey; James Ralph Scales, president of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Eric C. Rust, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

In December, the commission released a preliminary program outline listing several other speakers. Those on the initial list of speakers include:

Leighton Ford, associate to evangelist Billy Graham; Grady Cothen, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Bill Moyers, former publisher of *Newsday* and former White House press secretary; Leon Jaworski, president-elect of the American Bar Association; John Gaventa, student at Vanderbilt University and a staff assistant for the President's Commission on Campus Unrest; and Gardner Taylor, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York. (BP)

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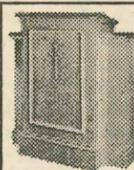
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Language Missions Chief Is Mission Product

His skin is topaz and in his mellow voice are traces of an accent; even though he is a native Texan, words like "tired" and "do not" come out without the familiar Texas drawl — but rather a tinge of Spanish. Oscar Romo is an Hispanic-American — a Mexican, as he says with pride, and the first product of Southern Baptist language work to head a department in a convention agency. As secretary of the Home Mission Board's department of language missions, Romo's ethnic background "will bring seasoning" to his position, he says, but one could safely assume that his 16-plus years as a denominational language worker qualify him for his new responsibilities.

The department of language missions has as its major thrust to provide leadership and assistance in the establishing and developing of language culture congregations and to assist Baptist churches in evangelizing, enlisting and ministering to language culture persons who are in reach of the church through its programs, organizations and facilities.

Romo now supervises approximately 1,200 missionaries under appointment by his department and administers a multi-million dollar budget. His journey to this office stretches over 20 years since his first pastorate in Brady, Texas. A native of Lockhart, Texas, he also was pastor in Littlefield and Fort Worth and was an associate in the language missions department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas for nine years. He came to the Home Mission Board in 1965.

Several days after he assumed office

Romo summed up his feelings in a word: "Frustration!" "I sometimes wish I were back at that little church in Brady — except I know I wouldn't fit anymore. At this period in my life I know I am where I am supposed to be; God has led me here."

Romo has an interesting philosophy about the positions he has held since Brady. "Each job that I have had, as far as I am concerned, has been experience preparing me for something else. Every opportunity to do something, to go somewhere, has meant help for me."

Romo, however, feels strongly about being chosen for his qualifications rather than his origin. "I want to be listened to because people feel that I have something to contribute and because they think I have leadership ability. I never had this position as a goal. My happiness was in being an associate and doing my thing," he says emphatically.

He has not disassociated himself with the concerns of Mexican-Americans. "I have not sold out at any point to be this high in the denomination," he says. "I have always felt that one of my contributions would be the ability to communicate to the Anglo the necessity for meeting the total needs of the Mexican-American and all peoples — not just going down the aisle and shaking his hand but meeting his total needs."

"There are approximately 120 language culture (ethnic) groups in the United States. This 120 includes about 40 million people. Southern Baptists now have work with about 20 of these groups. We must begin to make an im-



Romo talks with co-worker about innovations in language missions.

pact on the other 100 groups. I would hope that we can begin a ministry with at least one additional ethnic group a year."

Oscar Romo, Christian minister, Mexican-American, is a testimony of the commitment of Southern Baptists to carry the gospel to all people. The message has not gone unblessed for the receiver is now the giver.

Landgrave, Forbis Head SBC Music Workshops

Philip Landgrave, professor of church music, Southern Seminary, Louisville, will direct the fourth annual Youth Music Workshop, July 1-7, at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Wesley Forbis, associate professor of music, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, will serve as choral director for the first Youth Music Workshop to be held at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico. It is scheduled for July 15-21.

Pastors for the weeks of workshops will be Richard Myers, pastor, University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia, at Ridgecrest and Jim Tillman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, at Glorieta.

Both workshops will meet concurrently with the Church Music Leadership Conferences.

Attendance for both conferences will be limited to 150 persons for each workshop. Applicants must be between 16 and 24 years of age.

Deadline for registration is April 15. Applicants should write: Director, Youth Music Workshops, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

Tommy's Life May Depend On Coupons

The idea that coupons may be an important factor in saving the life of a four year old boy is not as farfetched as it may sound.

The boy is Tommy Davis, whose parents are members of Alum Rock Baptist Church, San Jose.

Tommy was born with miniature kidneys, one of which is non-functioning, the other only partly functions. The one kidney has been enough to keep Tommy alive, even though he has not grown at the normal rate.

Physicians attending Tommy say that within the next six months he will need a kidney machine to take over until a kidney transplant can be performed, and this could take years since the structure of the donor must be as nearly as possibly the same as the recipient.

Tommy could use one of the kidney machines at San Francisco U.C. Hos-

pital but the catch is there are only three and, if Tommy's life is to be saved, he must have the machine the instant he needs it.

General Mills will supply a kidney machine in exchange for 800,000 Betty Crocker coupons, but all of the coupons have to be in by May 31, 1971.

To date the family has managed to collect 55,000 but more help will be needed if a sufficient number is collected to pay for the machine.

The Milpitas School System has "adopted" Tommy and is working on the project and 40,000 of the coupons came from Arkansas and Arizona churches and schools but it will take an average of 149,000 coupons per month to make the May 31 deadline.

Coupons for Tommy Davis should be sent to him at 6220 Omaha Court, San Jose, California 95123.

Stewardship Banquet Feature



John W. Kurtz and "Professor Know It All" (dummy)

Program references:

Ninth and O Baptist Ch. Louisville
First Baptist Ch. Atlanta
Rosemont Baptist Ch. Lexington
First Baptist Ch. Richmond

Write: John W. Kurtz
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Teel



Oliver



Brindle



Littleford

Regional Royal Ambassador Congresses Set March 1-5

Royal Ambassador Congresses will be held across Kentucky March 1-5. Sponsored by the state brotherhood department, the meetings are designed to acquaint Royal Ambassadors with the total mission program carried on by Southern Baptists.

To help the boys understand the mission program, two foreign missionaries, two home missionaries and the associational missionary in the host associations will describe their participation in missions.

Speaking for foreign missions will be Howard Teel, missionary to Pakistan and Howard Oliver, missionary to the Philippines.

Teel, now studying at Southern Seminary during his furlough year, was appointed in 1963 to do evangelistic work in Faridpur, East Pakistan. He is a native of Alabama and was pastor of churches in Alabama and Louisiana before being appointed by the FMB. Teel holds degrees from Samford University, a Baptist college in Birmingham, Alabama, and Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Oliver is a former Kentucky pastor, having served churches in Owensboro and Russellville during the 1940's while earning the ThD degree from Southern Seminary. In 1955 he was appointed to teach theology at the Baptist Seminary, Baguio, Philippines. In 1964 he entered the field of radio evangelism and now resides in Manila.

Robert Brindle, former pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Franklin Association, will be one of the Home Mission speakers. Now serving as pastor of the South Burlington Baptist Church in Vermont, Brindle formerly was RA camp director at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly. He is a native of South Carolina.

Also speaking for Home Missions will be Warren Littleford, superintendent of missions for the Northland Baptist Association in Minnesota.

Eight RA Congresses will be held during the week. On Monday, March 1, congresses will be hosted by Parkway

church in Lexington and Calhoun church in Calhoun. The following day Grayson church and Reidland church will be the congress sites. Thursday, First church, Harlan, and Second church, Hopkinsville, will host the meetings with the series concluding at Crittenden church and Mill Creek church in Radcliff.

Each congress begins at 4:45 p.m. and concludes at 8:30 that evening. Additional information may be secured from the state brotherhood department.

Church-State Confab Hits Nixon's Actions

The 23rd National Conference on Church and State, meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland, adjacent to Washington, D.C., February 2-3, focused its attention on the White House. It protested the Justice Department's intervention in two lawsuits currently before the Supreme Court, the creation of Henry Cabot Lodge's position as special U.S. envoy to the Vatican, and urged the President to strive for "better balance" in his visitors.

The resolution read in part: We are disturbed at the action of the Justice Department in projecting itself into lawsuits from Pennsylvania and Rhode Island in which concerned plaintiffs seek to invoke the "no establishment of religion" clause of the First Amendment to strike down state laws imposing taxes for religious schools. If the executive branch cannot favor strict separation as stipulated in the first amendment it should at least remain neutral.

Two Bapt. Churches Condemned, 5 Damaged In L. A. Earthquake

Two Southern Baptist churches have been condemned and five others have sustained considerable structural damage due to the earthquake which hit the San Fernando and Los Angeles areas.

Condemned for use were the First Baptist Church of Sylmar, California, and Grandview Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

The homes of both pastors were also damaged by the earthquake. Damage to the home of Floyd B. Caldwell, pastor of Grandview church in Los Angeles, was described as "severe" but the extent of damage to the home of Clayborn Deering, pastor of the Sylmar church, was unknown.

Larry Fisher, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newhall, California, near the center of the earthquake, said that his church's library was destroyed, most of the windows broken and the furnaces ruined. Walls were cracked and a large church sign crumbled to the ground.

The church operates a school with 180 pupils enrolled and although classes were being held there was no heat in the building within four days after the earthquake.

At First Baptist Church, Saugus, California, several beams and movable units shifted and a gas main near the church broke.

At Mountainview Baptist Church, Sunland, California, the light fixtures and all of the plumbing, including the main gas line into the church, were destroyed. All windows and glassware were also lost.

First Baptist Church of San Fernando Valley reported considerable breakage at the home of pastor H. E. Fisher but the church building was not damaged.

Pastor Glen Wood and members of the Granada Hills Baptist Church were in the area evacuated because of danger from the Van Norman Dam but there was no report indicating whether or not the building sustained damage.

Preliminary reports to the *California Southern Baptist*, state weekly Baptist newspaper published in Fresno, indicated that many members of churches in the area had lost their homes but it was too early to tell the extent of the losses. (BP)