



Enter into thy closet to pray, Carter urges

President Jimmy Carter urged Congress not to pass legislation permitting so-called "voluntary" prayer in the public schools.

At a televised news conference Apr. 10 Carter was asked the question, "As a born-again Christian, Mr. President, what is your position on prayers in public schools?"

Carter answered: "My preference is that the Congress not get involved in the question of mandating prayer in schools. I am a Christian. I happen to be a Baptist. I believe that the subject of prayer in school ought to be decided between a person, individually and privately, and God. And the Supreme Court has ruled on this issue, and I personally don't think that the Congress ought to pass any legislation requiring or permitting prayer . . . in school."

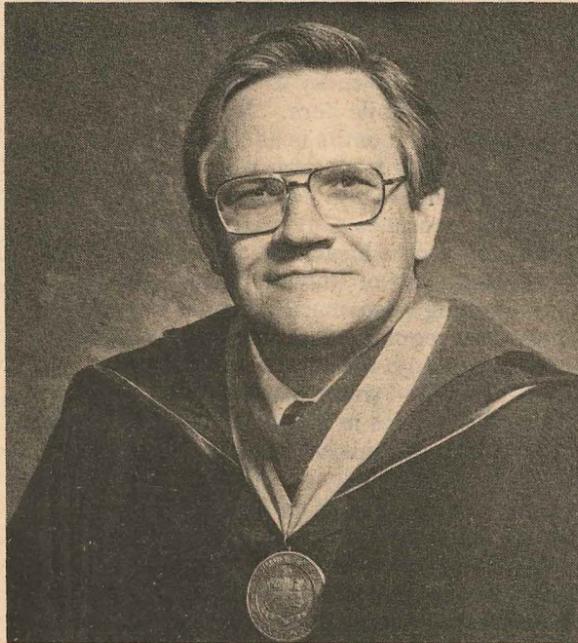
The President went on to say that those students who "might object even to so-called voluntary prayer when it's public and coordinated" should not be put in the position of being embarrassed by asking to be excused during the recitation of prayer.

The question was prompted by debate in recent days in the U. S. Senate over "voluntary" prayer. Language removing prayer questions from the jurisdiction of the federal courts, thereby allowing states to permit prayer in schools, was attached Apr. 9 by the Senate to a bill which is given little or no chance of passage in the House.

Earlier, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N. C., who has long sought to enact legislation which would overturn the effect of the Supreme Court's historic 1962 and 1963 decisions banning government-sponsored prayer in public schools, succeeded in having his jurisdictional amendment attached to a bill creating a new Department of Education.

Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., succeeded in a series of parliamentary maneuvers in having the Helms amendment attached to the bill dealing with other Supreme Court jurisdictional questions and stripped from the education bill.

Helms has threatened to attach his language to as many bills as necessary until both the House and Senate are forced to vote it up or down.



Ben M. Elrod is scheduled to be inaugurated Georgetown College's 21st president in ceremonies Friday afternoon at the school, beginning at 2 p.m. Dan Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., will deliver the inaugural address. A reception will follow from 3:30-5 p.m.

At North Carolina church:

Four resign over controversy

E. W. (Buddy) Price Jr., pastor of the 2867-member Green Street Baptist Church of High Point, N. C., for 22 years, and three staff members have resigned.

The resignations came at a called church conference two weeks after the congregation approved 10 guidelines in response to the spread of the charismatic movement.

The four ministers resigned voluntarily, without animosity, but the felt enforcement of the guidelines would create a restrictive situation. Others, besides Price, who resigned are Melvin Anderson, business

Changes in the wind for pastors' meeting?

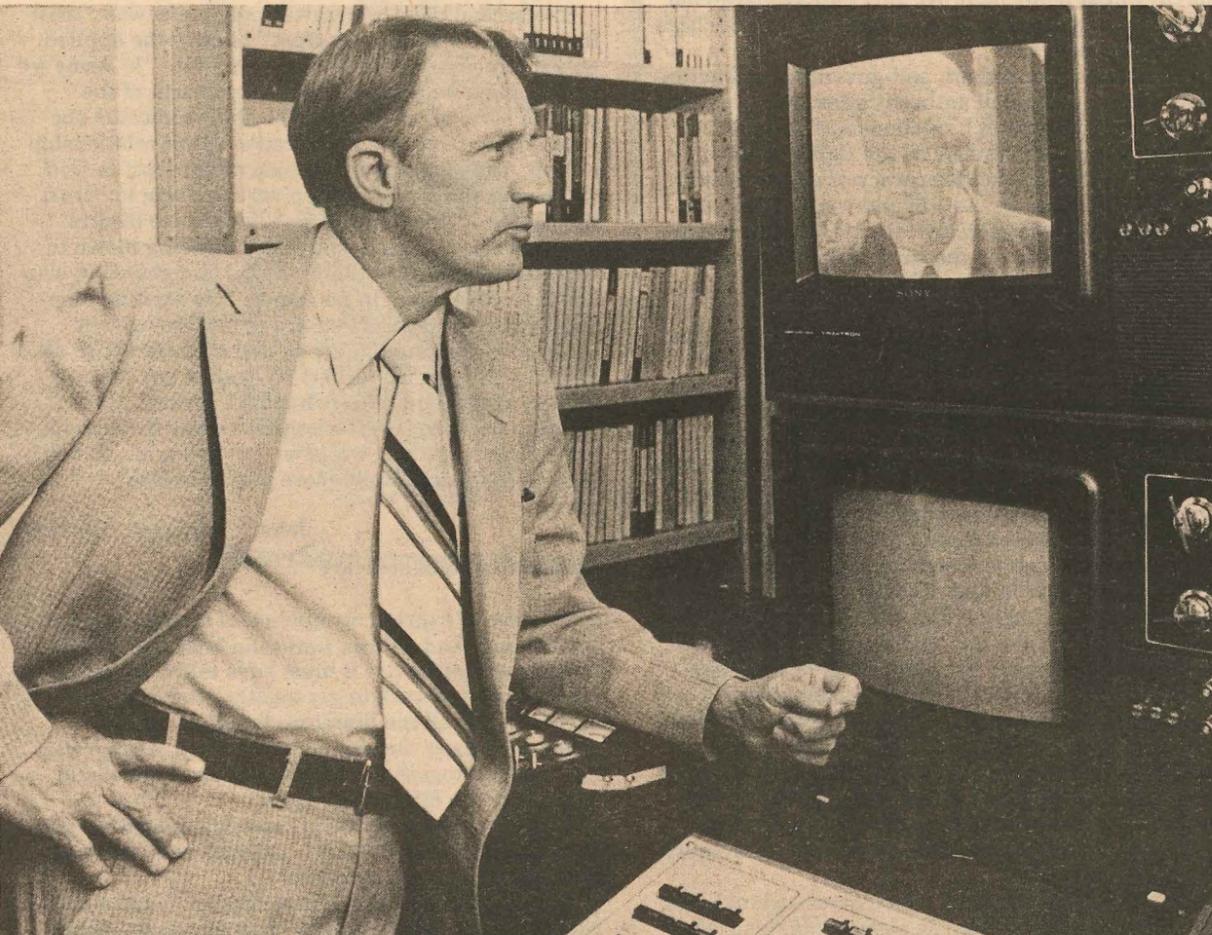
A South Carolina pastor who is vice president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference said he plans to recommend two changes in Pastors' Conference procedures when the pastors meet June 10-11 at the Houston Coliseum.

"I recommend that a program committee be established annually, composed of the president and two additional pastors appointed by the vice president and the treasurer," Cecil Chambers, pastor of Centerville Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C., said.

He also said he recommends "full disclosure of financial expenditures to state Baptist papers and the Southern Baptist Executive Committee by the Pastors' Conference as a preventive step to keep persons from falsely accusing leaders of the misuse of funds or of secrecy."

On the matter of program selection, Chambers said, "The idea behind this is to give balance. I don't believe that any one man has the breadth to feel the pulse of all Southern Baptists, and I think the committee format is preferred to the current practice of the president taking exclusive responsibility for the entire program."

Homer Lindsay Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., is current president.



Henderson, Ky., native Walker L. Knight, editor of Home Missions magazine, watches President Jimmy Carter quote from his free verse "The Peacemakers"

during signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty in Washington Mar. 26. The poem originally appeared in the December 1972 issue of Home Missions.

administrator and minister of adult education, a 13-year staffer; James A. Purvis, minister of youth for three years; and James R. Davidson, minister of music for three months.

Price, 58, who has been active in state and national Southern Baptist work, said he resigned because he "felt my work had been completed at Green Street."

He said he was not personally involved in speaking in tongues or with any movement that might be interpreted as outside the traditional ministry of Baptist churches.

"I am open to what the Lord might open up in the future," said Price. "I am a Southern Baptist and want to remain in a Southern Baptist church."

The guidelines adopted by the church sought to restrict charismatic activity within the congregation.

Guideline five said, "No member of our church or anyone from outside the church membership, shall teach under the auspices of the church, any doctrine except that that is Southern Baptist."

Guideline six stated, "That our church is not a part of the Charismatic movement or the Neo-Pentecostal church."

The seventh guideline called upon the membership to avoid "frequent attendance of and participation in religious meetings, retreats, training sessions and other such gatherings at which doctrines or beliefs are not in harmony with The Baptist Faith and Message . . ."

"Caution and scrutiny should be exercised in inviting or allowing any person not in accord with the fundamental tenets and doctrines of Green Street Church to speak or teach in our church," the recommendation stated.

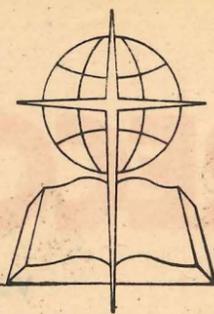
Guidelines further provided that no church equipment, property or church paid personnel should be utilized that would violate intent of the recommendations.

Further, guideline nine called upon the pastor "to furnish that firm leadership that our Lord would have the shepherd in his church furnish in carrying out these guidelines."

W. R. Eddinger, deacon chairman, expressing surprise and sadness at the resignation of Price and the others, said the guidelines "worried Dr. Price that he was going to have to decide what meetings were Southern Baptist and what were not Southern Baptist. He could not reconcile himself to that one thing. I think he thought he couldn't live with it. The two factions in the church were so far apart and probably could not get together."

Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. —Jude 3

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Daley Observations

Failure in family ministry

Ken Chafin, who is not known for being hesitant to express his ideas, has done it again. Speaking to participants in the recent "Help For Families" Christian Life seminar, Chafin peeled back the skin of Baptist churches, denominational agencies and seminaries and administered a generous supply of salt. Chafin's concern was the lack of Southern Baptist ministry for ailing family life in America.

The Houston pastor, whose church has attracted national attention for its ministries to families, charged that Baptist seminaries are failing to teach pastors and church staff members how to cope with their own family problems and how to establish and conduct helpful ministries to families within and outside Baptist churches. He said other Southern Baptist agencies are also doing very little in this area.

Chafin also had some word for Baptist churches. He called into question traditional Baptist theology which inhibits many churches from looking at divorce and remarriage in a redemptive way. He called for a new interpretation of the New Testament which would put divorce in the context of the redemptive theme of the Bible.

Having served on the faculties of two seminaries and having headed up evangelism for the Home Mission Board before going to the Houston pastorate, Chafin speaks out of wide experience. It would be hard to dispute his charges. Most of us who had seminary training had little help for the kind of ministry needed for ministering to today's families. Indeed family life for faculty members as well as for students on seminary campuses is not immune to modern domestic ailments. Full time marriage counselors on seminary campuses are a recognized need.

It is not likely Chafin's pleas will get very far very soon. The denomination is too caught up in efforts to bolster sagging statistics in evangelism to hear him. It is much easier to generate interest in such programs as Bold Mission Thrust than to involve Baptists in social ministries.

The predominant feeling among Baptists is that the salvation experience is the answer to all problems including family breakdown. This is true but more and more Baptists are coming to see that accepting the gospel brings the obligation to work for the salvation of all of life including family life.

We need voices like that of Ken Chafin and denominational leaders should not be defensive but reflective when our needs are pointed out.

A call for help

Experience has proven that when needs are made known Kentucky Baptists meet them. For that reason here is a direct appeal for help.

Jim and Barbara Spaulding are Southern Baptist missionaries in Scotland. They plan to take a four month furlough beginning Jan. 1, 1980 and need a place in Kentucky to live and an automobile to drive while here.

Jim says four months is as long as they feel they can be away from their work and thus the short furlough. He and Barbara would like to be in as many churches as possible while here and would prefer to be located in central Kentucky around Lexington or Danville if possible.

Furloughing missionaries are not beggars. They are on regular salary while furloughing but this is not enough for today's inflation rent, utilities, food and transportation.

Several churches in Kentucky provide houses or apartments for missionaries on furlough but most of these are likely occupied by missionaries spending an entire year on furlough.

Every congregation which has ever provided housing for missionaries on furlough describe the experience as a great blessing. Missionary education and offerings always receive a boost.

The provision of an automobile for the Spauldings for four months would be a great project for a Brotherhood group in some church. Churches using Jim and Barbara will provide travel expenses to engagements but someone could be blessed by providing a credit card for personal travel expenses for the Spauldings.

It may seem like a long time until Jan. 1, 1980 but working out all the details of a furlough requires a lot of time. Churches and/or individuals interested in such help for Jim and Barbara can contact them directly, 17 Stonehaven Rd., Aberdeen AB1 5US, Scotland, or through Western Recorder, Box 43401, Louisville, KY 40243.

Baptist Forum

Is church sovereignty limited?

One of the scriptural and traditional tenets of the Baptist faith is the sovereignty of a New Testament church. Christ made no provisions for any hierarchal or ecclesiastical head for the church. He reserved this place for himself.

A church is independent, self-governing and autonomous, as far as human authority goes. But, can this be claimed in interchurch relationships? Is the freedom of a church limited by the rights of sister churches? Certainly the democracy of any and every church is restricted by the will and word of the Lord.

The Great Commission lays out his will and way for each and all churches in the work of his kingdom. Obeying these commands will maintain unity and cooperation between churches.

When a church accepts alien immersion, does this bring a breach in cooperation and jeopardize fellowship with sister churches? Alien immersion is immersion by a non-Baptist. Someone who has been immersed by one who believes it is "for the remission of sins"; or by one who practices different modes and immerses reluctantly; or by someone who has no denominational affiliation whatsoever. The candidate is immersed and "turned loose." This is being done.

How is it then that a church receiving a person who has been immersed in and of these categorical ways infringes upon the rights of a sister church? The answer is found in the fact that the person with alien immersion may in time decide to transfer his membership to another church. Thus, a sister church, which believes and practices church authority in baptism, is confronted with one of two decisions: To sacrifice its convictions and accept alien immersion or call in question its relationships with a sister church. Should any church be subjected to such a decision because of the misuse or abuse of church sovereignty by another church?

Does church sovereignty, which gives a church the authority to withdraw from an association, give that same church the authority to impose its will and decision upon an association?

If each church will follow the authority in the guidelines of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) no church will ever be confronted by this problem.

Carl Loy, Columbia

We've had it all the time

As a language missionary working in the state of Kentucky I read with interest and enthusiasm the article concerning the Direct Missions Department and St. Matthews Baptist Church (Feb. 14) beginning a ministry to the Spanish speaking persons of this area. It is high time that we as Baptists in Kentucky recognize this significant minority in our midst.

I would, however, take exception to one sentence and I quote, "The project, under the direction of Robert Jones, head of Direct Missions, marks the first attempt by the state convention to reach a non-English language group." This is hardly the case. In 1972 the convention employed a person full time to work with the deaf. This is a non-English speaking group of people and the third largest foreign language group in America. Prior to employing a full time person the convention had employed part time persons in this area. There are also ministries to persons of Oriental backgrounds.

The above quote probably slipped in inadvertently but the record does need setting straight. I have served a non-English speaking group, the deaf, for seven years, in cooperation with the Direct Missions Department. I'm living proof that Direct Missions has been involved in the vital ministry of language missions.

Give credit where credit is due, Direct Missions has been concerned about the needs of the non-English speaking population.

Carl L. Enoch, Louisville

Armed to the teeth?

Although amused by the title mix-up in your Mar. 14 editorial, I was impressed by the appropriateness of relating "Can you tell the truth and trust the people" to the peacemaking issue. In the first place we as Christians need to be willing to "tell the truth" when it comes to the biblical position on peace. It is a position which says "turn the other cheek" rather than "arm yourself heavily so that no one will slap you to begin with." Should we love our enemies or should we make them (as well as ourselves) nuclear hostages?

The second point you unwittingly made was "trust the people." "In God we trust" tends to be applied only to life after death—not the present. "In Arms we trust" might be a more honest expression of the present state of our nation. The Bible indicates our relationship to people is indicative of our relationship to God. The supreme expression of our trust in God will have been reached when we can begin to "trust the people." Trust means a willingness to disarm ourselves even if we risk invasion or being blown to bits because we are children of the almighty God who has the whole world in his hands. The existing arsenals of nuclear destruction are powerless against those who trust in him, for he is the power above all powers, his love can protect us against any form of human aggression, his...what am I saying!...that sounds too risky...maybe he won't come through on time...this is the real world we are living in...to hell with God—Quick! Build more bombs before we perish!

John T. Mitchell, Louisville

Thanks from a beneficiary

I just want to express my opinion of the recent communications and writers workshop held Mar. 29-30 in Elizabethtown, Ky. It must have taken a tremendous amount of work to get together the different speakers, get all the literature together, make arrangements at the church, etc. I think anyone who has ever put together a program of any kind would appreciate the effort made here.

Just to see the long list of radio and television stations sponsored by Southern Baptists and Kentucky Baptists made me very proud.

I especially enjoyed the workshop on feature and curriculum writing taught by your associate editor, Mr. Jim Cox.

Mrs. Marie R. Justice, Pikeville

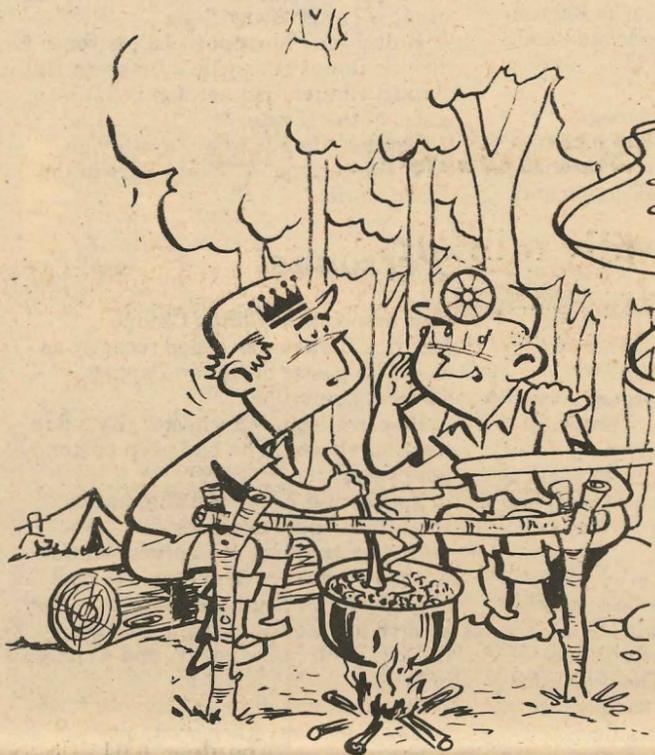
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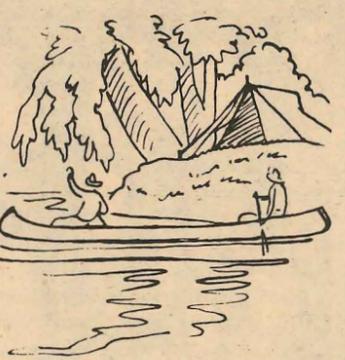
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Mountains to the Mississippi

Congregations

West Kentucky honors Bill Gorham Executive board members of West Kentucky Association recently passed a resolution honoring the late Bill Gorham.

The resolution read in part: "Brother Bill's faithful and loyal service to the Lord, the churches, his family, his fellowman and West Kentucky Baptist Association is greatly appreciated and his service will be missed."

Cave City begins new parsonage Cave City (Ky.) Baptist Church has begun construction of a new parsonage, the first step of a major relocation and building program.

Gerald A. McCants is pastor.

Highland honors deceased members Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, has passed resolutions honoring two members who died in March.

They are Miss Irene Morgan, who died Mar. 7, and Ralph V. "Brownie" Brown, who died Mar. 1.

Miss Morgan, who taught 40 years at Louisville's Barret Jr. High School, had served in the dining room and kitchen of the church.

Brown, who operated his own business, the Ralph V. Brown Co., until his death, had been a deacon in three Louisville churches: Highland, St. Matthews and Bethany. The resolution notes that he was a Bible scholar. He was married to the former Lillian Helton.

Five win preaching awards Five students were named winners of 1979 Clyde T. Francisco Preaching Awards at Southern Seminary.

They are Robert L. Asa (first), William H. Lewis, Doug Dortch, David Hull and Charles Allen.

The top three winners—Asa, Lewis and Dortch—were to speak during Student Preaching Week chapel services Apr. 17, 18 and 20 respectively. Hull and Allen were to assist in the services.

Asa, a native of Harrodsburg and pastor of Powersville (Ky.) Baptist

Church, will preach on "The Angry Jesus."

Lewis, a Louisville native and pastor of Rock of Ages Baptist Church, Morristown, Tenn., will preach on "If You Would Be Free."

A native of York, Ala., Dortch is pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Trimble County, and will preach on "Justice: A Stone's Throw Away."

Hull, from Shreveport, La., is youth 2 coordinator at Louisville's Crescent Hill Baptist Church. His sermon is "Disguise of the Divine."

Charles Allen is from Fayetteville, Ark. His sermon is "Being Sure of the Risen Christ."

Personnel

New associate at Clifton Church Maurice Barnes was called recently as associate pastor of Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville.

He came from Manchester (Ky.) Baptist Church where he had been pastor nine years.

Barnes and his wife, Tillie, have three sons and a daughter.

He is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He has been pastor of Southside Baptist Church and Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, both in Louisville, and a church in Winter Park, Fla.

Two staff members at Clifton left recently to assume other positions.

Ministers of music Mike Williams assumed a similar position at Pine Crest Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga. J. D. Herndon, former associate pastor, became director of missions for Nelson Association.

Parcel Flannery to South Shore Parcel Flannery was called as pastor of First Baptist Church, South Shore, in Greenup Association. He began Mar. 25.

He came from Summit Baptist Church, Ashland, where he was pastor 8½ years.

Flannery has also been pastor of East Barbourville Baptist Church, Barbour-



Mrs. Hazel Steele, Mrs. Hettie Simpson and Mrs. Lois Wright represent 193 years of church membership at Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville. They were honored when the church celebrated its 73rd anniversary Mar. 25. The church was constituted as Oakdale Baptist Church in 1906 but the name was changed to Victory Memorial in 1919 in commemoration of victory in World War I. Cakes made for the occasion by church hostess Lydia Magruder signified 73 years of world missions participation by the church. W. Louis Walters is pastor.

ville, and New Salem Baptist Church, Monticello.

Larry Buchanan leads Little Flock Larry R. Buchanan recently became director of music and youth at Little Flock Baptist Church, Rte. 2, Shepherdsville.

He came from Thomasville (Ala.) Baptist Church, where he had served three years after graduating from Southern Seminary.

A native of Paducah and a graduate of Murray State University, he is married to the former Valerie Baxter of Eminence. They have a daughter, Christy Lynn, 2.

David Walters is pastor at Little Flock, which is in Long Run Association.

Pleasant Hill calls Mike Jones Michael Jones, 22, accepted the call as pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Williamsburg, South Union Association. He began Mar. 25.

A first-year student at Cumberland College, he came from Reed Springs Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Tenn., where he was interim pastor.

He and his wife, the former Vanessa Schrimsher of Philadelphia, Tenn., are expecting their first child in October.

McWhorter to Cropper Church Tom McWhorter is the new pastor of Cropper (Ky.) Baptist Church, Shelby County Association.

He came from Providence Baptist Church, Campbellsburg.

McWhorter holds the BS degree from Auburn University and the MDiv from Southern Seminary. He is presently in the ThM program at Southern.

He and his wife Mary have two children, Kate, 2, and Mac, eight months.

Ron Wingo to Mt. Pisgah Ron Wingo has been called as pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Dawson Springs, Caldwell-Lyon Association. He begins Apr. 22.

He came from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Eddyville.

Wingo holds an AB degree from Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College.

He is married to the former Frances Ann Shelton of Princeton. They have two sons, Timmy, 7, and Jeff, 5.

John Wade to Greenland Church John W. Wade Sr. was called as pastor of Greenland Baptist Church, Corbin, Mt. Zion Association. He began Apr. 1.

He came from Pleasant View (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Wade attended Carr's Business College and the University of Mississippi. He is currently a student of Southeastern Kentucky Seminary (extension).

He and his wife, the former Marcella Hover, are the parents of four adult children.

Gary Hines to Deaneville Gary W. Hines is the new pastor of Deaneville (Ky.) Baptist Church, Ohio County Association. He began Apr. 1.

Hines holds a BS degree from Morehead State University and will enter Southern Seminary in June.

He and his wife, the former Shirley Beck of Beaver Dam, have a son, Eric Christopher, 4.

Before coming to Deaneville, they were members at Green River Baptist Church, also in Ohio County Association.

Deaths

HMB's E. Warren Rust dies E. Warren Rust, national consultant for the Home Mission Board metropolitan missions department, died Apr. 5 in Phoenix, Ariz., following lengthy bouts with respiratory disease ending with heart failure.

Rust was previously pastor of churches in Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky.

A memorial service was held in Tempe, Ariz., Apr. 6 and graveside services in his hometown of Covington, Ky., Apr. 9.

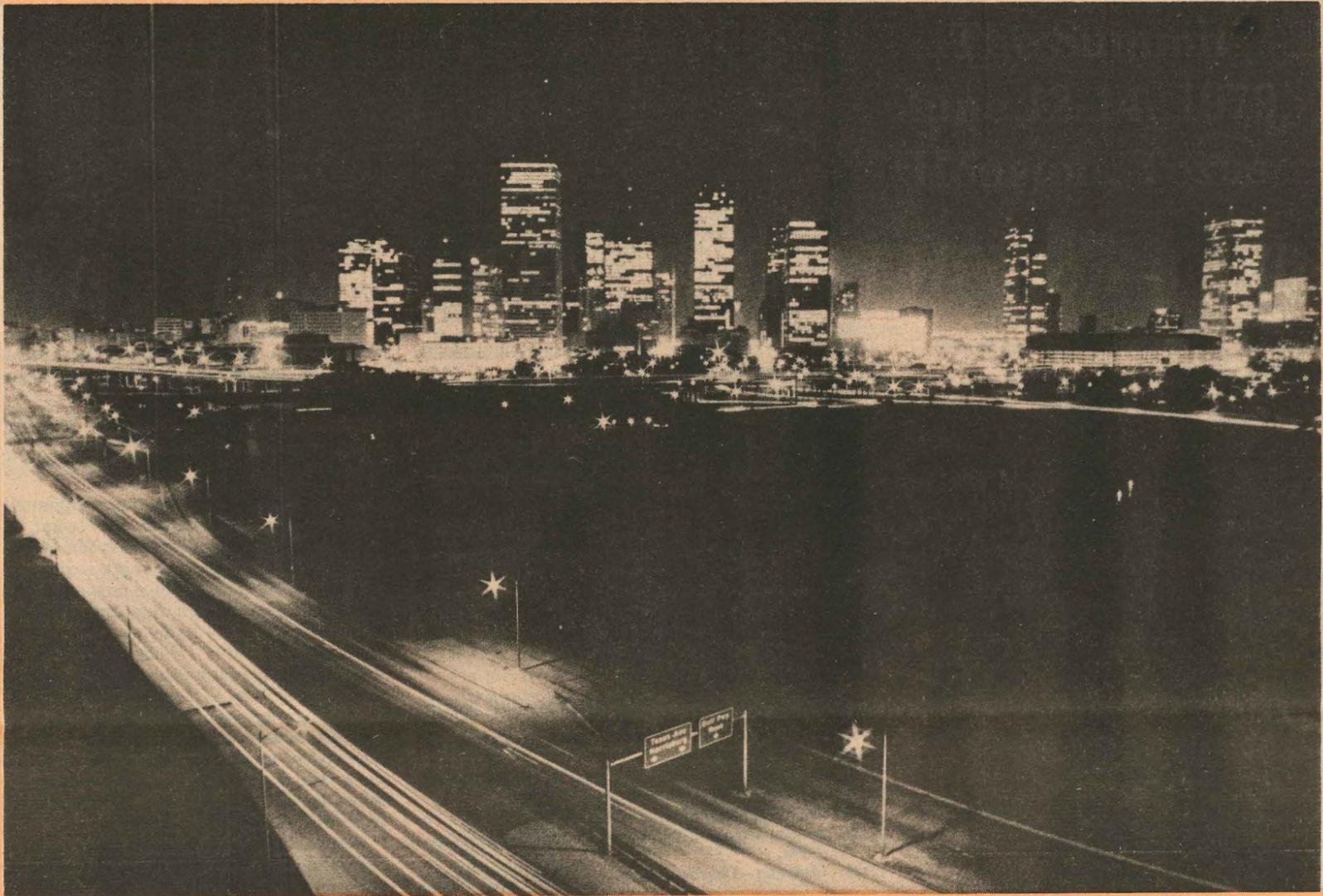
Family members, including his wife Anna Lee Morris and a married daughter, request that gifts be made to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions, in lieu of flowers.



The Music Makers and Young Musician choirs of First Baptist Church, Loyall, recently presented the cantata "Down by the Creek Bank." The directors were Glenn

Durham, Paula Bunch, Carol Howard and Carol Flanagan. Keith Rogers is pastor.

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Houston at night has been called "electrifying." Oil industry office buildings reach the sky over one of America's fastest growing cities.

Stickiness on South Main and artificial turf

When you think of Houston, Tex. what filters through your mind?

Oil derricks? NASA headquarters? The Astrodome and Astroworld? The Houston Oilers and Astros? One of America's fastest growing, most highly industrialized megalopolises? A center of financial and business strength, typified by skyscrapers and corporate headquarters? The home of several of Southern Baptists' largest and better known churches? Proximity to nearby Galveston Island and its white sand beaches? Mexican food? High society, and ghettos, too? A nice place to live and work?

If you've ever been to Houston in June, as somewhere between 20,000 and 30,000 Southern Baptists are expected to be this year, the thing you may recall best—or worst—is the city's extreme humidity. In summertime, deodorant sales rise with the temperature in the Lone Star State's largest city, located only a few miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico.

Auxiliary meetings prior to the 122nd annual ses-

sions of the Southern Baptist Convention June 12-14 start early. Some groups will be meeting the week before the convention, but the traditional ones open Sunday, June 10, including the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, Religious Education Association, Church Music Conference and Woman's Missionary Union.

The convention proper holds forth in two different locations this year. All sessions except Wednesday night's are scheduled at the Summit, a 17,200-seat monstrosity which is the home of professional basketball, tennis and soccer teams.

When Bold Mission Thrust takes center stage Wednesday night as many as 50,000 persons could be on hand with another 200,000 participating by TV in 10 rallies across the country. Millions more will be looking in at home. For that occasion, the convention moves to the famous Astrodome's artificial turf for a big, big night for Baptists nationwide.

An 8000-voice choir conducted by Cliff Barrows,

one of Billy Graham's musicians, will perform. More than 1000 missionaries will be commissioned. Home and foreign missionaries will testify. And Graham himself will urge volunteers to step forward for bold mission service. To say this session is going to be a spectacular is understating the case!

Western Recorder will again keep folks from the Bluegrass State abreast of the action with reports from its on-the-scene news staff. This four-page pull out and keep section is an important part of our preliminary coverage as it includes all major convention agendas already released.

While last year's convention in Atlanta with an official registration of 22,903 shattered all previous records, deep in the heart of Texas even this deluge of Baptists is going to make an impact. The second largest state in territory will have to take notice when the nation's largest evangelical denomination comes rolling down South Main this June.

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the pastors

Sunday Evening, June 10

Houston Coliseum

- Homer G. Lindsay Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., presiding
- 6:30 Welcome—Homer G. Lindsay Jr., Pastors' Conference president, and pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 6:35 Music—Orchestra and Choir, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 6:45 Prayer—Homer G. Lindsay Sr., pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 6:50 Message—Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis
- 7:20 Congregational Singing—Jack Price, gospel singer, Garland, Tex., director
- 7:25 Special Music—Orchestra and Choir, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 7:30 Solo—Jack Price
- 7:35 Message—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas
- 8:05 Congregational Singing—Jack Price, director
- 8:10 Offering
- 8:15 Special Music—Orchestra and Choir, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 8:20 Solo—Jeanne Rogers, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.
- 8:25 Message—James Robison, evangelist, Hurst, Tex.
- 9:00 Benediction—Bailey E. Smith, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.

Monday Morning, June 11

- Cecil J. Chambers, Pastors' Conference vice president, pastor, Centerville Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C., presiding
- 9:00 Special Music—First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.
- 9:10 Prayer—James T. Draper Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex.
- 9:15 Message—James A. Ponder, director of evangelism, Florida Baptist Convention
- 9:45 Congregational Singing—Jack Price
- 9:50 Special Music—Cruse Family, Jacksonville, Tex.
- 10:00 Message—Ralph W. Stone, pastor, North Jacksonville Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 10:30 Congregational Singing—Jack Price
- 10:35 Offering
- 10:40 Special Music—First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.
- 10:45 Message—Richard Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church
- 11:15 Congregational Singing—Jack Price
- 11:20 Special Music—First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.
- 11:30 Message—Jim Henry, pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.
- 12:00 Benediction

Monday Afternoon, June 11

- Homer G. Lindsay Jr., presiding
- 1:00 Special Music—First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 1:10 Prayer—Fred A. McCormick, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 1:15 Message—Bobby Welch, pastor, First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 1:45 Congregational Singing—Jack Price
- 1:50 Solo—Lonnie Parsons, San Antonio, Tex.
- 1:55 Message—William H. Ricketts, pastor, Prince Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, Ga.
- 2:25 Congregational Singing—Jack Price
- 2:30 Offering
- 2:35 Solo—Claude Rhea, chairman, Samford University music department, Birmingham, Ala.
- 2:40 Message—Clark Hutchinson, pastor, Eastside Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga.
- 3:10 Election of Officers
- 3:20 Congregational Singing—Jack Price
- 3:25 Special Music—"Sonshine," youth choir of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 3:30 Message—Eddie Martin, evangelist, Lancaster, Penn.
- 4:00 Congregational Singing—Jack Price
- 4:05 Concert—Bill and Gloria Gaither, Alexandria, Ind.
- 5:00 Benediction

Monday Evening, June 11

- Homer G. Lindsay Jr., presiding
- 6:30 Special Music—Orchestra and Choir, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 6:40 Prayer—William A. Long Jr., First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 6:45 Message—Jimmy Jackson, pastor, Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.
- 7:15 Congregational Singing—Jack Price
- 7:20 Special Music—First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 7:25 Message—Charles F. Stanley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
- 8:05 Congregational Singing—Jack Price
- 8:10 Offering
- 8:20 Special Music—First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 8:30 Message—Jerry Vines, pastor, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.
- 9:15 Benediction

the educators

First Baptist Church

Religious education: Key to bold mission

Sunday Afternoon, June 10

2:00-5:00 Registration

- Charles Lowry, Alexandria, La., presiding
Theme: "Religious Education: Key to Bold Mission"
- 7:00 Worship—Jeannette Clift George, Houston, and The After Dinner Players
- 7:20 Welcome—Roy Lee Williams, Houston
- 7:30 Tips for Teaching and Training—LeRoy Ford, Ft. Worth
- 7:50 Special Music
- 8:00 Discipleship: Basis for Bold Mission—Jesse Fletcher, Abilene
- 8:45 Fellowship Hour—Houston and Texas Religious Education Associations, Hosts

Monday Morning, June 11

- Hazel Morris, Ft. Worth, presiding
Theme: "Growing Churches: Base for Bold Mission"
- 8:50 Worship—Jeannette Clift George, Houston, and The After Dinner Players

- 9:10 Have Joys, Will Share—C. Winfield Rich, Nashville
- 9:35 Tips for Teaching and Training—LeRoy Ford, Ft. Worth
- 9:55 Resources for Religious Educators—Crawford Howell, Nashville
- 10:10 Synopsis: Consultation on Women in Church-Related Vocations—Neta Stewart, Ft. Worth
- 10:20 Break
- 10:45 Religious Education: Its Role in Church Growth—Peter Wagner, Pasadena, Cal.
- 11:30 Translations, Applications, Questions
- 12:15 Adjourn

Luncheon

- Robert S. Cook, Jacksonville, Fla., presiding
- 12:30 Program: Grady Nutt, Louisville, "The Prime Minister of Humor"

Monday Evening, June 11

- Lawrence Klemptner, Ft. Worth, presiding
Theme: "Religious Education—Agent for Change"
- 6:45 Worship—Jeannette Clift George, Houston, and The After Dinner Players
- 7:00 Tips for Teaching and Training—LeRoy Ford, Ft. Worth
- 7:20 Business Session
- 7:50 Three Capsules (Digests of longer research papers to be included in the proceedings)
Vocational Guidance—Alice Magill, Nashville
Training—Ferris Jordan, New Orleans
Keeping Abreast—Gary Ellis, Birmingham
- 8:30 The Religious Educator: Agent for Bold Mission—William Pinson, Mill Valley, Cal.

This year the convention can come to you if you can't go to it in Houston

For the first time in history the Southern Baptist Convention's Wednesday night service will be telecast nationwide via satellite from Houston's Astrodome.

The June 13 meeting will be the denomination's largest missionary dedication service.

"Southern Baptists across the nation can participate in this great event by organizing mission rallies in their cities, by purchasing air time on their local television stations or by securing the time on local cable systems," said Jimmy Allen, SBC president.

Cities currently planning television rallies include Los Angeles, Phoenix, Tucson, Oklahoma City, Jackson, Birmingham, Macon, Knoxville, Charlotte, and Ft. Lauderdale.

"We are encouraging churches and individual groups to view this dedication service as an extension of their regular Wednesday night prayer meetings," said Allen.

The service will last two hours beginning at 7 p.m. Central Time. Western Union's Westar 1 and RCA's Satcom 1 satellites will transmit the event.

If a church, association or state convention would like to sponsor a rally, Allen suggested they contact him at 515 McCullough, San Antonio, TX 78215 or call Robert Taylor at the Radio and Television Commission (817) 737-4011. "Those considering a rally will need access to a large central meeting place and an average \$6500 for expenses," said Allen.

Those groups who would like to buy air time on commercial television stations may contact the sales manager or program director of local television stations. The station staff member will need to know the telecast date, time, location of transmission and the types of satellites to be used.

Parties interested in securing air time on cable systems should contact the local cable systems manager and ask him to carry the satellite feed. Cable systems can receive the telecast from Houston's Astrodome if they pick up Home Box Office's transponder #20.

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"If a group decides to secure air time on local cable systems they could assemble in individual homes that subscribe to the cable system. Or they could subscribe to the system for one month and view the service in their church," said Allen.

Groups opting for either of the three choices could arrange to rent one or more large-screen television sets to view the dedication service.



The Astrodome will be focus of Wednesday night activities during the SBC June 12-14, with Astroworld [lower right] expected to gain its share of attention that week. Downtown Houston is at top center.

the women

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Go quickly and tell

Sunday, Afternoon, June 10, 3:00

BOLD MISSION THRUST RALLY

Concert: Singing Men of Southeast Texas with orchestra accompaniment, Thad Roberts Jr., South Main Baptist Church, Houston, director

Theme Interpretation: Go Quickly . . . Now

Prayer Calendar: Mrs. James Putman, home missionary, Conroe, Tex.; W. C. Ruchti Jr., foreign missionary, Rome, Italy

Flag Processional

Commitment to Praying for Missionaries

Hymns: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"; "The Church's One Foundation"

Message: William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Missions Cluster: Directed by Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for missionary personnel, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, and Donald W. Rhymes, director, Department of Missionary Personnel, Home Mission Board, Atlanta "My Church . . . My Call"

Mrs. Audley Hambrick, home missionary, Cubero, N. M.; Claudio Iglesias, home missionary, Albuquerque, N. M.; M. Giles Fort Jr., foreign missionary physician, Zimbabwe/Rhodesia; Wana Ann Fort, foreign missionary physician, Zimbabwe/Rhodesia; David Fort, physician, foreign missions volunteer, Dallas, Tex.; Helen Ruchti (Mrs. W. C. Jr.), foreign missionary, Rome, Italy

Hymn: "O Zion, Haste"

Message: Baker James Cauthen, executive director, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Prayer Time

Sunday Evening, June 10, 5:30

Dinner for Women in Church Related Vocations at Sheraton-Houston Hotel (Ticket sales in advance from Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, 600 N. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203)

Monday Morning, June 11, 9:30

Theme Interpretation: Go Quickly . . . Now

Prayer Calendar: Ernest Myers, executive director-treasurer, Nevada Area Baptist Convention, Reno, Nev.

Hymn: "The Woman's Hymn"

Address: Baptist Women Year in the Church, Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Va., president, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

Missions Cluster: Directed by Bobbie Sorrell, director, education division, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.

Churches Reaching Out in My State and Around the World: State Executive Secretaries

Hymns: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"; "Set My Soul Afire"

Recognition of Local Committee

Introduction of Acteens National Advisory Panel

Election of Officers

Special Music

Message: Cooperative Relationships, Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville

Benediction

the musicians

Repeated attempts by Western Recorder to obtain the agenda of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference in Houston failed. Other programs included on these pages were released to us several weeks ago. The music schedule will be included in a future issue. — Editor

Evangelists sing, preach in Houston

Four hours of evangelistic preaching and singing are scheduled for the annual meeting of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, Wednesday, June 13 at Houston's First Baptist Church.

A breakfast and business session at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown will precede the meeting, which gets underway at 12:30 p.m. at the church with a gospel concert, followed at 1:50 p.m. by the main program.



Southern Baptist pastors will meet in the Sam Houston Coliseum [l] and the WMU will meet at the Houston Music Hall [r] for annual meetings June 10-11. The Houston Civic Center complex includes six buildings.

Monday Afternoon, June 11, 1:45

Concert: Bell Choir, Westbury Baptist Church, Houston, Hart Morris, director

Theme Interpretation: Go Quickly . . . Now

Prayer Calendar: Betty Comer (Mrs. Jack), home missionary, Atoka, Okla.; J. Marvin Leech, foreign missionary, Indonesia

Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Message: Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Missions Cluster: Directed by Eula Mae Henderson, Texas Woman's Missionary Union, executive director, Dallas; and Mrs. Huis Coy Egge, president, Texas Woman's Missionary Union, Corsicana

The Joys and Crises of Missionary Life; Mrs. Archie Dunaway, foreign missionary, Zimbabwe/Rhodesia; Hal Boone, former missionary physician, Houston; Loraine Shores, home missionary, director, Mighty River Handcrafts, Rio Grande Mission Thrust, Zapata, Tex.; Jo Ann Goatcher, home missionary physician, Rio Grande Mission Thrust, Van Horn, Tex.

Hymns: "Just As I Am, Thine Own to Be"; "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Special Music

Message: Mildred McWhorter, home missionary, Houston, Tex.

Benediction

Monday Evening, June 11, 7:00

Theme Interpretation: Go Quickly . . . Now

Prayer Calendar: Quinn Pugh, New York

Hymn: "We Are Called To Be God's People"

Report of WMU Executive Director: Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.

Missions Cluster: Directed by Catherine Allen, assistant to executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.

Pastors and Woman's Missionary Union Working Together Through the Church: Victor Kaneubbe, missionary pastor, Phoenix, Ariz.; Harry Varnadoe, pastor, Palatka, Fla.; Frank Pollard, pastor, Jackson, Miss.; Mrs. John Christy, Vermillion, S. C.; Bob Sena, pastor, Dallas

Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

Testimony: Gene Watterson, pastor, Shelby, N. C.

Special Music

Message: Filled with Joy . . . Run to Tell, Jimmy Allen, president, Southern Baptist Convention, San Antonio

Speakers are Eddie Martin, evangelist from Lancaster, Pa.; Anis Shorosh, Arab Christian evangelist from Mobile, Ala.; Ronald Dunn, evangelist from Ft. Worth; and Larry Walker, evangelist from Dallas.

Music will be provided by Lonnie Parsons, San Antonio; Betty Stalnecker, Memphis; the Cruse Family, Jacksonville, Tex.; and the Bernard Singers, Houston.

Other conference participants include John Bisagno, host pastor; James Draper, the conference's pastor-advisor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex.; L. L. Morris, evangelism director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas; and Hyman Appelman, evangelist from Kansas City, Mo.

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Theme: *Bold Mission While It Is Yet Day!*

Tuesday Morning, June 12

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—Sanctuary Choir, First Baptist Church, San Antonio
9:30 Call to Order
Congregational Singing—Sam Prestidge, Dallas, director
Scripture—Charles J. Scalise, New Haven, Conn.
Prayer—T. B. Maston, Ft. Worth
9:45 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention—Lee Porter, Nashville
Report of Committee on Order of Business—James L. Pleitz, Dallas
9:55 Welcome—Mayor Jim McConn, Houston
10:00 Response—Dan Stringer, Portland, Ore.
10:10 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers from Other Baptist Bodies
10:20 Convention Photograph
10:25 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
10:30 Report of Executive Committee (First Section)—Porter W. Routh, Nashville
11:10 Business and Introduction of Resolutions
11:45 Congregational Singing—Sam Prestidge, Dallas, director
11:50 Music—Sanctuary Choir, First Baptist Church, San Antonio
11:55 President's Address—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio
12:30 Benediction—Mrs. Marion (Sally) Aldridge, Batesburg, S. C.
Adjourn

Tuesday Afternoon, June 12

- 2:00 Music for Inspiration—Alabama Singing Men
2:30 Congregational Singing—Paul H. Stewart, Montgomery, Ala.
Scripture—John T. Simmons, Brushton, N. Y.
Prayer—Mrs. Betty Greenwood, Tulsa, Okla.
2:45 Election of Officers
3:05 Report of Executive Committee (Final Section)—Porter W. Routh, Nashville
3:45 Southern Baptist Foundation Report—Hollis E. Johnson III, Nashville
3:55 Congregational Singing—Paul H. Stewart, Montgomery, Ala., director
4:00 Business and Election of Officers
4:45 Benediction—Paul Y. Wong, Memphis
Adjourn

Tuesday Evening, June 12

- 7:00 Music for Inspiration—The Singing Men of Texas
7:25 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, director
7:35 Scripture—James L. Bunch, Mansfield, O.
Prayer—Miss Annie L. Ivey, Burlington, N. C.
7:45 Business and Election of Officers
8:00 Report of Six SBC Seminaries—William Pinson, Mill Valley, Cal., presiding
8:20 Sunday School Board Report—Grady C. Cothen, Nashville
8:40 Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, Nashville
8:50 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, director
8:55 Music—The Singing Men of Texas
9:00 Speaker—Charles W. Colson, McLean, Va.
9:30 Benediction—Benjamin Ortiz Sr., Kansas City, Kan.
Adjourn

Wednesday Morning, June 13

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—Choir, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.
9:30 Congregational Singing—Al Washburn, Mill Valley, Cal., director
Scripture—Mrs. J. W. (Nell T.) Bowen III, Forsyth, Ga.
Prayer—Byron Mathis, Pascagoula, Miss.
9:45 Committee on Committees Report
9:50 Committee on Boards Report
10:25 Brotherhood Commission Report
10:35 Historical Commission Report—Lynn E. May Jr., Nashville
10:45 Congregational Singing—Al Washburn, Mill Valley, Cal., director
10:50 Music—Choir and Orchestra, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.
10:55 Convention Sermon—William Hinson, New Orleans, La.
11:25 Business
Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
Miscellaneous Business
12:15 Benediction—Billy Whitt, Pontiac, Mich.
Adjourn

NO SESSIONS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Wednesday Evening, June 13

- 6:30 Pre-service Music—Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Band
7:00 Bold Mission Thrust Rally
Music—8000-Voice Choir, Cliff Barrows, Greenville, S. C., director
Procession of Flags of Nations and States
Scripture
Prayer
Home Mission Board Report—William G. Tanner, Atlanta, Ga., and testimonies from home missions personnel
Congregational Singing—Cliff Barrows, Greenville, S. C., director
Foreign Mission Board Report—Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Va., and testimonies on evangelism and world hunger from Ronnie Boswell, Brazil, and John Cheyne, Richmond, Va.
Missionary Dedication Service—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio, and Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.
Special Music—8000-Voice Choir, Cliff Barrows, Greenville, S. C., director
Message on Bold Mission Thrust—Billy Graham, Montreat, N. C.
9:00 Invitation to Missionary Service—Billy Graham
Adjourn

Thursday Morning, June 14

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—First Baptist Church Choirs, Bowling Green, Ky.
9:30 Congregational Singing—Frank Gonzalez, Houston, director
Scripture—Jose Sanchez, Las Cruces, N. M.
Prayer—Mrs. Aurelia R. Downey, Washington, D. C.
9:45 Radio and Television Commission Report—Harold E. Martin, Ft. Worth
10:00 Annuity Board Report—Darold H. Morgan, Dallas
10:10 Woman's Missionary Union Report—Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.
10:20 Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Seminary Report—Arthur L. Walker Jr., Nashville
10:25 Education Commission Report—Arthur L. Walker Jr., Nashville
10:35 Stewardship Commission Report—A. R. Fagan, Nashville
10:45 Congregational Singing
10:50 Business
Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
Miscellaneous Business
11:45 Address: Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Va.
12:15 Benediction—Glen Cantrell, Jefferson City, Mo.

Thursday Afternoon, June 14

- 1:30 Music for Inspiration—Evangelistic Singers
2:30 Congregational Singing—Leon Westerhouse, Birmingham, Ala., director
Scripture—Jerry Ritchie, Monroe, La.
Prayer—B. B. McGee, Ackerman, Mo.
2:45 Baptist World Alliance Report—Robert S. Denny, Washington, D. C.
2:55 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report—James E. Wood Jr., Washington, D. C.
3:05 Address: Porter W. Routh, Nashville
3:30 Miscellaneous Business and Reports
Committee on Baptist State Papers
Denominational Calendar Committee
4:30 Benediction—John H. Chafin Sr., Dothan, Ala.
Adjourn

Thursday Evening, June 14

- 7:00 Music for Inspiration—Baylor University Choir, Euell Porter, director
7:25 Congregational Singing—Lanny Allen, San Antonio, director
7:35 Speaker—Jerry Clower, Yazoo City, Miss.
8:00 Congregational Singing
8:15 Music—Baylor University Choir, Euell Porter, director
8:25 Speaker—Emmanuel Scott, Los Angeles, Cal.
9:00 Benediction
Adjourn



D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School, accepts a portrait of the late professor W. E. Denham from Mrs. Denham. Denham was professor of New Testament studies at the school for 14 years. He was also a former professor at Southern and New Orleans seminaries and a pastor. The portrait will be placed in a gallery of paintings of former professors at Clear Creek.

Cumberland College to host Gov. Carroll

Gov. Julian Carroll will speak in chapel services Apr. 25 at Cumberland College.

Youth workshop slated

Approximately 200 church leaders and students will be looking at creative ideas for summer youth programs at the 10th annual Summer Youth Program Workshop Apr. 27-29 at Southern Seminary.

Fifteen workshop leaders will provide resources in the area of counseling, worship, music, games, puppetry, Bible study, drama, retreats and fellowship.

Cost of the workshop is \$10. For additional information or registration material, contact William R. Cromer, Coordinator, Summer Youth Program Workshop, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40206.

Oxford conference set

Two hours of academic credit will be available through Southern Seminary for persons attending the fourth annual Baptist Pastors' Conference at Regent's Park College of Oxford University June 27-July 17.

The conference is designed to introduce Baptist pastors from the United States to Oxford and English Baptist history as well as to refresh them with scholarly work in the area of biblical studies and Christian worship.

Participants may receive academic credit by enrolling in Southern's June term and submitting a paper to the faculty at Southern. Application deadline is May 5.

The conference will include a series of excursions including two trips to Lon-

don and tours of Stratford-on-Avon, the country of Bunyan around Bedford and the villages of the Cotswolds.

Cost of the conference will be approximately \$650 for double-occupancy, including full room and board at Regent's Park College, cost of the tours, excursions, tickets and gratuities. Air fare is extra.

For additional information, write Barrie White, Principal, Regent's Park College, Oxford, England.

Swor at Georgetown

Chester E. Swor, Christian author and lecturer, will speak at 10 a.m. Apr. 25 in the chapel at Georgetown College.



Swor

Carney

Carney to PR post

Monty Carney is the new director of public relations at Clear Creek Baptist School.

A Louisville native, he is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Clear Creek and Southern Seminary.

He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Marion, Ind., before assuming the new post.

Carney is married to the former Ruby Caldwell of Hazard. They have two children: Latona, 6, and William, 3.

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3 The coveted gifts of eloquence, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, faith, charity and martyrdom are without value apart from love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is not impatient. Being long-suffering, love is slow to resent and retaliate. Love is not envious, but is without ill feeling toward another because of his success or prosperity. Love is not boastful, but strives to do good in a splendid manner. Love is not selfish, but seeks the welfare of others. Love is not easily provoked, causing one to give way to anger. Love is not resentful of slights, whether real or imaginary, but either ignores them, or gives as charitable an interpretation of them as possible. Love does not take pleasure in evil.

Love rejoices in truth and especially when people accept it, live in conformity to it and faithfully proclaim it. Love bears hardships and trials with triumphant courage. Love enables one to avoid undue suspicion and believe the best instead of the worst about others, trusting implicitly in the promises of God. Love is hopeful in spite of adverse circumstances. And love endures.

1 Corinthians 13:8-13 Love is not a passing emotion that exhilarates temporarily and then is soon gone, but it is permanent and imperishable. Never will it cease to be, for love is eternal.

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A cry for justice

Ahab, the seventh king of Israel, married Jezebel, the wicked daughter of the king of Sidon, and she hated everything connected with the worship of Jehovah.

1 Kings 21:2-4 Jezreel was noted for its pools of sparkling water, beautiful flower gardens and scenic parks. There Ahab had a luxurious palace and pleasure resort. Adjacent was a vineyard which belonged to Naboth. Considering his property incomplete without this rich vineyard Ahab offered Naboth an ample equivalent, either a better one or sufficient money with which to purchase another vineyard of equal value.

Two things stood in Naboth's way of obliging the king. The first was his duty to God (Lev. 25:33). The second was his duty to his forefathers and his posterity (Num. 36:7). Ahab had such a covetous desire that he could not stand to have his purpose thwarted, so he sulked like a spoiled boy.

1 Kings 21:7-10 When Ahab related his disappointment to Jezebel, she promised that she would acquire Naboth's vineyard. After chiding Ahab for his weakness, she assumed unwarranted authority, wrote letters, sealed them with the royal seal and sent them to wicked men, instructing them as to how she wanted Naboth removed from the scene, whereupon he was stoned to death.

1 Kings 21:18-20 Upon learning of the murder of Naboth, Ahab took possession of his estate, and seemingly without any compunction of conscience. God commanded Elijah to confront Ahab and let him know his sin was not being overlooked. When he declared to Ahab the divine vengeance, the guilty king envisioned a bloody slaughter of himself and after that his being devoured by the hungry dogs which roamed at night. Ahab promptly tore his clothing to indicate his grief, wore sackcloth as an evidence of his willingness to suffer for his sins, and showed a dejected attitude. As to the genuineness of his repentance one wonders, but it delayed his punishment.

Peacemaking

Frank Owen

There is a growing effort among Southern Baptists for concerned focus on the question of world peace. The last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution on peacemaking. Outstanding Baptist leaders have come forth with statements that further strengthen the significance of that action.

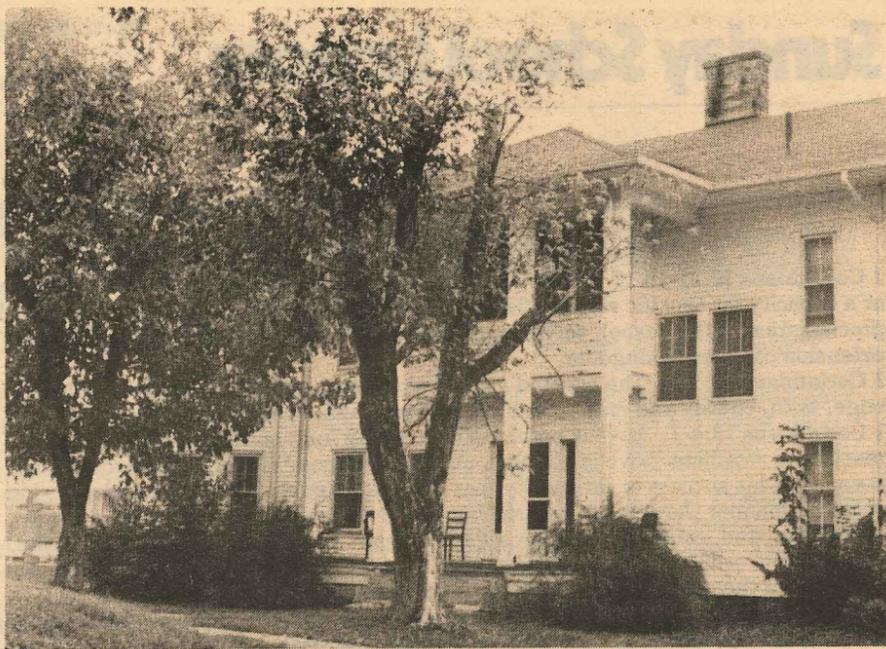
Resolutions on peacemaking can be pretty meaningless and awfully general but the one adopted at our convention in advance of the upcoming SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty) conference specifically expresses our desire to limit armament, generally, and nuclear arms in particular.

Billy Graham recently said "there is probably no problem today which is more pressing and more threatening than the massive, unchecked escalation of arms in our world."

As I write this I am looking out my window watching bricklayers enclose completely a small piece of ground in which two oak trees have been planted. I have told our architect and builders that they must come out. In time, their roots will crack the foundation and by then they will be too big to take out through the building they will be destroying. This illustrates to me the unbridled continuing world armament race that will eventually crack the foundations of society. This ex-soldier recognizes the need and deterrent power of preparedness but I plead, also, for effort to negotiate mutual reduction of preparedness, which has proved historically to result in war.

A recent convocation on peace at Southern Seminary and Deer Park Church drew 400 interested Southern Baptist pastors and laymen.

I would say that with the prospective SALT talks we are looking at a particular hour in which the subject of world peace is more in the people's minds than is usually the case in peace time. (We usually get interested in peace after it is too late and war is inevitable.) Now is an opportune time for the Christian preacher to zero in on peacemaking. "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9).



Oneida's original frame building now houses many overnight guests to the campus.

Oneida: unique by any measure

Oneida Baptist Institute's growth rate has been nothing short of phenomenal at a time when small private boarding schools are dying out. A reporter shares his impressions why the little mountain school supported by Baptists of Kentucky seems to be stemming the tide.

It's the fastest growing boarding school in the nation, but Kentucky Baptists—who operate it—are probably unaware of that.

Oneida Baptist Institute, the little mountain school begun for children of the hills 80 years ago at Oneida, Ky., has since expanded its field to include the world. Its early students lived within a day's journey to and

from their homes, commuting to school often on foot. Manchester, less than 20 miles away, probably furnished those who came the greatest distance.

Today the school still claims it's within a day's journey of the farthest student's home. But that boy or girl may hail from Louisville, Paducah, Dallas, Sacramento, Boston or even Istanbul, Mexico City, Jerusalem, Paris or Copenhagen. From all parts of the globe they come to enrol in the little Baptist boarding school with a worldwide reputation offering grades 7-12.

This very academic year 13 American states—including Alaska, California and Texas—are represented in the student body, along with 12 foreign nations. The growth rate and international acclaim has been nothing short of phenomenal.

In five years enrolment has risen from 100 students to a present 340, with an all time high of 365 in 1977. While schools of this type elsewhere have been dwindling and closing their doors, Oneida's future seems assured and bright.

Keys to Oneida's unusual growth

At least three reasons occur to this writer for Oneida's success. Each one seems directly related to the others.

The first and most visible barometer is an Oneida graduate who returned to his alma mater after a six-year stint in the Peace Corps and became the school's president in 1972. Barkley Moore, still single at the age of 37, obviously eats, sleeps and breathes Oneida 24 hours every day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

More often than not he puts in a 17 or 18-hour day, a tremendous example of commitment to his 52-member faculty and staff. Moore's busiest day of the week is Sunday, when the campus is often overcrowded with visitors. He conducts an average of five to seven tours of the school on any given day of the week.

A University of Kentucky graduate, Moore comes on strong whether he's leading one of the tours for which he has become famous or speaking in behalf of Oneida at a church somewhere across Kentucky. His locks of black hair, ruddy complexion and robust manner offset his overweight, suggesting a man whose youthfulness has helped him in his ambitious drive to see the institution so dear to his heart succeed.

An astute observer once likened Barkley Moore to "a steam engine in britches." It couldn't have been better put.

When the executive board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention meets in semiannual session, veterans on the board knowingly smile at one another as the time approaches for Moore to report on Oneida's progress. They realize they are almost surely destined to receive an address instead of a mere report because Moore's exuberance for the institution can't be compacted into a three-to-five minute vignette. It takes Moore 15 minutes just to tell the good things occurring on the campus in the previous week, let alone the previous six months!

A Baptist Building employe received a letter from Moore several years ago. It was four pages, single spaced, typewritten on 8½x11 paper.

"You didn't receive a letter," said a colleague. "Coming from Barkley, four pages was only a note."



by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

The student body boasts an international flavor. Twelve foreign nations are currently included.

Moore's enthusiasm for Oneida is caught by every potential student who comes to the campus to look it over. He admits spending a minimum of two hours with every prospect and his family going over Oneida's background, requirements, financial arrangements, regulations and—of course—the tour.

The door's always open

This attitude leads to Oneida's second obvious reason for success, namely its open door policy.

Moore has almost single-handedly been responsible for relaxing many stringent procedures and has re-emphasized people instead of programs and philosophies.

As a result, while a student used to encounter a tremendous ordeal of red tape before he could be admitted (as at most other schools), under normal conditions he may be enrolled the day he arrives to look at the campus the very first time.

"We don't put a lot of emphasis on recommendations, positive or negative," says Moore. "We accept our students on their own merit and their willingness to come here and abide by the rules."

Moore is quick to point out that there's never been a student in the history of the institution turned away for financial reasons. "If they can't pay, they can come anyway," he declares.

While the true cost per student is estimated at about \$300 per month, no student—not even the very wealthiest—is charged more than \$100 per month. Some pay considerably less, while still others go free. At least 150 students are currently on full scholarships.

"The way I see it, the most important thing about the school is its students," Moore suggests. "I try to know every one of them by name and background."

Moore and his compatriots must be succeeding in their theory for three out of five Oneida graduates go on to college, universities and other institutions of higher learning.

Getting back to basics

The third key in Oneida's success would appear to be its recognition of its own historic purpose, and a re-commitment to it.

The school was religious-oriented from the beginning. Oneida students have received the advantages of a smaller school as a result. Individualized attention, with a ratio of 15 students per teacher; an opportunity to participate in numerous social and competitive athletic activities that many would be excluded from on a larger campus; and an overarching religious persuasion which permeates the campus are part of it.

One year of Bible is required of every student. Each new enrollee understands this before he arrives. The rule applies to Buddhists, Moslems, Jews, Catholics, Mennonites and others among the typical student body each year. Every student is also required to attend a Baptist Sunday school and morning and evening worship services at the local Baptist church. Participation in daily on-campus chapel is mandatory. The Baptist Student Union, now in its 29th year, offers additional opportunities for those who wish to participate.

It is a well known fact that faculty members make big sacrifices to serve Oneida's students. While their housing and some meals are provided, the starting base for a bachelor's degree teacher is \$4400 annually. One with a master's degree receives an additional \$500. And while faculty members are accustomed to putting in 14-hour days, their accessibility by virtue of living in school-owned housing actually keeps them subject to call 24 hours a day.

President Barkley Moore enjoys showing every prospect and his family around the campus.



This combination facility completed in 1976 provides classrooms, offices, chapel and library.

Faculty members build up no equity so they take away nothing when they terminate their services. They sign no contracts when they arrive. "There is no question that they come here because they really want to," Moore attests.

Oliver Hawkins, the school's principal, agrees. "It's a calling, just like the ministry," he affirms. "The Lord is using Oneida in his work. I knew the situation before I came, and I make two-thirds less than I did then. But I'd do it again if given the opportunity. We're meeting unique needs here, and I'm humbled in the face of the challenge."

The Zane Frakers reportedly took a \$23,000 salary cut last summer when they moved to Oneida from a responsible position with Champion Paper Co. in Ohio. Fraker supervises the school's farm and with it the work program which includes many of the male students who plow, plant and cultivate crops which will be consumed in the school's dining hall. (Female students later can and freeze the crops for the winter months.)

Mrs. Fraker teaches remedial math and language arts, and both agree they're having the time of their lives.

Tangible help from the denomination

Kentucky Baptists maintain an active financial investment in the school. Currently about \$125,000 of Oneida's \$800,000 budget is provided directly through gifts from the Cooperative Program. The remainder above tuition arrives largely from donations by individuals and churches. Moore acknowledges every gift with a personal letter.

Asked to describe the typical Oneida student, Moore answers, "There is none. I doubt there is another school like it in America. The rich, poor, black, white, Mormon, Baptist, advanced and slow come here.

When Oneida began virtually every boarding school was religious-oriented. Today we need this more than ever. Divorce was almost unheard of eight decades ago and now it's a trend of the times. We provide a home for some children who have no real home."

Moore cites four distinct classes of students who seek out Oneida:

- 1) Those who prefer a religious school for the environment it offers;
- 2) Orphans, who have no family, who are abandoned or who are from broken homes;
- 3) Foreign students, who desire an American education and to whom Oneida has been recommended for its academic quality; and
- 4) Drop-outs from other places.

Moore insists that a student is free to tell his friends as much as he likes about his own background. "In other words, if a student was kicked out of another school, he'll have to decide whether he wants that known on campus," says Moore. "The other students won't hear it from me."

To help offset the cost of his education, every child is assigned a definite work responsibility (such as the farm) and is expected to put in up to 1½ hours daily and four hours on Saturday at his assignment. This may include janitorial, cooking, printing, maintenance, yard work, office work, assisting slow learners and numerous other duties. Where possible, a student's preferences are honored in making work assignments.

All work and no play makes a student dull, however, therefore the school provides a vigorous athletic program and encourages every child to participate. Wrestling, baseball, soccer, track, cross country, swimming, diving, tennis, ping pong and fencing teams are maintained for various age levels. Oneidans have won many regional and state awards for their past glories.

Those the public schools have forgotten

While much of Oneida is unique by any measure, one of its most unique programs is its emphasis on remedial reading.

Three years ago Mrs. Floyd DeJarnette, long time campus librarian, became so concerned about teenagers who could not read that she volunteered to start an after school program to help seventh and eighth graders. She began with five students.

Moore immediately recognized possibilities for expanding the program to help even more students with reading difficulties. He relieved Mrs. DeJarnette of her library responsibilities so she could move into this new area and direct it full time.

Today seven adults work in the remedial program. Thirty-two female students and five male students assist an average of 40 other students currently enrolled in the program. For three periods a day, or half the school day, these adults and student volunteers help slow learners "catch up"—learn to read, something they got to seventh, eighth, ninth or even higher grades without learning to do previously.

There are many other success stories to be told at Oneida, but they will have to wait for another opportunity.

Moore is proud of them all, particularly the fact that the majority of the students arrive on campus without a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and graduate having accepted him as personal saviour. When a school is able to extend that kind of influence, it must be doing something right and perhaps everything else can afford to be left unsaid.

An aide gives personal attention to a student in Oneida's unique remedial reading program.



Baptist News in Brief

Commandments a no, no, CLC executives warn

Two Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission executives said an action by Tennessee state senators to add the 10 Commandments and Matt. 22:37-39 to their code of ethics "violates the spirit of the First Amendment to the Constitution."

The action came when State Sen. Halbert Harville of Clarksville, 85-year-old dean of the Senate, successfully moved to amend the two-year-old code of ethics during readoption procedure to add the 10 Commandments. That prompted state Sen. Avon Williams of Nashville to successfully urge addition of the Matthew verses: "... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind... Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

While Foy D. Valentine and Bill Elder of the commission opposed the state "expounding a religious position" by tacking the Bible onto a state document, they expressed hope that the senators would live by the precepts of the passages they endorsed.

Louisiana taps Mark Short

Mark Short has been named associate director of the church program services division of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Short, associate pastor and administrator for South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., formerly managed Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center. Earlier he was minister of education at Nashville's First Church.

Captain Kangaroo can do picture page with you—but will parents?

The most effective way for Christian parents to cope with television is by being better parents.

So advised Bob Keeshan, TV's "Captain Kangaroo," at a regional "Help for Television Viewers" workshop sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission in Nashville Apr. 6. "Getting parents to parent," Keeshan said, is a difficult task but one the church is uniquely qualified to deal with.

"You have a unique opportunity because of the values you share to let parents know how they use TV is not as important as how they parent," he said in response to a question from the Tennessee Baptist audience. "TV is not going to be a problem in the home where the parent is a parent."

Keeshan, a veteran of some 10,000 television shows, said in his prepared remarks too many parents are concerned about the quality of television programs while they pay little attention to the quantity of programs their children watch.

"Despite the efforts of consumer groups . . . , the people who count the most—the vast majority of

American parents—seem to care very little about the viewing habits of their children, especially their very young children," he claimed.

"In fact, they encourage excess viewing and unsuitable program viewing."

Another speaker at the workshop agreed that parents must use television more responsibly, but was less willing to let the television industry off the hook, particularly in the area of programming and advertising for children.

Tipper Gore, wife of U. S. Congressman Albert Gore Jr., D.-Tenn., called the industry to task for its "excesses," particularly the amount of violence, the amount of time devoted to commercials and the nature of those commercials.

A little 'tow-S. Main' poison?

Parking will not exist during daytime sessions when thousands of messengers converge on the Summit in Houston for the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 12-14.

Commuter automobiles fill the acres of parking around the Summit during the day. Only after 6 p.m. will those spaces be available for the cars of messengers.

Therefore, a massive transport system involving up to 100 buses gathered from around Texas will shuttle messengers between their hotels and meeting places. Buses also will run to the Astrodome for the Wednesday night session.

Convention manager Tim Hedquist says buses will run continuously from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will be numbered and color-coded for easy identification.

Parking will be available at nearby Rice Stadium which will be a transfer point. Those who drive from their hotel will park at the stadium for one dollar, then catch a shuttle to the Summit for a dollar per person.

Messengers who do not have cars will catch a bus at their hotel for one dollar, ride to Rice Stadium where they will catch a shuttle for another dollar.

Some routes will run directly from the hotels to the Summit for two dollars, depending on the location of the hotel. Return trips cost an additional two dollars.

On paper, the shuttle system is "quick, but expensive," Hedquist says. Most of the rides will be only 10 minutes and he says the cost of a taxi from downtown to the Summit approaches six dollars.

Hedquist cautions that Houston prides itself on having the best towing service in the country and officials there don't hesitate to tow unauthorized cars from parking spaces. "There is absolutely no parking at the Summit during the day," he says. "At night, parking is free and there's plenty of it."

Accident claims life of professor

Ellis W. Hollon, professor of philosophy of religion at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, died on Sunday, Apr. 8, following an automobile accident on Apr. 6 near the campus at Wake Forest, N. C.



"Grandma" Minnie Tucker, believed to be Alaska's oldest resident, died Mar. 6 at about the age of 120. Grandma Tucker, who was baptized at about age 107, for years seemed a symbol of Southern Baptist home missions in Alaska because of the photograph of her in her modest home in Alaska. She learned to read at age 100, then accepted Christ a few years later.



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