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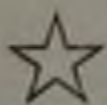
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EDITORIAL

Brighton Baptists Enter New Building

FORTY YEARS AGO, the editor came to Tennessee and entered school. A pastor whom we recall as M. H. Whitson but who another brother says was T. F. Moore, sent us to supply for him one Sunday at Brighton. The generous remuneration by the church was a God-send to the young preacher.

After these years, we were again with the church Sunday, October 17, on the occasion of their entering their new house of worship. Pastor T. L. Alexander was in charge. We preached at the morning hour. The choir under the leadership of E. C. Browning, with Mrs. David Wright at the piano, furnished appropriate music throughout the day. At noon a bountiful and delicious dinner was served in the church basement.

That morning we saw a moving thing. With some assistance from the outside, but with most of the giving being done by the local people, men and women and boys and girls of various ages marched joyously to the front and contributed more than \$5,300 to apply on the indebtedness on the building. And they are not wealthy people, either. Our soul was blessed by the sight.

Brethren R. J. Williams, Friendship, Tenn., E. C. Brunson, Alabama, R. K. Bennett, Stanton, Tenn., and Chesley L. Bowden, Ripley, former pastors at Brighton, were present. Bro. Bennett sang a moving solo at the afternoon service and Brethren Brunson and Bowden delivered heart-warming addresses. Bro. Williams was to speak at the evening hour. We regretted that we could not remain over to hear him.

Last week's issue of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR carried a brief write-up concerning Brighton and the new house of worship. It is a beautiful brick structure, which is not yet completely finished inside. It shows what a church can do when faith and love and the willingness to work and sacrifice are in the hearts of the members and when they are led by a capable pastor with the same things in his heart. Brighton Baptists are moving on "with the cross of Jesus going on before."

For the courtesies of pastor and people and for the special courtesies of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hanks, the editor expresses his grateful thanks.

"God's People Are Starving!"

A FAITHFUL MISSIONARY worker and the editor were engaged in a private conversation. The worker told how certain ministers in his area were educated, earnest and pleasing in personality, but were not preaching the Word of God. Then with deep feeling he said: "God's people are starving!"

Ever since he made that statement it has echoed and re-echoed in our soul. "*God's people are starving!*"

The truth in the Word of God is "the bread of life" for the salvation of sinners. And it is "the bread of life" for the nourishment and growth of the saints. When Christians are not fed on it, they become spiritually anemic and weak.

Not all of God's people are starving for the Word, for their ministers feed them on it. In the natural realm, men who are not starving still regularly get hungry for food. Likewise, those who are fed on the Word of God still get hungry to hear "the old, old story." But they are neither starved or starving.

Some of God's people are starving and do not know it. Due to their environment and training, these have developed a distaste for solid Bible preaching, which alone can truly satisfy their souls, and they demand a shallow message made up of human ethics, incidents and emotions. On this they feed and become superficial. Certain travellers have told of the "nardoo bread" of the desert, which looks and taste like bread, but lacks nourishing qualities. One can starve eating it. So these superficial people feed on religious nardoo bread and their souls become emaciated.

On the other hand, some of God's people are starving and realize it. We once heard a group of them talking. Of their pastor they said: "Bro. So and So is the finest kind of man, an interesting speaker and a tireless worker, but he just doesn't give us any Bible, and *we are starving to hear the Bible preached.*"

In other days, we were sitting in the pulpit of a church one Sunday morning just before the time for the sermon. A boyhood friend from another section entered the church, walked up the aisle and into the pulpit. Calling our name, he said in a low tone: "Put it out today; I'm *starving to hear the gospel.*"

It is up to us who are preachers and teachers to engage in the temple-throbbing study of the Word of God and declare those unchangeable verities by which alone sinners can be saved and saints can grow strong and vigorous.

"What Meanest Thou?"

TWO COUNTRIES which are the antithesis of each other, the United States and Russia, each claims to be a "democracy." Manifestly, the term must be *rightly interpreted* to carry the right meaning.

Many religionists frequently use the phrase, "the gospel of Christ," and yet deny and reject the Biblically revealed truths which compose the gospel. When one claims he declares the gospel, it is well to see *what he means* by the term before approving him.

Some glibly, and even feelingly, speak of "the cross of Christ" who deny in toto the Bible teaching that the cross is substitutionary and atoning. "*What meanest thou*" when thou usest this term?

The only doctrinal requirement in "ecumenical" circles is acceptance of Jesus Christ "as divine Lord and Savior." This sounds plausible and appealing. But upon investigation it is found that some read the Biblical meaning into this and others simply a human meaning.

So just because one uses Biblical terms do not fall in with him until it is known that he gives a Biblical meaning to the terms. "*What meanest thou?*" is an important question.

A Digest of Religious Thought

By RUSSELL BRADLEY JONES, Contributing Editor, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Neither the editor nor contributing editor necessarily concurs in the opinions expressed on this page unless so stated.

Sunday Life Called Sign of 'Emptiness'

The New York Times

The way that great numbers of Americans spend their Sundays indicates the "haunting emptiness of their lives," the Rev. Dr. Robert James McCracken, pastor of Riverside Church, declared. "Many people," the pastor said, "are grateful for Sunday as the weekly day of rest, but they have not learned how to use it to lift their sights. They lie abed, putter about the house, do practically nothing all day. It's the emptiness of such lives that haunts one—that men and women with immortal longings in them should live and die hardly touched by the sense which alone makes us fully human beings, the sense of the infinite, the sense of God. We must get our scale of values readjusted. Destitution of soul is every bit as devastating as destitution of body. The material elements in civilization must be subordinated to the moral because moral values are ultimate values and alone give stable foundations to the world. Secularism is bankrupt. Humanity is undone unless it gets back to God."

(Good.—R. B. J.)

Graduate School Needed

Good Tidings

We realize that it would require large investments in equipment and endowment but we hope to see the day when some Southern Baptist University will offer a Ph.D. degree which has a spiritual heritage to transmit rather than a secular. The need for a Baptist graduate school was emphasized by Edwin S. Preston at the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis. Mr. Preston reported that Baptist institutions in the South granted 28 master's degrees in 1947, with seven colleges offering courses leading to the master's degree. Pointing out that Baptist Schools were founded to train leaders Preston added, "In areas other than theology (law and medicine) we are now producing followers." When we survey the whole picture we realize fully that Southern Baptists need to advance in their educational program. In an age which demands education for leadership, either we must provide the means to educate our leaders, or they will seek their education in centers foreign to the Baptist heritage.

(Our Baptist educational institutions need to advance FASTER.—R. B. J.)

Walls of Closed Doors

Word and Way

When a Baptist church becomes pastorless, the church usually selects a Pulpit Committee and then unites in prayer that the committee and the church shall be divinely guided in the selection of a new leader. In due time the Pulpit Committee meets and earnestly continues in the same prayer for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Having thus prayed, some of these committees not infrequently begin immediately to close doors. When they have finished that process, there is very little room left in which the Holy Spirit may do His work. When Pulpit Committees close doors, they usually turn first of all to the one marked, Age. This is to ignore the fact that age is not always a matter of years; it is more a matter of experience, attitude, and vision. This closing of the door against age is posing quite a problem in the ranks of our preachers. Doubtless many young men are hesitating to enter the ministry, realizing that they must spend many years of preparation in their youth and then probably be discarded when they have passed maturity. Another door closed by some Pulpit Committees bears

the insignia, Academic Degrees. Unquestionably, other things being equal, a man who has educational training will be a more competent leader than one who may have been denied that privilege. But to say that a man must have a certain degree is to disregard the fact that some of the most effective and useful of all of our preachers do not possess any degree at all.

The door of salary is rarely overlooked. It is decided that no man shall be paid more than a certain salary, forgetting that some men are cheap at any salary and that others are costly at any price. When all the doors have been closed, frequently there is very little space left for the work of the Holy Spirit whose aid had been invoked. There are some considerations every Pulpit Committee must keep in mind, but never to the ruling out of the leadership of the Spirit.

(No wonder there are so many misfits.—R. B. J.)

Pastors' Salaries

Church Management

Probably the minister is the greatest casualty of inflation in our country. There have been increases in ministerial salaries. Not all have shared them. Certainly the mass of ministers are financially worse off than before the war. As most maintain their automobiles at their own expense, the cost of professional transportation has risen. Food is higher. Clothing costs more. It requires more money to educate one's children. Yes, church giving is up but the preacher's income is down. There will probably be some correction of this in coming months. Unless the individual parishes take a sensible view and increase the salaries of their pastors they will be looking for greener fields elsewhere. There is one mistake churches make very often. They withhold a salary advance from a hard working, conscientious minister to a point where he is forced to look for a new church. Then they hire a new minister at an advance over the salary paid the faithful employee. That just doesn't make sense. But it is done.

(No comment.—R. B. J.)

Vigorous Home Ministry Demanded

Home Life

We must address ourselves with new determination toward a ministry designed to give spiritual support to family life. We must realize that such a ministry cannot be accomplished without forethought and large expenditure of every available resource. Any ministry to the homes which meets the needs will make large demands on the time and energies of Christian workers. Surely the need warrants such expenditure. Home life is at such a crossroads as to warrant the most aggressive sort of home ministry. We are reminded of the words of Jesus, "The kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." It will take more than wishful thinking to save our homes. It will take work, much work, hard work. It will take planning, intelligent, purposeful planning. It will take time, much time, and still more time. It will take prayer, and more prayer, and still more prayer. Yes, it will take our spiritual and physical energies to the very limit to do the work that needs to be done in behalf of home life. Yes, even in this day when one's body and spirit seems to be drawn out to the ultimate limit by the multiplied demands of a complex social order, we must find time and energy to do what is needed in the area of home life.

(All agree with this. But what are we doing about it?—R. B. J.)

A Realm of Pure Delight

By WILLIAM JAMES ROBINSON, A.M., D.D., Kansas City, Mo.

THERE IS A REALM that has no setting sun
Nor moon, nor stars, nor any rolling sea,
Nor any heart without tranquility
For there God's gracious work has long been done.
The victor's crown, each dweller there has won,
And they shall wear them through eternity;
The King of kings confirms this by decree,
And all their sins are in oblivion.

Let no one think a martyr fails to gain
While held in stocks in foulest prison cell
Or those who sacrificed without acclaim.
Christ has prepared for them a grand domain
Where many, many tongues delight to tell
How anguish brought forth joys too sweet to name.

Question of The Ages

The outstanding question of the ages has been: "If a man die shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). Job pondered this question seriously and arrived at the wisest conclusion possible from the facts he had at his command. He said: "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." This was patience born of wisdom.

The number of men in all ages worthy of note who disbelieved in immortality is negligible compared with the master minds that believed in it unreservedly.

In Ecclesiastes 12:7, we read: "Then shall the dust return to earth as it was and the spirit shall return to God who gave it." The author evidently had a hope of immortality, but not with the fervency that we may have. Paul tells us in II Timothy 1:10, "by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." He also said: "This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, thus shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law" (I Cor. 15:53-55).

What The Christian Has To Anticipate

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last time" (I Peter 1:3-5). Ponder these words carefully and prayerfully.

In speaking of the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11:13 the writer says: "These all died in faith, not having received the promise, but having seen afar off, and were persuaded of them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." But their faith was unwavering and their hearts did not doubt.

Speaking of Abraham Heb. 11:10 tells us "he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God;" and in 13:14 the writer declares "here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with an house which is from above: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for what we would be

unclothed, but clothed upon that mortality might be swallowed of life" (II Cor. 5:1).

Now give attention to a passage that is said to have been read to more persons anticipating death than possibly any other. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3). If one with infinite resources loved us so much as to give himself to redeem us the place his love has prepared for us must be one of unspeakable grandeur and desirability. It must be one to be yearned for intently.

Now turn to Revelation 21 and study its picture. I shall quote only part of it. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. This is verse 4, and I skip to the 21st verse. "And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it; and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut by day; for there shall be no night there. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21:21-27). I beg my readers to read the entire chapter prayerfully.

Let us read one more precious promise. "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more: but ye see me; because I live, ye shall live also" (John 10:19). Because Christ lives every soul having been "born again" shall live with him eternally. Many more most heartening passages could be quoted. I hope my quotations may lead my readers to search for them.

Do We Believe The Promises?

Through many years I have wondered, yes seriously wondered, if we really believe the promises God has made to us as we desire others to believe us when we promise. We should believe God's promises with the same finality we believe the results obtained by correctly using the multiplication table. But do we? It is hard to believe that many of us do, judging by the way we act when a loved one departs from us "to be with the Lord."

We have not given to the Lord our greatest possible confidence till we can praise him while our loved ones are leaving us to go to be with him. Such a death is a merciful providence because of what the loved one escapes here and receives there.

WHY THE CHRISTIAN GLADLY SLEEPS

The faithful Christian falls asleep in time
Awakening in blest eternity;
From every thought of care and sorrow free
He dwells where all is perfectly sublime.
Sublimity without a paradigm
Fills every dweller there with ecstasy
For one who triumphed in Gethsemane
Makes of discordance a golden chime?

The Crucified who lives for-ever-more
Is building wealthy mansions there for all
Who turn from sin and yield themselves to him.
None are so vile they may not yet implore
The throne of grace and have him heed their call.
That they may praise his name with seraphim.

The Largest Loyalty

By JOHN W. MCCALL, Attorney at Law, Memphis, Tenn.

Carrying The Living Body To Church

DURING THE FALL of 1947 in the beautiful city of Lakeland, Florida, a friend told me this true story: Many years ago a couple moved to Lakeland and joined the Southside Baptist Church. The wife was a loyal, faithful member of that Church. The husband was an "absentee member," attending Church on rare and special occasions. Finally, a faithful Baptist layman of that city died, and there was an appropriate service at the Church in his memory. This couple attended this service, and that night the husband said to his devoted wife: "I want to make an agreement with you." She asked what it was. He said, "If you should die before I do, I will give you a similar service to that held today for our friends; and if I die before you do you give me such a service."

His Christian wife, with rare courage, said: "I cannot promise you that." He asked "Why?" She said, "Because we have lived in Lakeland these many years, and if you don't feel enough loyalty and devotion to your Church to carry your own body up those steps, then I'll not be a hypocrite and ask six of your friends to carry your lifeless body into your Church."

That man has since been Chairman of the Deacons of that Church—a loyal faithful member.

Linked With Something Larger Than Self

A brilliant lawyer came into my office, supposedly for a conference on legal matters. Presently he said: "I am forty years of age, and it is time for me to tie my life to something bigger than I am." It is a tragedy for an individual to live out life's span and make not one contribution to the betterment of human society. Politically speaking, much depends upon what a citizen believes. Religiously speaking, more depends upon the spirit of Christian loyalty radiating from this citizenship.

I have seen men devoted to the Lodge, faithful to the Club, responsive to the demands of the Chamber of Commerce; then I have seen these same men turn their backs upon the program of their own Church, leaving that to the hands of women and children.

The issues of this day demand a loyal virile leadership in the Christian Church. If it is proper and possible for a service club to maintain that its membership shall not miss three consecutive meetings and retain that membership, is it too much for the Christian Church to insist that its membership (all of it) attend with some degree of regularity the stated meetings of the Church?

Basic Reasons For Loyalty

There are basic reasons for man's sense of loyalty to the Club, etc., and disloyalty to the program of his own Church. Let's be specific—In the Club man finds a philosophy of life in which he believes and a place in the program where he can work at that philosophy. In the second place, in the Club, man finds a warm fellowship, and, in a machine age, man needs and longs for fellowship. In the third place, the Club presents a program studiously worked out and enthusiastically executed. You and I should have that and more in the program of the Christian Church. Until we are sure we have all that, and more, in the program of the Christian Church, let's not be too critical about laymen walking away from the worship service.

A Pastor has the right to expect certain things of his laymen, and the laymen have a right to expect certain things of his Pastor. Men have a right to expect to find in their Pastor real manhood. I mean a real he-man, able to move with dignity and purpose in the walks

of men with confidence and fidelity to a great cause. Men have a right to expect their Pastor to preach the pure Gospel "Saved by Grace," and that is what men want to hear. The pulpit is the Minister's throne, and when a Pastor desecrates that throne he thereby forfeits the respect of his men.

The Pastor has a right to expect certain things of his men; and I place at the top of this list a sense of loyalty. Personal loyalty to my Pastor, so long as he seeks to lead my Church I must be loyal to him—loyal to the Church program. Every layman should at least strive to attend all stated meetings of his Church—the preaching service, the prayer service. These services should be a must on the calendar of every Church member. There is no Church loyalty in absentee worship, unless unavoidably kept away.

Here Is The Layman's Creed

- (a) Where the State is concerned it is Patriotism;
- (b) Where home is concerned, it is Fidelity;
- (c) Where the Christian Church is concerned, it is Loyalty;
- (d) Where the Lord Jesus is concerned, it is Devotion.

Would that some leader who has the ear of the American people would call us back to a sense of Loyalty to Him and the program of the Christian Church!

Evangelistic Through and Through

Biblical evangelism, in the broad sense of winning to Christ, which includes service as well as salvation, embraces all of the organizations and activities of the church. Redemption is saying as well as seeking. A spirit of evangelism should characterize the morning worship hour as well as the evening hour. It should be the very heart of the Sunday school and Training Union programs. Teaching, worship, and training are not activities that can be divorced from evangelism. The truth of the matter is, teaching, worship, and training cannot be Christian unless they are evangelistic . . . W. BOYD HUNT, in *The Teacher*.

List of Hotels For The State Convention

The following is a list of Hotels cooperating with our Housing Committee for the State Convention:

Maxwell House—Accommodate 107 people.

Tulane Hotel—Accommodate 100 persons.

Sam Davis—Accommodate 70 persons.

Andrew Jackson—Accommodate 123 persons.

James Robertson—Accommodate 20 persons.

Hermitage Hotel—Accommodate 60 persons.

Noel Hotel—Accommodate 75 persons.

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How To Have A Long Pastorate

By R. E. GUY, Pastor, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn.

Desirability

MANY PEOPLE feel that long pastorates are not desirable. Our Methodist friends contend for a four year pastorate or less and it is usually less. Probably there are more urgent requests for curtailing the four years than for extending them. Many Baptist pastors find or make "Unusual Conditions" and desire a change so they can live in "Unusual Conditions." Sometimes the baby of the pastor's family just can't live on "Possum Trot" and so the pastor decides to move over into "Skunk Hollow" for the sake of the baby's good health. Of course we want good health but perhaps "Imaginary Conditions" produce "Imaginary Poor Health" and the pastor desires to move to a new church where "Imaginary Troubles" are just as hard to handle as they were back home.

"Real Church Troubles" are hatched on schedule time just like chickens and ducks. The pastor who gathers "Trouble Eggs" and keeps them at the proper temperature will have a brood of "Trouble Chickens" in due time.

How?

How can a pastor stay on one field until he preaches to three generations? The answer is found in the reply a certain snagged tooth grandma made when a prospective mother said, "Grandma, how do you raise children?" Grandma answered, "Honey, thar ain't no How."

Perhaps some long pastorates are accidental. The pastor cannot move because no church calls him and the people are too kind to say, "Scat." Or the pastor may be able to outwit the few people who feel that theirs is a heaven given task and therefore they must "Oust" the pastor. Some deacons could boast of their success in chasing pastors.

But the eternal "How" is troublesome. First: Pastor, if you want to spend your life in your first pastorate buy a good home out where the common people live and get busy doing the Lord's work. Let the church get the rent from the pastor's home if they have one and then the "Troublesome Deacon" say, "If we get a new pastor he would want to live in our home and so would miss the rent." You are saying, "That is tomfoolery" and perhaps it is but I am writing this article at the request of the editor and since I have been pastor of one church for nearly thirty years, I must tell something about "How."

The money question is the most malignant trouble in every church. The pastor often has this disease and it is always contagious and infectious. If the pastor is not a tither his people will not tithe and his leadership is bogged down. If he is an enthusiastic tither some "would-be-leader" corrals the crowd that should be in some Hardshell church and the pastor must measure swords with this demagogue and his followers. The pastor should be courageous and fight the good fight of faith because souls are lost and the hungry are dying.

The Hope For Growing A Great Church

Moving may be easier than staying but staying is the only hope for the growing of a great church on your lot. Of course the pastor should be kind in all his steadfastness and just as surely he should be steadfast in all his kindness. Many pastor are too easy on the money question. The man who keeps a good dairy must milk his cows dry and a good pastor should have as much sense as the dairyman. Money that belongs to God curses the man or the church when it is not put into spiritual circulation.

But how? The pastor who stays must major on children and young people. Too many pastors forget that Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my little lambs" and "Shepherd my little sheep" and "Feed by little sheep." If such work is irksome to any pastor he should surely get right with God or quit the pastorate. John D. Rockefeller asked Dr. Truett, "Do you pay any attention to children in your church?" "Oh, yes," said Dr. Truett, "The deacons in my church were little children when I became pastor and we won them and developed them." So Dr. Truett cultivated the children. It may be easier to fling corn down to hens but if we keep up the flock we must prepare some mash and chops for little chickens. They learn to love the hand that feeds them.

A Shield That Cannot Be Pierced

But how can a pastor stay on one field? Saved people know sincerity and seriousness in the pastor and will help him if he has a worthwhile program and works at it. Of course he must approach their standard if he expects them to be his Caleb and Joshua. His habits should be above criticism. Mothers want the pastor to be an ideal for their children in every way. So he should shun the very appearance of evil. A clean consecrated pastor wears a shield that cannot be pierced by the darts of the devil.

Finally, the pastor who stays must study. Hash is good if it is made of good meat but reworked and sauced and seasoned. An old sermon may be preached again but it must have at least a little of heaven's freshness. Dr. Truett worked hard in his study even after he passed three score and ten. Paul said to Timothy, "The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus when thou comest, bring with thee and the books but especially the parchments." Paul kept up his program of study. So must every pastor who stays on one field. He must love good books and the study where he can have uplifting associations with good and great men who have written good books. Best of all the pastor who stays must know Isaiah and the other good men of the Bible. He must "Study to show himself approved to God." Sob stories may have a place in the preacher's program but they do not feed the soul and if the pastor stays he must feed his people on "The Bread of Life."

"Yes, I Tithe"

SAYS R. B. STODDARD, business man, president of Stoddard's, Inc., retail office furnishers and stationers, and deacon in Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

"Yes, I Tithe. Many years ago, I was led to 'prove God' in his financial plan. This test was as real as the dew on Gideon's fleece—as actual as the serpent from Moses' rod. The blessings he poured out following this experience left me no doubt as to his will for me as a steward.

"Now I feel that God is my partner in every sale I make, in every dollar I earn, and, believe me, he is a partner worth keeping."

"For the blessings that would come to our people themselves, to say nothing of what it would mean to a lost world, I pray that we may realize the scriptural ideal of

Every Baptist a Tither

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

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Nashville 3 Tennessee

Department of Student Work

ROGERS M. SMITH, Secretary

MARJORIE HOWARD, Office Secretary

Looking at word pictures first today, the newest information near the front of the file is on a card belonging to CATHERINE ADAMS, 913 Atlantic Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee. Catherine is now in the seventh grade at Christenberry Junior High School. She was thirteen years old the seventeenth of last month. Reading is her hobby. She wants some pen pals about her age.

Catherine's church, Lincoln Park Baptist Church, had a youth revival this summer, in which there were several conversions and a large number of young people who dedicated their lives for special Christian service. "I was one of them," says Catherine. We are glad of this and hope that Catherine and the other young people in her church are enjoying telling others about Jesus and trying to lead them to trust him, too.

REGINA HAYNES, Jackson, Tennessee, did not give her street address. We hope she will include that in her next letter. Regina is eleven years old. She goes to Huntersville School where she is in the sixth grade. Regina has been a Christian two years, but did not join the church until recently. We know she can find lots of ways to help carry on the work at Ararat Baptist Church where she is a member.

LAVINA HAYNES, Route 2, Jackson, Tennessee, may be Regina's sister, though she did not say so in her note. Lavina was ten years old last April 9. Her hobby is reading. She is a member of Ararat Baptist Church. We hope she will write us more about herself, so that her word picture will be more complete.

WILMA GRIFFIN, 500 W. Louisiana, Knoxville, Tennessee, is twelve years old and in the sixth grade at Lonsdale School. Her interests are many—playing the piano; skating; playing softball, basketball, and kickball; taking snapshots; studying geography. Wilma wants pen pals and should have no trouble finding some, since she has such varied interests. It's nice to know people who like to do a lot of different things, isn't it?

NANCY HOLLAND, Chickasaw Park, Henderson, Tennessee, says her hobby is typing. Her letter to Aunt Polly was neatly typed and beautifully arranged on the page. Nancy is twelve years old, though she will be thirteen next week—November 9. She is in the eighth grade and is a majorette for the High School band. English and arithmetic are her favorite subjects. She has been a Christian nearly two years, and has several church jobs—including being President and Chairman of Stewardship and Missions in their Junior G. A. at First Baptist Church, Henderson. Already, Nancy has a few pen pals, but she wants many more, and promises to answer each letter which she receives.

Let's save the other new word pictures for another time, so that there will be space left for

OUR CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

I have just tried a new gift idea. It was fun!

Perhaps you have seen some of the attractive pin-pan pictures which are being sold for 65 cents to \$1.50 a set, depending upon size. I made my set for about 33 cents. Here are the necessary materials:

- 2 tin pie pans
- Half a card of rick-rack
- 2 pieces of ribbon, each about 2½ inches long
- A small amount of enamel or paint
- Glue (preferably a waterproof kind)
- 2 decals or picture cutouts

I used the small, individual-pie size pans. In each pan I used a nail to punch two small holes about ¼ inch apart. Then I painted the pans with white enamel and allowed them to dry overnight. (The paint job on this first set isn't as smooth as I'd like it to be, because I used a brush that was too wide. Next time, I'll try a narrow brush—or maybe I will use an old fly spray for applying the paint.)

After the paint was thoroughly dry, I glued red rick-rack around the edge of each pan. And in the center of each pan I placed a decal in kitchen design. (A cutout picture would do as well, except that it might be a little more difficult to stick it to the tin, and it would be necessary to shellac over the picture to protect it.) I used red ribbon to thread through the holes in the pans and tied the ribbon at the back of the pans, for a hanger.

Of course, the pans could have been painted any other color instead of white. The main thing is to choose harmonizing colors of rick-rack and appropriate decals for the "pictures." For a small child's room, large pans might be used, painted blue or pink or red, with Mother Goose pictures, animal pictures, or something similar. With appropriate colors and pictures, the pans also make attractive bedroom pictures for older boys or girls or adults.

Will they please someone on your list?

Love, Aunt Polly

State Student Convention

OUT OF TOWN REGISTRATIONS

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis	9
Carson-Newman College	91
Cumberland University	38
East Tennessee State College	15
Harrison Chilhowee Academy	17
Memphis State College	20
Middle Tennessee State College	15
Peabody College	17
Southwestern University	1
Southern College of Optometry	1
Tennessee Tech	20
Union University	48
University of Chattanooga	6
Vanderbilt University	11
Nashville General Hospital	1
Draughton's Business College, Nashville	1
Andrew Jackson University	1
Total	312

There were many students who attended from Carson-Newman, Harrison-Chilhowee, and Maryville College who did not register. The students from the schools of Knoxville, the host schools, did not register.

Our Thanks To:

Dr. C. E. Brehm, Dr. Henry J. Stokes, Dr. C. W. Pope, Dr. Robert Naylor, Mr. William Hall Preston, Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Miss Crea Ridenour, Miss Irene Chambers, Dr. Clarence Jordan, Mr. Lee Sanders, Dr. Randall Jones, Mr. Bob Norman, Rev. William C. Taggart, Jr., Dr. Ralph Overman, Dr. Wallace Bassett, Dr. H. C. Brearley, Miss Roxie Jacobs, Mr. Raymond Coppenger, and all the students who had parts on the program, the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, to all the people who opened their homes to our students, and to the radio stations and newspapers for their coverage.

Sunday School Department

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3 TENN.

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Convention President

Standard — But Not Perfect



Junior I Department, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

It is the custom of the Superintendent of the Junior I Department (9 and 10 year boys and girls) to crown those making a perfect record for the year on Promotion Day.

The picture above shows Jill Christian and Clayton Brantley after they were crowned King and Queen by Mrs. Sam Sharpe, enlargement superintendent.

Jill and Clayton are pupils of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bean, teachers of nine year boys and girls. Mrs. Bean's class was Standard last year. The Department was Standard for the year. The average for church attendance for the year was 79%.

We thank God for a fruitful year, we had twenty-six professions of faith, twenty-four baptisms, and three joined the church by letter.

The picture on the wall in the above picture is of the Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Jackson, our missionaries to Brazil. We take a love offering every Sunday morning in our Junior Department for them.

The inspiration you get from these boys and girls as they come into the Junior Department is a challenge to any Junior worker.—By MRS. T. T. JOHNSON, superintendent.

Enrollment Increased Through Extension Department

Southern Baptists are to add 600,000 new members to the present Sunday school enrollment this year. Fifty thousand or more of them must be reached through our Extension department. We can certainly do this because it is only an average of two for each of our 26,000 churches.

But half of our churches do not have Extension departments. If your church is one of these, now is a good time to organize a department, thus providing for this helpful ministry.

An Extension Department in your church will:

1. Provide Bible study opportunities for those who cannot attend Sunday school.
2. Discover prospects for other departments of the Sunday school.
3. Intensify the Sunday school visitation program.
4. Utilize additional church members in service.
5. Help to establish and strengthen Christian homes.
6. Aid in establishing family worship through the distribution and use of *Home Life*, a Christian Family Magazine.
7. Strengthen the financial program of your church, and develop more members in scriptural giving.

Order a set of the beautiful colored Extension posters free of charge from the Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee, and plan to organize or enlarge your Extension work.

September Awards—Continued

NEW DUCK RIVER—		Central Avenue	1
El Bethel	23	Collierville	38
Union Ridge	16	Eudora	1
	39	Germantown	1
OCOE—		Highland Heights	2
Central	1	Hollywood	1
Chattanooga, First	2	Kennedy Memorial	4
Big Springs	72	LaBelle	8
Cleveland, North	94	Lamar Heights	1
Daisy	35	Leawood	7
Lupton City	15	Malcolm Avenue	7
Oak Street, Soddy	8	McLean	2
South Soddy	9	Merton Avenue	24
Temple	19	Millington	1
South Daisy	12	National Avenue	2
	267	Seventh Avenue	1
POLK—		Speedway Terrace	2
Mine City	22	Sylvan Heights	1
	22	Temple	3
ROBERTSON—		Union Avenue	3
Springfield	86	Whitehaven	1
	86	Shirley Park	4
SEVIER—		Parkway	4
Antioch	40		127
Sevierville	1	STONE —	
Alder Branch	38	Monterey	64
Boyd's Creek	21	Cedar Hill	10
Cove Mont	18		74
Gist's Creek	18	WATAUGA—	
	136	Calvary	39
SHELBY—			39
Ardmore	1	WILSON—	
Bellevue	3	Gladesville	9
Berclair	1	Fairview	37
Boulevard	2		46
Calvary	1	Total	2526

Last Week of Regional Planning Meetings

North Central Region—November 8—First Church, Carthage

Concord	Stone
New Salem	Union
Riverside	Wilson
Salem	

Southeastern Region—November 9—First Church, South Pittsburg

Hiwassee	Sequatchie Valley
McMinn	Sweetwater
Ocoee	Tennessee Valley
Polk	

Northeastern Region—November 11—First Church, Greeneville

East Tennessee	Jefferson
Grainger	Mulberry Gap
Holston	Nolachucky
Holston Valley	Watauga

Eastern Region—November 12—Trenton Street Church, Harriman

Big Emory	Midland
Campbell	New River
Chilhowee	Northern
Clinton	Providence
Cumberland Gap	Sevier
Knox	

Woman's Missionary Union

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MRS. SAM HOLLOWAY
President

MISS MARGARET BRUCE
Young People's Secretary



MISS MARY NORTHINGTON
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

MRS. DOUGLAS GINN
Office Secretary

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E. K. WILEY
Secretary



MARJORIE HOWARD
Office Secretary

Chartered R. A. Chapters

(Continued)

SHELBY: Ardmore (2); Arlington, Bellevue, Boulevard, Calvary, Capleville, Central Avenue, Eads, Highland Heights, LaBelle, Leawood (2), Mallory Hegihts, Merton Avenue, National Avenue, Prescott Memorial, Raleigh, Southland, Sylvan Heights (2), Temple (2)

STEWART: Dover

STONE: Caney Fork, Monterey

SWEETWATER: Loudon

TENNESSEE VALLEY: Tennessee Valley

WATAUGA: Calvary, Elizabethton; Hampton, Mountain City

WESTERN DISTRICT: Paris, West

WILSON: Mt. Juliet, Prosperity, Watertown

A Message From Miss Gruver

No letter has come from Miss Kate Gruver since she landed in Palestine but a cable has been received saying, "Well, happy, feeding thousands on Relief, opened school." Of course no packages can be mailed to Miss Gruver but if you wish to send her money for her work send to the Baptist Foreign Mission Board and it will be credited to her account.

Missionary Round Table List On China

Prepared by MISS MARY CHRISTIAN

CHINA: A COUNTRY OF CONTRASTS, Nouse and Goetz, Harcourt Brass, 1944, \$2.50. Vivid, colorful pictures of Chinese life as an introduction.

SWORDS OF SILENCE, Glick and Hong, Whittlesey, 1947, \$2.75. The hitherto untold story of the Chinese secret societies, their part in Dr. Sun Yat-Sen's life and work; the 1912 Revolution and the founding of the Chinese Republic. Filled with incident and stories of little known Chinese heroes. An essential book in understanding the structure of Chinese national life.

IS CHINA A DEMOCRACY? Creighton Lacy, 1943, \$1.50. Brief, pointed discussion of issues of democracy in China, its basic elements in Chinese family and community life, and signs of growth in China's political structure.

DONALD OF CHINA, Earl Albert Salle, Harper, 1948, \$3.50. Written from personal notes and papers, this biography of the intimate friend of the Chiangs gives sympathetic insight into China's complicated politics and personalities, in clear crisp narrative, realistic and vivid, the names in China's news come to life.

LAST CHANCE IN CHINA: Fred Utley, Bobbs-Merrill, 1947, \$3.50. The struggle in China with Communism told graphically by a newspaper woman experienced both in Chinese and Russian affairs who believes democracy can win if we act with courage, generosity, intelligence and understanding.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A CHINESE WOMAN, Buwei Yang Chao, Day 1947, \$3.75. A modern Chinese woman, born to wealth and position, tells her own story in a challenging, provocative manner, revealing much recent history and more of upper class family life, Chinese customs and manners and the changing status of women in recent years. Should be read along with Daughter of Han.

DAUGHTER OF HAN, Ida Pruitt, Yale, 1945, \$2.75. Intimate glimpse of Chinese peasant life as told by their woman servant to the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries, revealing the sorrows and joys, problems and difficulties of China's poor.

THE RED CHAIR WAITS, Alice Margaret Huggins, Westminster, 1948, \$2.75. The vivid portrayal of the average Chinese home, the romantic element and the warmth of the Chinese people make this a book that will be read with delight by young and old.

CHINA'S RELIGIOUS HERITAGE, Y. C. Yang, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1943, \$1.50. The religious background of Taoism, Buddhism, Animism and Confucianism which affect Christian missions in China, by a Christian teacher.

GOBI DESERT, Cable and French, Macmillan, 1944, \$3.50. A rare book of travel and exploration in Outer Mongolia, illuminated by missionary experience.

CHRISTIAN VOICES IN CHINA, Chester S. Miao, Friendship, 1948, paper \$1.00, cloth \$2.00. Fourteen Christian leaders of many denominations, only three being foreign missionaries, tell of China's revival and reconstruction, and the victorious witness of Christians in the midst of devastation, famine, pestilence and upheaval of the war years. A heartening and stirring story of present day opportunity.

AT THE GATES, F. Catharine Bryan, Broadman, 1948, \$3.00. The dramatic and intensely interesting life-story of Matthew Tyson and Eliza Moring Yates, pioneer missionaries to China. The author, a missionary born and reared in a missionary home in China, is especially well qualified to write such a biography.

FOUR NEW BROTHERHOODS

It was the writer's privilege to spend Layman's Day, Sunday, October 10, in Holston Valley Association. It was indeed a very busy day and it was a joy to be with Brother Hobart B. Ford, pastor, First Baptist Church, Rogersville. A large attendance was in Sunday school and the auditorium was full for the eleven o'clock service. We recall that there were more than sixty men in the adult classes.

We enjoyed the afternoon service in the East Side Mission and attended Training Union at the First Church. Since the union at Henards Chapel met one hour later, we arrived there in time to meet with the adult group, after which I spoke at the regular worship service on "Reaching Men For God." We are glad to report two new Brotherhoods in HOLSTON VALLEY ASSOCIATION.

First Baptist Church

Rogersville, Tennessee

REV. HOBART B. FORD, Pastor

President	E. A. Cope
Activities Vice-President	W. R. Horton
Program Vice-President	Robert Southern
Membership Vice-President	George Testerman
Secretary-Treasurer	Tom Davis
Chorister	L. C. Chapman

Henards Chapel Baptist Church

Rogersville, Tennessee

REV. DONA BENTLEY, Pastor

President	Allen Haser
Activities Vice-President	Oris Henard
Program Vice-President	Jack Price
Membership Vice-President	Willis Hawkins
Secretary-Treasurer	William Gibson
Chorister	Riley Clamon

Stone Association

Steven Street Baptist Church

Cookeville, Tennessee

REV. A. M. SENTER, Pastor

President	Sewell Cowan
Activities Vice-President	Howard Carr
Program Vice-President	Bob Parrott
Secretary-Treasurer	Howard Carr

Madison Association

Pinson Baptist Church

Pinson, Tennessee

REV. GEORGE W. CRAWFORD, Pastor

President	Preston Moore
Activities Vice-President	Haubert Haynes
Program Vice-President	Lamar Davis
Membership Vice-President	C. E. Groom
Secretary-Treasurer	Rev. C. H. Knight
Chorister	W. Wade

AMONG THE BRETHREN

"Every one of us must join with him who said, 'I am a pessimist when I see what the world is coming to, but I become an optimist when I remember Who has come to the world.'" Thus stated Dr. Duke K. McCall in his address to the students and faculty of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, October 14. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell is president. Dr. McCall was formerly president of the institution.

—B&R—

Friday morning, October 22, Mrs. W. Rufus Beckett, wife of Rev. W. Rufus Beckett, retired Baptist minister of Donelson, went to be with the Lord following a stroke suffered last November. In addition to her husband she is survived by three daughters, Miss Lamarah Beckett, Mrs. John E. Burris, and Mrs. Edward C. Startup, all of Donelson; one son, John Bernard Beckett of Nashville; one sister, Mrs. E. H. Clark of Memphis; one brother, W. M. Roy of Warren, Ark. The Lord comfort the bereaved.

—B&R—

Ernest Saloom has accepted an unanimous call to become pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, a church of 4,000 members in Macon, Ga. He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

—B&R—

Bro. James Richards, Route 1, Kingsport, resigned the pastorate at Lovelace on September 28. The church gave him two new tires, a nice offering and a nice pounding.

Attention!

All New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary alumni and friends of Tennessee will welcome the opportunity of hearing our president, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, at a breakfast meeting in the Sam Davis Hotel, Thursday, December 2, during the sessions of our State Convention in Nashville. Dr. Leavell will inform us as to the plans and progress made on the vast Expansion and Building Program of our Seminary. Make your reservation by writing Rev. Robert C. Cannon, state chairman, Merton Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis.—ROBERT C. CANNON.

Murray F. Jackson was called to the pastorate of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church near Lenoir City, September 1, from Chattanooga. The first two weeks of his pastorate at Pleasant Hill he held a revival in which there were 12 additions, 6 of them by baptism. The Training Union in its various departments has been reorganized.

—B&R—

During the past associational year the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Valdese, N. C., Bertis Fair, pastor, baptized 68 into its fellowship and received 25 by letter. This was more than twice as many as any other church in the association baptized.

Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, Southern Baptist Convention, supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Cookeville, Sunday, October 17, for Pastor Bob Ramsay, who was engaged in a revival meeting at North Side Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo. His messages were inspirational and challenging, and our people were greatly blessed.—GWENDOLYN BOYETT.

—B&R—

On a recent Sunday Pastor Bunyan Smith began his twentieth year as pastor of the Third Baptist Church, Nashville. During this period about 855 have been added to the church. The church property has been considerably improved. When he came to the church the budget was about \$8,000 and today it is about \$15,000. In all his work Mrs. Smith has faithfully assisted.

—B&R—

L. S. Sedberry, pastor of Lockeland Baptist Church, Nashville, has assisted Pastor Alvin Hopson and the First Baptist Church, Lebanon, in a revival in which there were 28 professions of faith, one of them a man 77 years of age.

—B&R—

After finishing a ten room annex the Cornersville Baptist Church has begun work on a new home for the pastor. The seven room brick veneer building is expected to cost around \$10,000 including purchase price of lot. Norman O. Baker has begun his fifth year as pastor of the church.

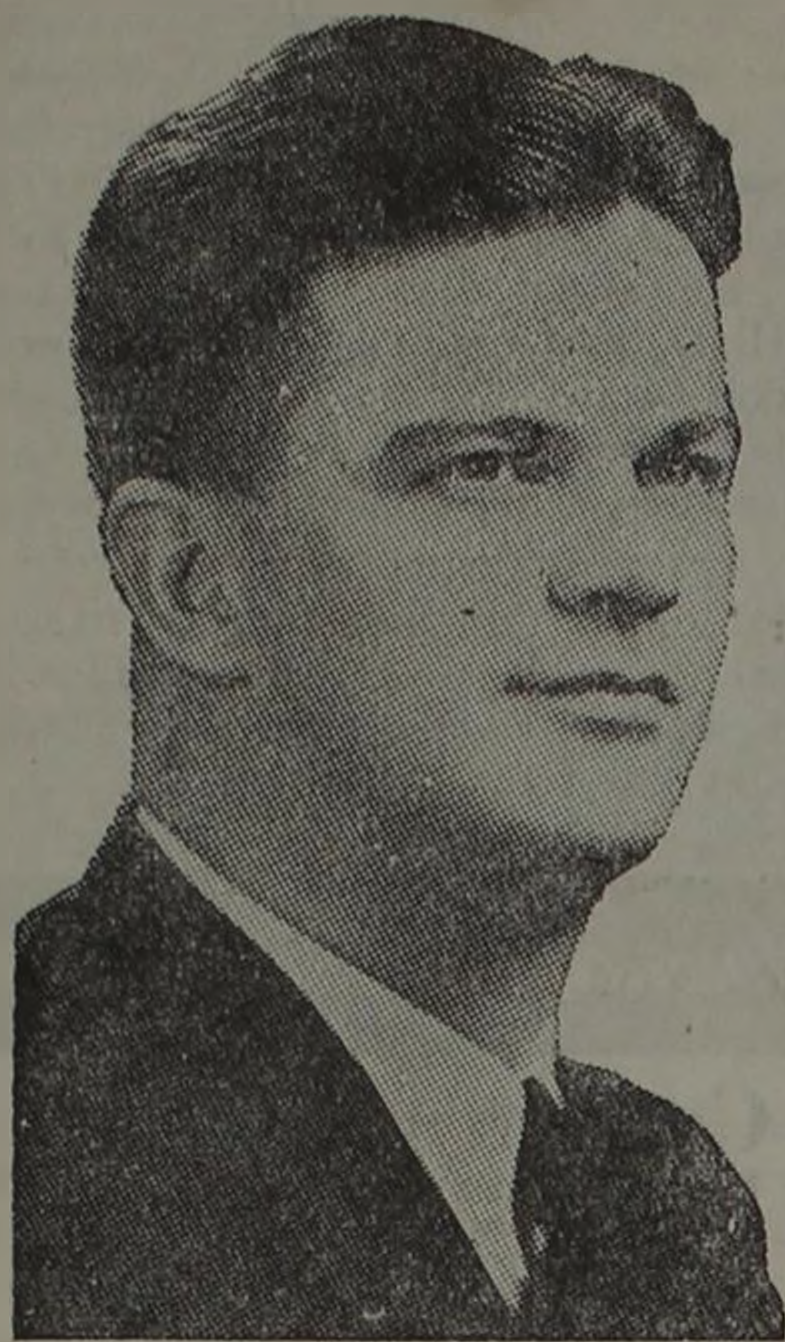
DEPARTMENTAL ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES, OCT. 24, 1948

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo, First	245	80	4
Ashland City, First	59	52	
Athens, Antioch	68		
East	234	118	
First	446	100	5
West End Mission	50		
North	174	64	
Calhoun	109	40	
Charleston	58		
Clear Water	72	66	
Coghill	56	48	
Cotton Port	103	61	
Eastanalle	55	15	
Englewood	139	46	
Etowah, East	61		
Etowah, First	348	104	
Etowah, North	157	40	
Good Springs	110	70	
Idlewild	86		
McMahan Calvary	80	31	
Mt. Harmony No. 1	91	57	
New Friendship	57	40	
New Hope	42		
New Zion	75		
Niota, East	139	75	
Niota, First	136	47	
Riceville	79		
Rodgers Creek	29	10	
Sanford	55	60	
Union Grove No. 2	96	40	
Wildwood	77	43	
Zion Hill	42		
Benton	100	32	
Bolivar, First	226	126	
Brighton	204	126	
Bristol, Calvary	402	128	1
Virginia Avenue	300	100	2
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	64	71	
Chattanooga, Apison	100	52	
Avondale	573	160	1
Birchwood	109	25	
Brainerd	409	142	1
Calvary	382		3
Candies Creek	61	40	
Cedar Hill	287		
Clifton Hill	367	129	2
Eastdale	407	140	5
East Ridge	234	1 3	3
Highland Park	2778	913	12
Lupton City	191	107	1
Morris Hill	243	126	2
Northside	589	122	6
Philadelphia	170	78	
Red Bank	602	187	4
Ridgedale	590	252	8
St. Elmo	337	102	1

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Signal Mountain	70	28	
South Daisy	123	87	3
Spring Creek	212	108	
White Oak	386	98	
Church Hill, Oak Grove	114	55	
Cleveland, First	446	183	2
North	160	109	
South	129	83	
Clinton, First	325	94	5
Columbia, First	404	122	
Godwin Chapel	15		
Rock Spring	79	73	
Cookeville, First	434	130	1
Algood Mission	102		
Fourth Street	103	46	
Steven Street	112	66	
Crossville, First	196	109	1
Antioch	57		
Chestnut Hill	52		
Peavine	30		
Decherd	87	80	
Dyersburg, Hillcrest	337	100	10
Eagleview	92	56	
Elizabethton, Big Spring	139	132	
First	529	129	1
Fountain City, Central	830	221	
Hines Valley Chapel	62		
Gladeville	154	77	
Goodlettsville	200	107	
Grand Junction	111	83	
Harriman, Trenton Street	378	102	
Walnut Hill	274	90	
Huntland	77		
Jackson, Bemis	289	96	
Calvary	464	146	
First	823	218	
North	279	135	
West	923	306	1
Jellico, First	240	105	
Kingsport, First	635	125	1
Lynn Garden	377	101	2
Knoxville, Alice Bell	72	39	
Broadway	1171	371	8
Fifth Avenue	1073	300	
First	1477	186	
Lincoln Park	613	263	17
Lonsdale	368	162	3
McCalla Avenue	774	222	12
Sevier Heights	511	215	3
LaFollette, West	126	60	1
Lawrenceburg	243	132	
Lebanon, First	453	108	19
Barton's Creek	117	67	
Cedar Grove	91	73	
Fairview	105	43	
Leoma	119		

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Lexington, First	252	37	
Mt. Juliet, Chandler	28	30	1
Martin, New Home	77		
Maryville, Broadway	247	127	
Everett Hills	315	131	6
First	643	179	2
Maynardville	90	26	
Medina	171	127	
Memphis, Bellevue	2599	816	13
Boulevard	732	264	10
Central Avenue	607	222	6
Hollywood	418	133	
LaBelle	715	212	3
Lamar Heights	744	200	26
Levi	289	119	4
McLean	346	120	7
Mallory Heights	191	90	
Parkway	285	132	
Prescott Memorial	571	158	
Shirley Park	146	79	6
Temple	1609	370	3
Union Avenue	1247	288	12
Milan, First	323	89	
Milan, Oakwood	130	96	
Milton	63	37	
Monterey, First	223	80	
Morristown, First	506	161	
Montvue	133	39	2
Murfreesboro, First	458	73	5
Walnut Street Mission	80		
Powell's Chapel	118	69	
Taylor's Chapel	84		
Westvue	323	108	
Tucker Town Mission	16		
Nashville, Belmont Heights	1113	341	8
Calvary	161	72	3
First	1309	399	6
Grace	853	223	2
Inglewood	682	105	1
Lockeland	563	173	2
Park Avenue	565	120	6
Una	161	88	1
Woodmont	351	114	5
Oak Ridge, First	435	103	15
Glenwood	428	91	
Highland View	453	138	
Robertsville	426	86	
Parsons, First	231	63	
Portland, First	227	83	
Rockwood, First	268	134	
Whites Creek	58	56	
Rutledge, Oakland	131	53	
Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	158	80	
Sweetwater, Watson Chapel	71	81	
Union City, First	628	132	2
Watertown, Round Lick	137	70	

New Pastor of First Baptist Church, Chattanooga



REV. CARL J. GIERS began his ministry as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on Wednesday, October 27th. He comes to this historic church in Chattanooga from the great Hunter Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

During the three years and five months that Rev. Giers was pastor of the Hunter Street Baptist Church there were 859 additions to the church. Of this number, 339 came by baptism. There have been 67 volunteers for Definite Christian Service, with 14 of these young people enrolled in our Baptist colleges and seminaries. The church raised \$413,604.99. Of this amount, \$85,000.00 has been contributed for Missions and Benevolences. The church has on hand \$106,652.50 invested in Government Bonds for a new building. The church has purchased a full half block across from the present building on which to build enlarged facilities. At the present time, two dwellings on this half block are used to house two Young People's Departments for Sunday School and Training Union. The church has maintained a most aggressive Youth Program, with two weeks of youth camps during the summer for teen-age Young People and a Christian Day Camp for older Primaries and Juniors.

On Friday night each week the Intermediate Night is held after the local high school football games. This recreational program has attracted a great number of the teen-age youngsters.

Before coming to the Hunter Street Baptist Church, Rev. Giers was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rockmart, Georgia and First Baptist Church, Union, South Carolina. He graduated from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and did graduate work at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, and attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and took special work at Princeton Seminary. His wife is the former Miss Kathryn Hammerly of Spokane, Washington. Mrs. Giers has endeared herself to the Hunter Street congregation, as well as to the other churches, by her leadership with the Young People and in the music of the various churches.—J. L. POLLARD, associate pastor, Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Pastor and Mrs. Eugene Roberts of Hendersonville are the proud parents of an 8½ lb. son, John Eugene, who was born October 17 at Vanderbilt hospital. The Lord be with the little fellow through life.

Hon. Josh Lee, Principal Speaker At Cumberland U. Homecoming

LEBANON—(Special)—Hon. Josh Lee, former U. S. Senator from Oklahoma and outstanding Southern Baptist layman, will be the principal speaker at the Cumberland University Homecoming celebration on Nov. 10-11, announced Dr. Edwin S. Preston, University president, this week.

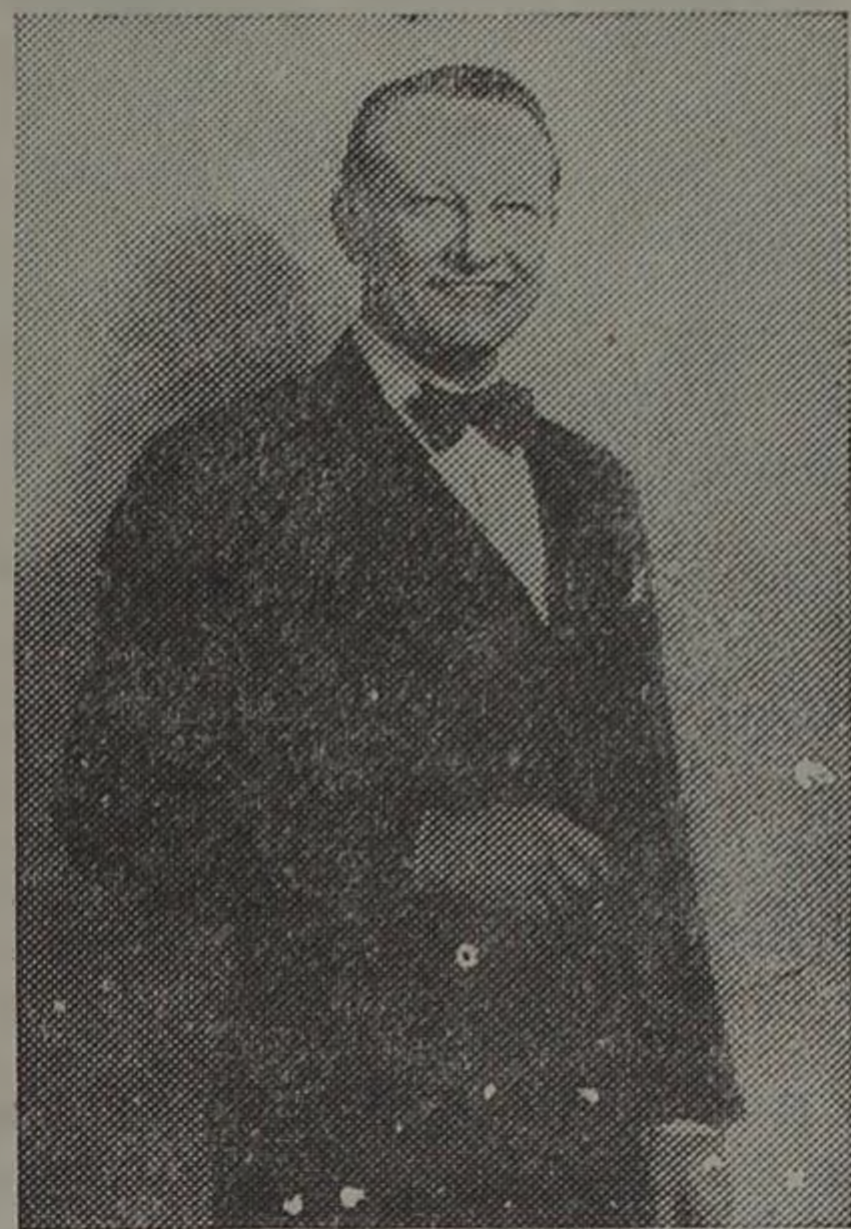
The Board of Trustees now entering its third year since the University was passed to Baptist ownership, has spent many months working with the faculty and administration in planning both immediate and long range plans which will be called the "Second Century Program." The objectives and procedures for accomplishment will be announced by Senator Lee during his address at this event.

Senator Lee who graduated from Cumberland with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1925 and who is now a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, will give the address at the alumni banquet, Nov. 10 at 7 p. m. in the university gymnasium. He is the author of the non-fiction best seller, "How To Hold An Audience Without a Rope" and was a speech teacher at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Baptist University before entering politics and national affairs.

"The Romance of Cumberland," a dramatic presentation of the history of the university, will be given at the alumni dinner by the choir. A large group of alumni and Baptist friends are expected to attend the dinner and the president has asked that reservations and tickets be secured immediately through the Cumberland Alumni Office. Admission is \$2.

Homecoming activities start Wednesday, Nov. 10 with registration in the Administration Building from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. The banquet will be held that evening in the main gymnasium on the campus.

Thursday, Nov. 11, will be a full day at Cumberland. The Alumni Association will meet for election of national officers in the Baird Chapel at 9:15 a. m. with former students of the Law School, Tennessee College for Women and the



HON. JOSH LEE

College of Arts and Sciences attending. A downtown patriotic parade at 10:30 a. m. will be held in cooperation with veteran organizations with Armistice Day speeches set for 11 a. m. on the Lebanon Public Square. Veterans and their wives will then be luncheon guests of the American Legion at the Veterans Home. A snack bar will also be open in the gymnasium for sandwiches and beverages during the day.

Alumnae of Tennessee College for Women will have their own reunion from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m. in Tennessee College Hall during the coffee hour. Many old friendships of the T.C.W. graduates are expected to be renewed.

Climaxing the two-day gathering will be the football game between Cumberland and Union University at 2 p. m. at Kirk Field.

Funds Being Raised For Memorial Chapel



To raise \$20,000 by January 11, 1949, Founders' Day of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, is the goal of more than 250 alumni of the Seminary now living in Tennessee.

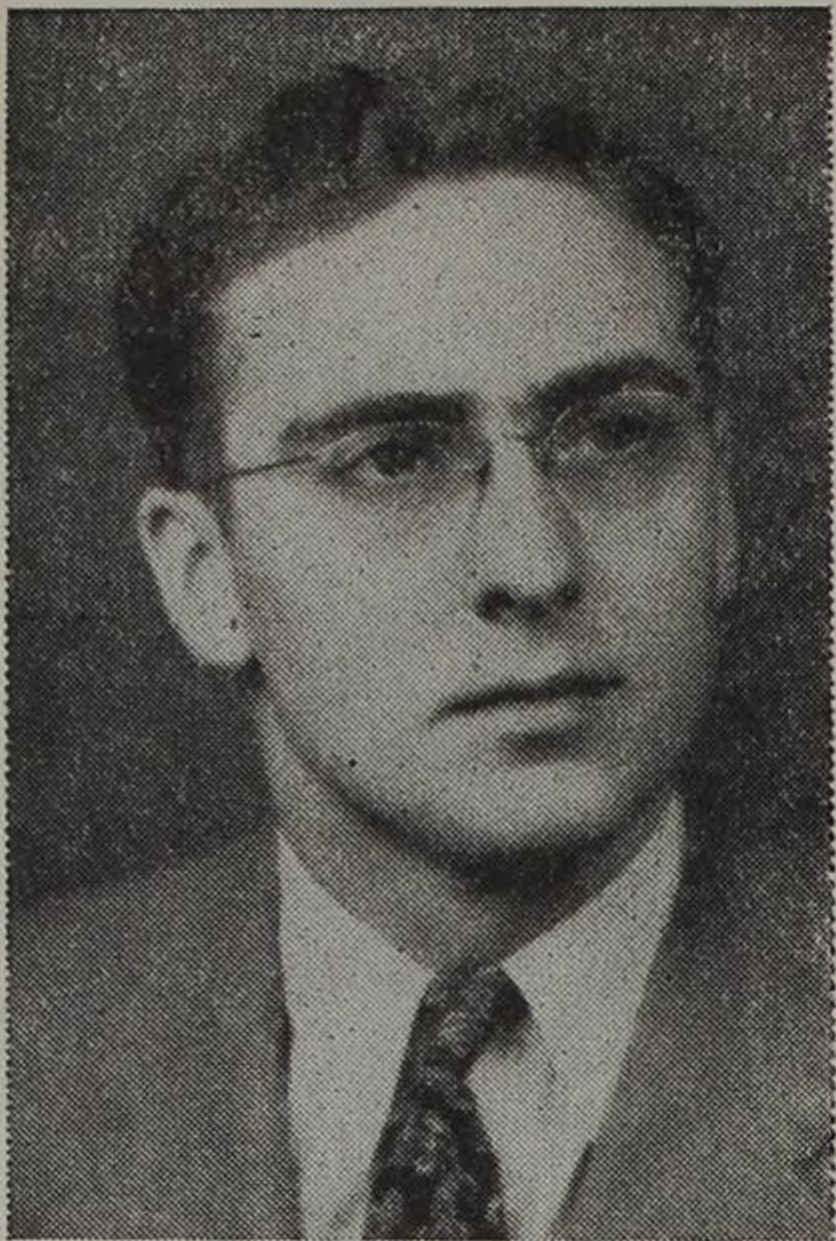
This is the amount Tennessee alumni are raising as their part of the total effort of the 5,000 alumni of the Seminary, headed by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, of St. Louis, to erect a \$500,000 Memorial Chapel on the Seminary campus. Other state alumni groups have similar quotas. Dr. G. Allen West, pastor Woodmont Church, Nashville, is chairman for the Tennessee campaign.—Publicity Department, S.B.T.S.

Sunday, October 10, in a small chapel located on Washington Pike in Knoxville, Broadway Baptist Branch Church was organized and named Alice Bell Baptist Church. The churches represented beside the mother church were First, Fountain City, C. A. McKenzie, pastor; McCalla Avenue, Charles Bowles, pastor. Other ministers present were Lawrence Trivette, superintendent of Knox County Missions; Hobart Conatser, former pastor of North Hills Baptist Church; and R. A. McCarter, former pastor of Union Baptist Church. The church was organized with 74 members. Plans are already in action to purchase a 6¼ acre tract of land in the center of the community for the future site of the church. Money has been pledged to buy it. Jeral L. Shown is pastor.

—B&R—

E. Pitt Woodroof, pastor for the past 5 years of Seventh Baptist Church, Memphis, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Florence, Ala. During his ministry in Memphis there have been 455 baptisms and 373 additions by letter and 15 by statement. The church was the third highest in the entire state last year in baptisms. In Memphis only Bellevue reported more. Two missions of the church have become churches, with a membership that has doubled, gifts to missions have doubled in the past five years.

New Pastor At Old Hickory



JOE HARTING

JOE HARTING assumed the duties as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Old Hickory, the first of November. He has been pastor of First Church, Carthage, for more than two years, during which time he held the office of moderator of the New Salem Association. While at Carthage a total of 104 were added to the membership of the church and a new educational plant consisting of 18 rooms has been erected and a mission has been organized with Sunday school and weekly prayer meetings. Rev. Harting is a native of Paducah, Ky., and is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Harting is the former Miss Rachel Gregory of Springfield, Tenn.

After four months here in Texas, I am happy to report that the blessings of the Lord are upon the work at the University Church here in Abilene, and thought that perhaps my friends in your state who read your fine publication would be interested to know that we have had 244 additions since September 1, and are provided a marvelous ministry with the young people of H-SU whose campus is just one-half block from our church. I have found the Texans just as big in spirit as their state is in size.—STERLING L. PRICE, pastor, University Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas.

—B&R—

A. M. Senter, for the past 3½ years pastor of Prosperity church in Wilson County Association, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Stephens Street Church, Cookeville, and has already moved on the new field.

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Mid-State Baptist Hospital Fund

ALL MID-STATE associations of the Tennessee Baptist Convention are now being actively organized for their part in the campaign to provide funds for the Mid-State Baptist Hospital building and renovation program, Dr. L. S. Ewton of Springfield, campaign chairman for Middle Tennessee announced this week. Sixteen association chairmen have been enlisted and are now organizing the churches both for the observance of "Hospital Day" on Sunday, November 14, and for their participation in the campaign for funds early in 1949.

"The readiness of our pastors to assume leadership in this enterprise indicates the widespread and deep interest of the churches in this program of Christian healing." Dr. Ewton said, "This willingness to serve is a further indication of the consciousness of our moral obligation to the sick and suffering."

In conjunction with Rev. Harold Gregory of Nashville, associate campaign chairman for Middle Tennessee, Dr. Ewton has enrolled the following association chairmen: Bledsoe Association, Rev. Charles Jolly, Portland; Concord Association, Rev. A. M. Nicholson, Murfreesboro; Cumberland Association, Dr. R. N. Owen, First Church, Clarksville; Duck River Association, Rev. Roy C. Magill, Tullahoma; Giles County Association,

Rev. L. G. Gatlin, Pulaski; Lawrence County Association, Rev. James Canady, Lawrenceburg; Maury Association, Rev. James Brewer, First Church, Columbia; Wilson County Association, Rev. C. E. Wright, Watertown; New Duck River Association, Rev. Homer Cate, Shelbyville; New Salem Association, Rev. Joe Harting, Carthage; Robertson County Association, Rev. T. E. Mason, Springfield; Salem Association, Rev. D. W. Picklesimer, Smithville; Stewart County Association, Rev. H. D. Lankford, Dover; Stone Association, Rev. Bob Ramsey, Cookeville; Union Association, Rev. James Boyd, Sparta; and William Carey Association, Rev. D. D. Smothers, Fayetteville.

Word comes that the work of Malcolm A. Younger, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bolivar, and now pastor at Eldon, Mo., is making fine progress.

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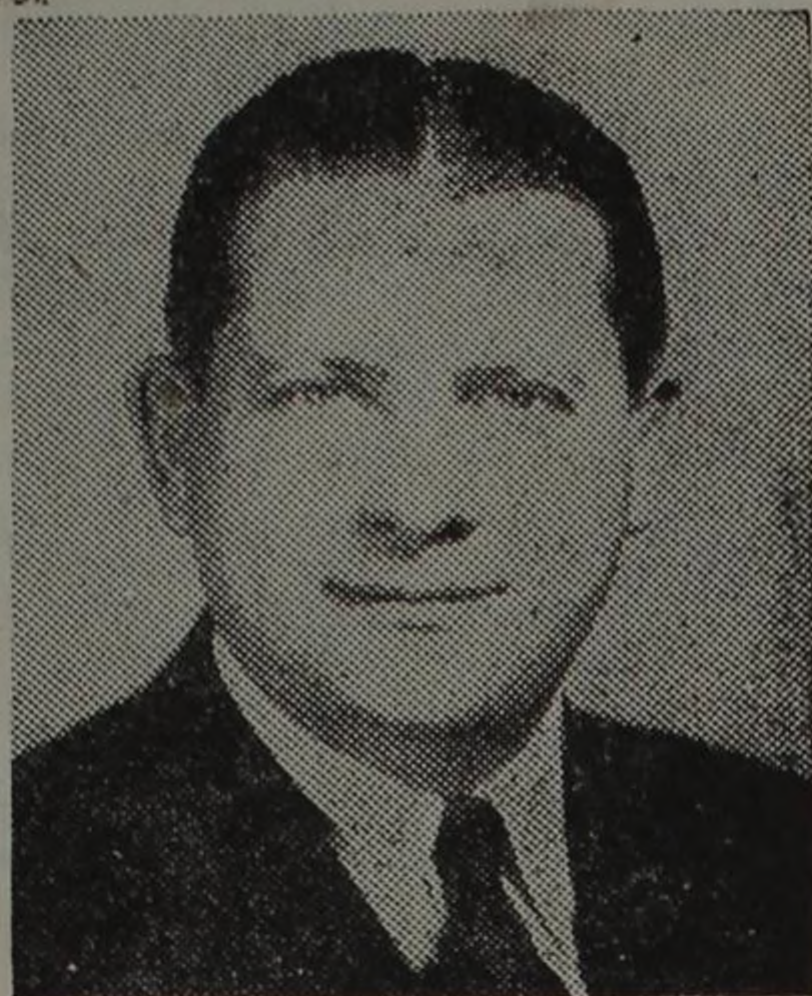
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Seminary Assistant Given Leave of Absence



MR. FRED C. SCHATZ, assistant to the president at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been given nine months leave of absence during which time he will go to Europe as the Baptist World Alliance representative to handle details connected with the immigration of displaced Baptists from Germany and other countries to the United States.

"It will be a serious loss to the Seminary during this session, but we are glad to lend Mr. Schatz to our Baptist brothers in Europe for these months," said Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Seminary president.

Mr. Schatz is exceptionally well equipped for this service because of his fluency in the German language and his previous extensive travel in Europe. He accepted this position at the insistence of Dr. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Relief committee, and of Dr. George Sadler, European representative of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mr. Schatz sailed on the *Mauritania* October 27. He will go directly to Geneva, Switzerland to meet with the European Relief committee.

Correction

For some reason a line was left out the printed note in last week's paper about Wayne Dehoney. Instead of his resigning the First Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., to go to Immanuel Baptist Church in that city, he resigned at Pineville, Ky., to go to the Immanuel Church.

Pastor H. J. Tallant and the Christiana Baptist Church, Wilson Association, conducted a revival meeting recently in which the preaching was done by Woodrow Medlock, pastor of Westvue Baptist Church, Murfreesboro. There were 17 additions by baptism.

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We have received an announcement of the arrival of Charles Denny Lumpkin, second son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Oscar Lumpkin. Both mother and son are doing nicely. The father is pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Robertson Association.

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Shanghai, China—The dramatic story of how Southern Baptist Relief goods were on hand at the right time at the right place during a recent crisis in China is told by Miss Lucy Smith, assistant secretary and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Headquarters staff in Shanghai:

"Some three weeks ago, Kaifeng, an important center in Interior China, was taken by the communists. It was a surprise attack and people had to flee for their lives. We have three large schools there and the boys in the boys' school had to leave without being able to take anything with them. Some of them arrived in Hsuechowfu and went immediately to our Baptist Mission. How grateful our missionary was to be able to open up a bale of clothing and find it contained boys clothing, just the thing these boys' needed and in addition to the clothing some pencils and notebooks which are very helpful to the boys in their school work. Certainly this came for just such a time as this and all of us are grateful to the Lord and to Southern Baptists for these things."

Do not send gifts directly to the missionaries in China. Ship your goods prepaid to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, Louisiana, for distribution in the areas of greatest need.—CHARLES R. GAGE, Director of Promotion.

Of a revival at Central Baptist Church, Knoxville, in which the preaching was done by Ira C. Frazier, pastor of First Baptist Church, Summerville, Ga., Pastor L. H. Hatcher said, "Only God can estimate the good he has done among us."

Charles M. Roselle Goes To Missouri

Charles M. Roselle, director of student activities in the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala., for more than two years has assumed his responsibilities as Student Secretary at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. Mr. Roselle served as Student Secretary for the School of Nashville before going to Auburn, Ala. He is a native of Warrensburg, Mo.

Commending an article by Dr. H. C. Sanders of Selmer which was recently published in *BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR*, Mrs. F. D. Higgins well said that no one should mount the pulpit and use the expression, "If the Bible is true . . ." That is right. Always positively present the Book as true.

—B&R—

Pastor U. W. Malcolm and the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Rome, Ga., were recently assisted in a revival by Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, Southern Baptist Convention. Souls were saved, the church was strengthened and the meeting will continue in the hearts of the people.

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Sevier Heights Baptist Church recently closed a revival with F. M. Dowell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Athens, doing the preaching. There were 39 additions to the church, 28 of them by baptism. Roy W. Hinchey is pastor.

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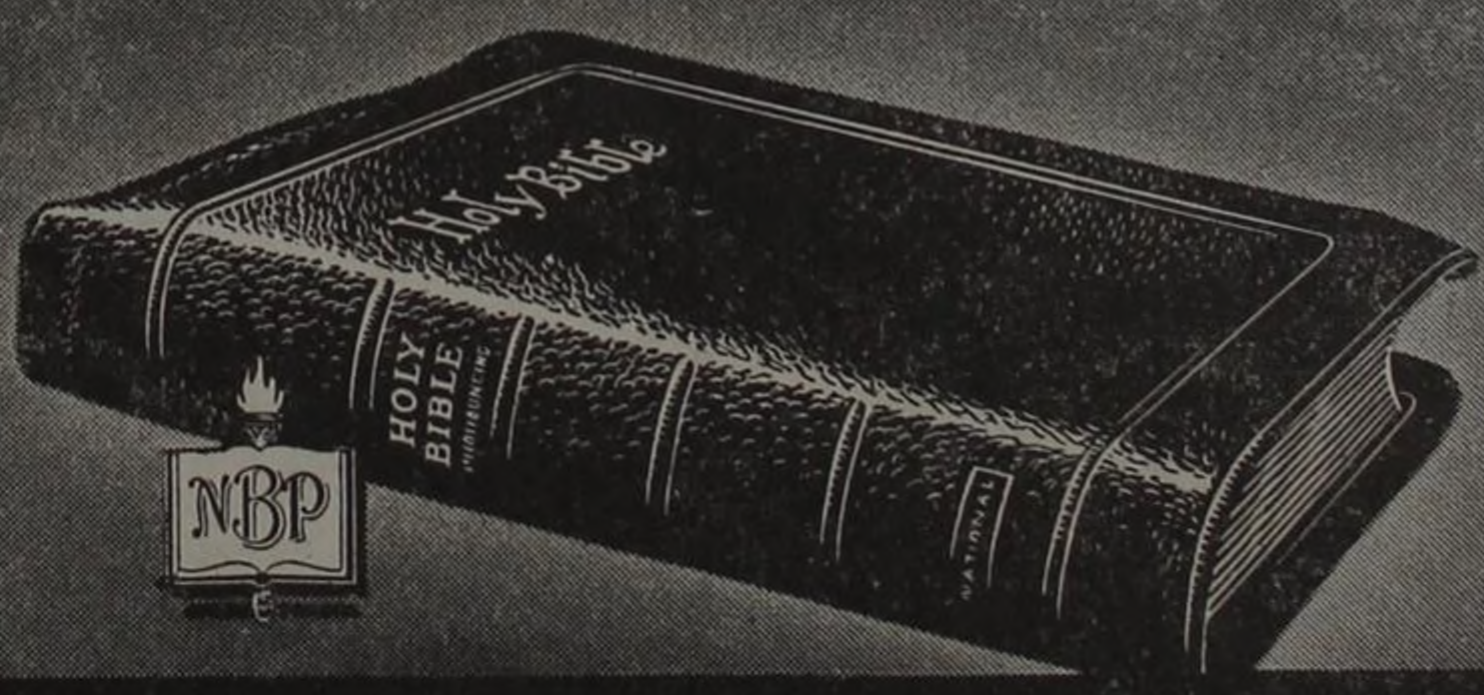
The last Associational year, 855 people—an average of 16 per Sunday—joined the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Robert G. Lee pastor. Of this number 300 were for baptism. Gifts to missions were \$104,173.11 and total gifts were \$339,334.74.

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Rev. S. S. Borum, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, has been elected Missionary for Beulah Association. He will reside in Union City.

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Work is progressing nicely on the new meeting house of Woodland Baptist Church, Woodland Mills, Tennessee. Services will be held in a nearby school until construction has reached the point where services may be resumed in the building. We regret to learn of the serious burns which Pastor W. A. Farmer's son-in-law sustained a few weeks back. He is out of the hospital and is recuperating at the home of Bro. and Mrs. Farmer.

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Rev. Kyle M. Yates, Jr., a first year student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where his father taught Hebrew and Old Testament for twenty years, supplied the pulpit of Bellevue Church, Memphis, on October 10. Dr. J. Howard Williams, Executive Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was the supply for October 3. Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor, was in meetings at First Church, El Paso, and First Church, Dallas.

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Pastor D. P. McFarland has resigned the First Baptist Church, Bolivar, and has accepted the care of the First Baptist Church, Covington. The change will be effective November 7. Bro. McFarland is a Texan, a graduate of Baylor and Southwestern Seminary. He has been serving as Moderator of Hardeman County Association.

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A feature of the meeting of Beulah Association at Pleasant Hill Church on October 7-8 was a message by Dr. Charles W. Pope on the subject, "Religious Liberty."

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The four daughters of the late Dr. Fleetwood Ball and Mrs. Ball are planning to install a tower music system at the First Baptist Church, Lexington. Dr. Ball served as pastor of this church for 35 years, and as Moderator of Beech River Association for 30 years. He also served as secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for 25 years. Two of the daughters, Misses Flossie Melton Ball and Martha Joe Ball are still active in the Lexington Church. The others are Mrs. J. T. Holmes of McKenzie and Mrs. H. G. McGinley of Clinton. The music system will serve as a suitable memorial to their parents whose influence is still felt in West Tennessee.

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Mr. George E. Hays, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., was the speaker at the Brotherhood of Bellevue Church recently. Mr. Hays is one of Kentucky's great laymen and a member of Walnut Street Baptist Church.

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There were 22 additions during the recent revival at First Church, Union City. Pastor W. A. Boston did the preaching and Wm. E.

Young of Temple Church, Memphis, was in charge of the music.

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Shelby County Association met at the Collier-ville Baptist Church on October 12 and 13, with Rev. E. Pitt Woodruff, pastor of Seventh Street Church, serving as Moderator. Rev. Bob Rochelle of Parkway Church preached the annual sermon. City Missionary R. R. Moore's report revealed great activity in the Lord's work down Memphis way.

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Dr. H. E. Kirkpatrick, Hot Springs, Arkansas, will do the preaching in a revival at Union Avenue Church in Memphis beginning November 14. Dr. Kirkpatrick is highly recommended by Dr. L. B. Cobb, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Dr. J. G. Hughes is doing a great work as pastor at Union Avenue.

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Dr. Hans P. Jensen of Denmark addressed the Mid-week service at Bellevue Church, Memphis, on October 6. He has been for several years the leader of the Danish Baptist Mission work in Urundi, Congo, Africa. While on a furlough he is visiting the churches of the Danish American Conference of Baptists and came to Memphis to look in on Southern Baptist work.

Rev. Herman Jacobs, a graduate of Union University, is staff photographer for *The Tie*, monthly publication of the Southern Seminary. The September issue has as its cover picture one of Bro. Jacobs' favorite photographs. It has been displayed in the Union exhibit at the Southern Baptist Convention for the past two years, and this year it was used at the Seminary to promote worship. Bro. Jacobs is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young of Jackson. Mr. Young is superintendent of the Sunday school of Calvary Baptist Church.

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Mrs. Paul A. Wieland, wife of the pastor of the First Church, Trenton, was recently elected superintendent of Gibson County Associational W.M.U.

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Dr. Merrill D. Moore supplied the pulpit of First Church, Jackson, on October 24 while Pastor W. Fred Kendall was at Berea, Ky., in a revival.

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Recent supplies at Calvary, Jackson, include Dr. C. W. Pope on October 17, Rev. L. G. Frey on the 24, and Dr. Duke K. McCall will supply on the 31.

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Singer Jimmy T. Williams of Jackson has had a busy year in revival work. Recent engagements have taken him to Texas, California, Missouri and Alabama. So far this year he has witnessed 274 additions, 182 of them coming on profession of faith.

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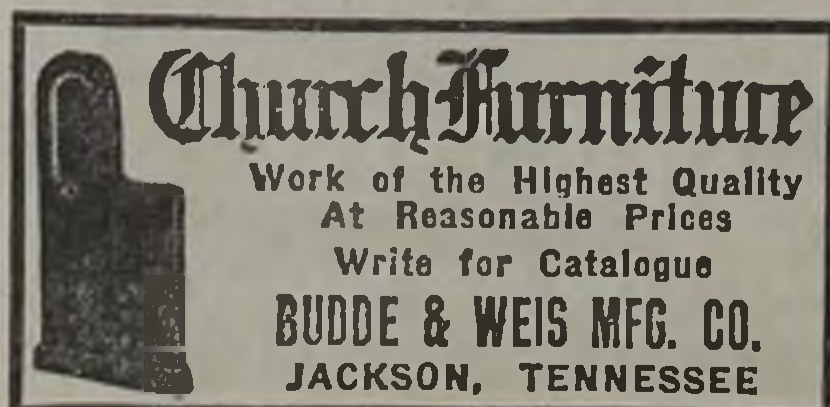
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Foreign Mission Board's Statement of Policy

The Foreign Mission Board, in its semiannual fall meeting in Richmond, October 19-20, devoted an entire afternoon session to a careful consideration of the administrative policies of the Board. The relationship of the Board to other organizations and its administration of relief funds were given special attention.

By unanimous vote the following statement taken from the report of the executive secretary was adopted as a statement of the Foreign Mission Board:

"The administrative staff of the Foreign Mission Board unanimously accepts the unequivocal responsibility for administering all of the affairs of this Board in keeping with the beliefs and policies of Southern Baptists as represented by the Southern Baptist Convention. We accept this responsibility not only because we believe that as an agency of the Convention we are obligated by honor to do this, but much more because our personal convictions are in accord with the basic beliefs and positions as expressed by our Convention. Being Baptists as we are, our Convention has never undertaken to define for every individual church or church member the specific details of our basic beliefs. Differing positions are held concerning some of these details. But there can be little question as to what the *basic* beliefs and positions are.

"Our Convention has made itself quite explicit in its conviction that the Convention should not have membership in or affiliation with the World Council of Churches or the Federal Council of Churches. I speak for the entire administrative staff when I say that it is our purpose to administer the affairs of the Foreign Mission Board in accordance with this position of our Convention.

"I call your attention to one of the six objectives which I proposed in the first report that I brought to the Foreign Mission Board as its Executive Secretary at the April meeting in 1945. 'We must steadfastly pursue the objective of promoting New Testament churches which are directly responsible to God and which can admit no authority between themselves and Him. We believe that God moves in and through such local groups of believers to work out his will among men. They are his agencies of salvation among the people of their own lands. It follows then, that such churches can not be extensions of our Southern Baptist Convention. They must be rooted in the soil and life of the nations in which they live; they must be Brazilian Baptist, Nigerian Baptist, Chinese Baptist churches. We must promote their independence by helping to train their leaders who will be directly responsible to their own churches and agencies. They must increase and we must decrease.

"It follows, also, that we can not lend ourselves to any movement that would absorb these churches in an organic Church or ecclesiastical world council. We believe that they can no more be responsible to an organic World Church or National Church than they could be responsible to an organic Baptist Church. Individually and locally they must be directly responsible to God."

"The policies of the Foreign Mission Board have been administered at home and abroad in keeping with the entire statement that I have just made. No proposal has ever come before this Board or its administrative staff for any kind of affiliation with either the World Council or the Federal Council of Churches. I am confident that should such a proposal be made, it would be unanimously rejected."

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A Campaign For Family Altars

BY JOE W. BURTON
Editor, *Home Life*

WE ARE IN A CAMPAIGN to establish 100,000 new family altars. The slogan for the campaign is "Family worship in every Baptist home every day."

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In South Carolina Dr. Charles F. Sims, acting General Secretary-Treasurer, has requested those who represent the General Board at the district associations to give strong emphasis to this campaign for 100,000 new family altars. "If this cause," Dr. Sims adds, "is carried into all of the associational meetings of Baptists throughout the south, it will be most helpful."

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In its issue of October 21 the *Daily Gazette and Mail* of Morristown gave a front page presentation of an expansion program of the First Baptist Church, A. A. Hicks, pastor. In the prayer meeting it was recommended to the church that three valuable pieces of property adjoining the present location be purchased. This gives the church an entire city block. Present plans call for renovation of the Nelson home and of the Drinnon apartment house to care for from 350 to 400 additional Sunday school pupils. Future plans call for the erection of an imposing educational building. The Morristown paper constantly gives the front page to church news. Other papers in the state might well follow suit.



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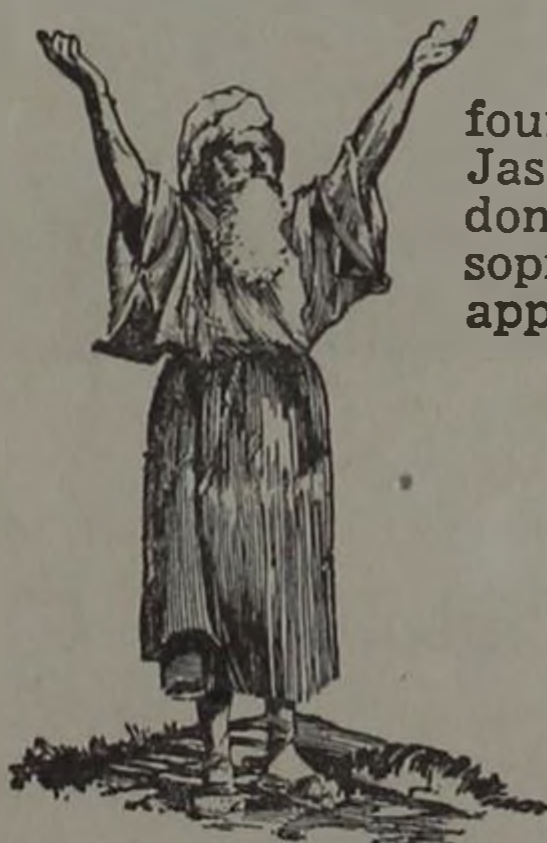
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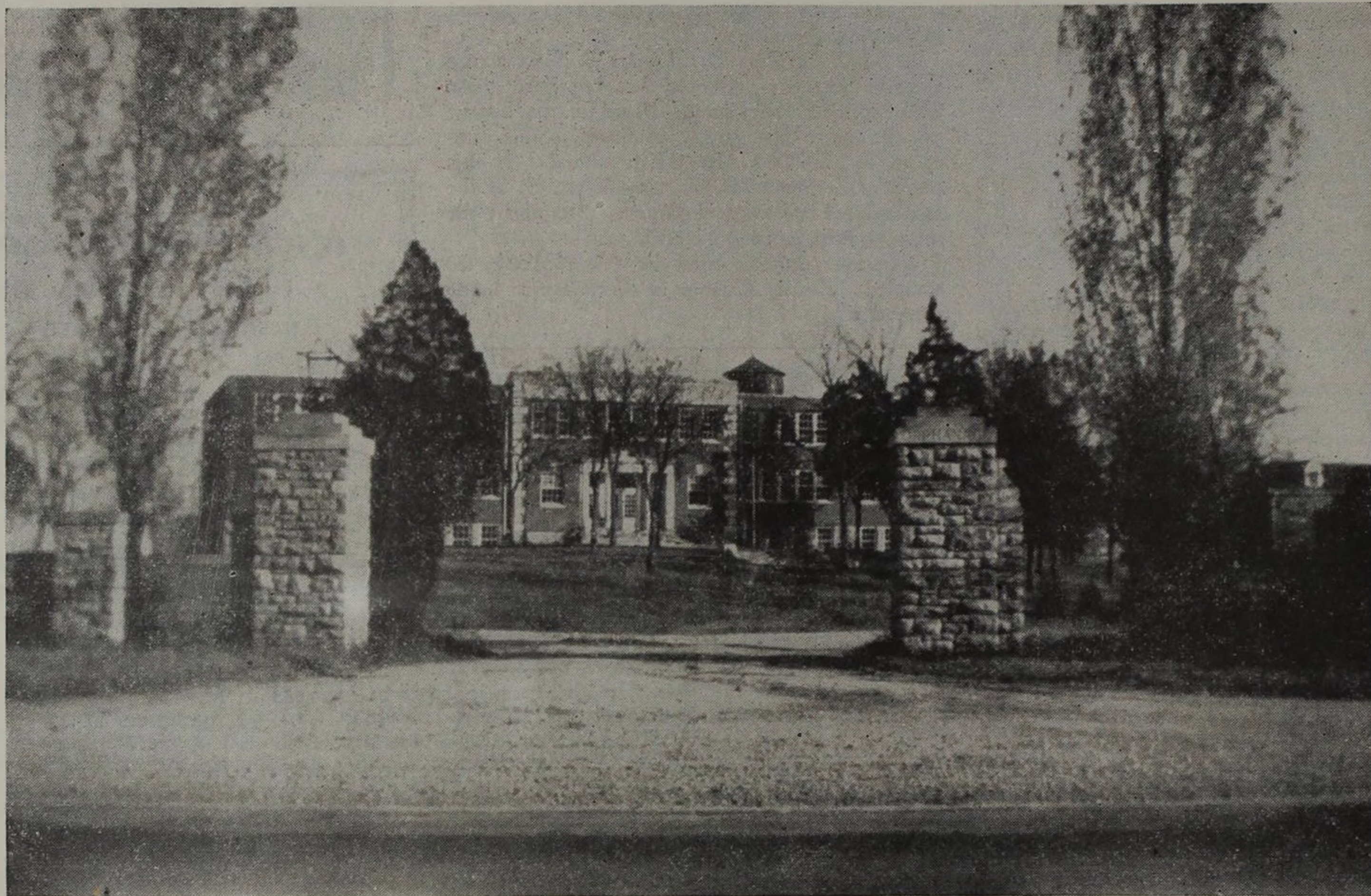
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