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# From the Editor's Desk

## Baptists . . . Protestants?

From Canada we have gotten a letter from a disturbed reader of *Time*. On seeing the March 26 issue of that magazine with its article on the National Council of Churches and Mr. R. M. Chapin's chart entitled *Christian Chaos Simplified* in which four of the twenty nine denominations comprising the National Council of Churches are depicted as being Baptist, this friend from Canada writes: "Four Baptist denominations are on the march to Rome. Surely the Southern Baptist denomination is not included?"

Answering our disturbed friend we inform him that Southern Baptists are not in the National Council. Mr. Chapin's oversimplified chart is by no means inclusive of all Christians, for there is no place on it for Southern Baptists and several other denominations beside them.

Southern Baptists are neither in the National Council nor can they be construed as having once emerged from Roman Catholics as Mr. Chapin's chart would indicate concerning Baptists.

The question keeps being asked, "Are Baptists Protestants?" The answer depends on what you understand by the word "protestant" Webster's New International Dictionary (Unabridged) gives the primary meaning of the word (made up of two words; 'pro' meaning 'before' and 'testari' meaning 'to be a witness') as, "To make a solemn declaration or affirmation of; to declare; assert; affirm; asseverate; aver; as, to protest one's loyalty." The secondary meaning of the word is listed as: "To make a protest against, to object; to dissent; to remonstrate disapproval."

Baptists are Protestants in the first meaning of the word indicated above, affirming their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ the One Mediator; affirming salvation by grace through faith; affirming believer's baptism depicting in watery grave, burial and from it, resurrection; affirming the sovereignty of the individual church; affirming the competency of the individual before God, every saved soul being a priest; affirming the security of the believer in Christ and the believer's life consistent with his profession; affirming a free church in a free state. We Baptists are Protestants of these truths.

But if it be construed that Baptists (as Mr. Chapin's chart implies) are those who broke away from the Church of Rome and so continue to oppose that 'mother body' in heretical schism (which is the interpretation of the 'Protestant position' by Rome) then let us answer clearly and quickly, "No!" Emphatically Baptists are *not* Protestants in

that understanding of the word which is based upon the secondary meaning given in the dictionary and which has had its historical interpretation stemming from the German princes' protest at the Diet of Spires April 19, 1529 (four hundred and twenty one years ago today).

Let it be understood that though we Baptists have received along with Christians of other faiths many blessings from the Reformation our Baptist position antedates and is independent of the Reformation and does not look to it for doctrine or for historical justification. The basis for the Baptist faith is the Word of God and the pattern for Baptist churches is seen in the New Testament.

We believe that ours is a spiritual succession right down through the centuries, but we do not contend that it is an outward, historically—traceable succession. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and obedience to Him, do not depend on any outward Apostolic succession. God's Spirit is in no such straight jacket. Such visible "succession" is not imperative, it is not even important.

We affirm with Dr. E. T. Hiscox that *there is a continuity* to our Baptist faith through the centuries, as he writes: "If it be asked, 'When and where did Baptist history begin? Who were the first of their honoured line?' Without hesitation we reply, 'They commenced with Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. And the first of their faith were His disciples constituting the primitive churches. And though in the dim uncertain light of subsequent ages of error and corruption, we cannot at all times follow the trail, or identify their presence with absolute certainty, yet we feel positively assured that they have always existed. Like a stream which pursues its way from the mountains to the sea, and never ceases, though its course at times be through mountain gorges, trackless deserts and hidden caverns, we know it is somewhere, though we cannot trace it, but we recognize it when it again comes to light with a grander sweep, a deeper current, and stronger tide.'"

We affirm that the principles for which Baptists stand have been like that. Baptists contend today for a faith which is more than a reformation of Roman ecclesiasticism. Baptists declare a faith based on the New Testament, not upon the Reformation of the 16th century.

Therefore we Baptists *protest* our faith (which God has mercifully granted us in His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord, our Saviour, the only Head of the Church, the coming Judge of all) not because of what Rome was or is, but because of what we are through the grace of God.

## REFLECTIONS

Lots of folks wouldn't look as old as they do if they didn't act as young as they do. (Joe Digiovanni)

Virtues practiced in the lives of people are the building blocks of civilization. (Joy Elmer Morgan), *NEA Journal*

It is not so much what we haven't but what others have that makes for unhappiness. (Frank C. Ross), *Hobbies*

Leadership implies knowing where you want to go, how you plan to get there, and how you will help your associates to advance with you. *Management Briefs*

We must realize that when a white man and a colored man have trouble, most colored people are going to feel the white man is wrong. That is especially true when the fight takes place in the colored man's back yard. (Comment on general attitude of Asia toward the U. S. by Army spokesman.)

Cambridge's John Oman gave this advice to young preachers: Be careful, or you will spend more time arranging your books than in reading them, and in referring to your engagements than in keeping them; and you will develop a trot that does not cover half as much ground as an easy swing, and a babble of words that does not say half as much as one quiet phrase.

Politically ambitious Attorney General McGrath on March 30, in a speech before the convention of the National Catholic Educational Association at Cleveland, Ohio, declared that there "must not" be "any fence between" church and state in this country. Mr. McGrath a prominent Catholic layman denies that the principle of separation of church and state is embedded in the federal constitution. He has even charged those who support this principle as having a "spirit of bad taste and bigotry." For the United States Attorney General to make such a statement attributed to him unfits him for the office which he mistakenly holds.

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# A Primitive Triumph

by Dr. F. W. BOREHAM

It stands to the eternal renown of the Australian blackfellow that he was the first to mediate lugubriously on the distressing circumstance that, whenever he flung his club at his enemy without hitting him, he provided his foe with a missile that could at once be hurled back again, to his own undoing.

Then, noticing the peculiar way in which leaves and other flat substances glided and gyrated in the air, it flashed upon him that it should be possible so to carve his weapon that, when it missed its mark, it would swing back to his own hand. And so he whittled away at his sticks—for how many years or generations or centuries, nobody knows—until he at length completed the weapon that will abide upon the earth as his memorial long after he himself has joined the ghostly ranks of the extinct nationalities.

Ever since the first white man saw an Australian aborigine with a boomerang in his hand, moralists and philosophers have employed the weapon as the national emblem of certain processes and principles; but it must be sadly confessed that they have handled the imagery of the boomerang with a skill vastly inferior to the skill with which the blackfellow has handled the implement itself.

When the black man uses the boomerang, he manipulates the weapon with consummate cleverness; when a white man talks about the boomerang, he handles the theme with incredible stupidity. It may be perfectly true that, when one man maliciously injures another, the reflex influence of his spitefulness, rebounds upon his own head. And, in the same way, it may be perfectly true that no man ever yet did a noble and unselfish deed without being himself the better for it.

But these conclusions cannot be deduced from, or illustrated by, the behaviour of the boomerang. The dominating and essential fact about the boomerang—the fact that these excellent homilies consistently overlook—is the fact that the boomerang that achieves its purpose never comes back. It is like the dove that Noah sent forth from the ark; it only returned when it had failed in its quest; on discovering dry land, it appeared no more.

The boomerang thus offers us a far finer philosophy than the paltry philosophy that he who does good is himself enriched by his well-doing. That after all, is but a sordid philosophy of self-interest. The really significant thing is that when the boomerang, striking its target, does not return, the blackfellow is glad to have it so. The success of his throw is his best reward.

But what if the throw fail? In that case, and in that case only, the boomerang returns. And since, in that case, the boomer-

ang returns, the possibility of total failure is thereby eliminated.

A man may pour all his soul into a gallant enterprise that nobody appreciates; he may write, with the intensity of an inspired and passionate purpose, a book that nobody reads; he may, by real self-sacrifice, make a gift that will only be despised or squandered. What then? it is at this point that the much misunderstood boomerang speaks out bravely its message of comfort.

It is the futile boomerang that returns, and that, but returning, cancels its own futility. Nothing is ever really lost. That is the profound secret that the good priest whispered to the heartbroken Evangeline when he discovered that, although, as a result of her lifelong quest, she had not found her lost Gabriel, her own soul had been unspeakably sweetened and sanctified by her cruel ordeal—

Talk not of wasted affection; affection never was wasted;

If it enrich not the heart of another, its waters returning

Back to their springs, like the rain, shall fill them full of refreshment;  
That which the fountain sends forth returns again to the fountain.

That is what the Psalmist meant when he said that his prayer, apparently unanswered, returned into his own bosom. That is what the Master meant when addressing His first ministers, He told them to bless every home that they entered. For He added, if the people be not worthy, your benediction shall return to you. That is the profound significance of the boomerang. It is a significance that will not be lost upon those who, having lived brave, unselfish, and useful lives, sometimes fancy that they have nevertheless lived in vain.

*The Australian Baptist*

## 1951 SBC Receipts Total \$4,175,628

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Total gifts to SBC Cooperative Program passed the four million mark last month. Southern Baptists contributed \$4,175,628 during the first three months of 1951. This is \$634,861 more than the total receipts for the corresponding period of 1950 when contributions totaled \$3,540,767. This announcement was made by Duke K. McCall, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention and executive secretary of the Executive Committee.

## *To Whom It May Concern*

For the past twelve years I have had the privilege of cooperating with Tennessee Baptists in extending, enlarging, and undergirding the work of Christ. It is my good pleasure to serve as a member of the Executive Board of Tennessee Baptists.

Frankly, I am a little tired of receiving mail, some of it anonymous, suggesting that Tennessee Baptists have broken faith with Cumberland University and that our acquiring Ward-Belmont was more or less "seizure by force." Some of the folk who are having difficulty adjusting themselves to the facts involved should examine their motives in the light of their interest in, and support of the above named schools during recent years.

In spite of all we could do, Cumberland University was doomed. We did our best to make it a success, but frankly, we could not revive the corpse. There was an appalling indifference on the part of the Alumni. The financial campaigns met a wave of solid resistance. We could not continue to put our money into a hopeless situation.

Now, about Ward-Belmont—For a number of years this honored school has been operating on borrowed money. They could not continue. The men responsible for Ward-Belmont made the approach to Tennessee Baptists, who acted in good faith. Surely, the now aroused Alumnae were not entirely ignorant of the beloved and historic school's financial plight. The pungent saying "too little and too late," may apply at this point.

Some of these same folk are making personal attacks on our Executive Secretary, Dr. Charles W. Pope. It is intimated that he has acted without authority from the Executive Board of Tennessee Baptists. This is not true. Every step taken has been authorized by our Board. We have implicit faith in his leadership and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention he is regarded as one of our greatest State Secretaries. His integrity, honesty and business judgment are of the highest order. Tennessee Baptists will back him, and I can assure the critics that they will not disturb the great host of Tennessee Baptists.

Ramsey Pollard, Pastor  
Broadway Baptist Church  
Knoxville, Tennessee

## Tennessean Appointed Missionary to Japan

Mrs. Calvin Parker, the former Miss Harriett Hale, of Russellville, Tenn., and her husband were among the nineteen missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in its semiannual full meeting in Richmond, Va., April 10-11. They will go to Japan.

Mr. Parker is a native of Florida, but he attended Carson-Newman College, graduating in the same class with Mrs. Parker. She has taken work in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Forth Worth, where he will receive his B.D. degree in May.

Mrs. Parker accepted Christ at the age of nine. She was baptized on Christmas Day. During her tenth summer, she attended a Girl's Auxiliary house party at Carson-Newman. At this time Miss Kathleen Manley sailed for Africa and Harriett wanted to become a missionary right then. This desire has heightened through the years, she told the Board. She made the public dedication of her life to foreign missions while at a Training Union conference at Ridgecrest in the summer of 1946.

During her college years she spent one summer with the Woman's Missionary Union of Illinois under the Home Mission Board. She served as president of the Y.W.A. in Carson-Newman at the same time that Calvin Parker was president of the Baptist Student Union. They married in the fall of 1948 and entered Southwestern Seminary.

They have one child, Patsy Nell, one year old.

## Truman Hears Report on Evangelism

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Truman told a group of 86 Baptist leaders here that the world stands in desperate need of religious faith.

The Baptist group called on Mr. Truman to tell him of progress in the Simultaneous Evangelism Crusade sponsored by 58 Baptist churches in the Washington area.

Mr. Truman said he feels that the world needs to turn to religion to find the solution of its problems. He said that religion emphasizes the value of human rights which are under attack in many areas of the world.

Fred Swank, pastor of Sagamore Hills church, Fort Worth, Texas, who preached daily in Washington during the crusade here, served as spokesman for the group.

He told Mr. Truman that ministers appreciate the freedom in this country which allows them to come to the president and talk to him about the message of the Gospel.

He also told the President that 625 new members had been received by Washington Baptist churches in ten days during the revival. Several Negro pastors were among the group that called on the President.

## Cauthen Gives Picture of Life in China

RICHMOND, Va. (RNS)—The Foreign Mission Board received this report of life in Communist China from Dr. Baker James Cauthen, its secretary for the Orient, in Hong Kong:

"People in Communist China are living in terrible fear. Nobody knows when an old friend will seek to curry favor with the authorities by denouncing his associates as spies and reactionaries.

"People are imprisoned daily, and several times each week mass executions are reported. Accusation meetings and mock trials with propaganda-fired crowds, clamoring wildly for the blood of victims, precede public executions.

"Cities are filled with an endless round of rallies, parades, and demonstrations designed to fan the flames of hatred against America and build up support for the war in Korea. Farmers are growing more hungry every day as the government takes an ever-increasing amount of rice to feed cities and support armies.

"Disillusionment and hatred of Communism is filling the hearts of China's people. The response of the government will be more acts of cruelty and more subtle propaganda.

"Churches of China are heroically carrying on their work."

Dr. Cauthen quoted Baptist missionaries on Formosa, Nationalist stronghold, as saying that opportunities for Christian work among the 7,500,000 population there are "the most remarkable they have ever known in China." A chaplain corps has been established in the Nationalist army and "doors are open everywhere to preach to the soldiers."

The board's Committee on the Orient announced that a group of six or seven Southern Baptist leaders will go to Japan this fall for a preaching mission of about six weeks.

## Book Review

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS, an exposition by Charles R. Erdman. Revell Publishers, \$2.

Dr. Erdman provides the reader with a very helpful, reverent interpretation of the third book in the Bible whose key word is "Holiness." Leviticus answers the question, "How can a holy God be approached?" It is a *directory of worship, a code of Laws* and a *treasury of prophetic symbols*. Hebrews provides a commentary on Leviticus, whose supreme value lies in its mirroring of Christ and His atoning priestly work. R. N. O.

Pastor E. Warren Rust and McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, engaged in a revival in which there were 71 additions to the church, 49 of them for baptism. In addition to these there were 19 by profession of faith for baptism and 14 by letter and statement through Timothy Street mission.

## Woman Teaches Sunday School at 89

BATON ROUGE, La. (RNS)—A Louisiana woman who started teaching Sunday school classes 72 years ago is perhaps the oldest active Sunday school instructor in the country.

She is Mrs. L. H. Moreland, 89, of Baton Rouge, who is active in PTA work in addition to teaching the Mothers class at the Istrouma Baptist church.

Mrs. Moreland began teaching 72 years ago in the Selene Baptist church in north Louisiana at the age of 16 where her father, the Rev. J. H. Harrell, was a minister. Mr. Harrell, who came to Louisiana in 1847, was the first Baptist minister in the northern section of the state.

One of her chief pleasures, Mrs. Moreland says, is meeting persons she taught in earlier years. One of these was Amos L. Ponder, state supreme court justice, whom she remembers as "a very nice little boy."

Mrs. Moreland's chief aim in life is "to do all I can for people." In addition to church and PTA work she likes to garden and embroider.

Lenoir City First church, J. E. Ledbetter, pastor, reports one of the greatest revivals in that church's history with some seventy decisions, 46 joining by baptism and 17 by letter.

The preaching was by W. E. Norman of Edgewood, Texas, and the pastor with John Hausser, minister of music and education, leading the music. There were overflow crowds in many of the services.

The church's Kingston Pike mission also experienced a great revival with some twenty decisions. Pastor Charles Hobbs and Crawford Williams, a student at Carson-Newman, did the preaching.

Miss Ruth Womack, Southern Baptist missionary from McMinnville, has arrived in Africa and may be addressed at Baptist Hospital, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, West Africa.

## Priest Defies Church Bingo Ban

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio—(RNS)—Father Clarence J. Schmitt of St. Mary's church here said he would "go to jail before I close my bingo game."

The priest made the statement after police had ordered all bingo games in the city to cease operating.

Father Schmitt said that a state law exempts churches from the gambling ban and that a city anti-gambling ordinance could not supersede the state law.

Springfield officials have cracked down on all forms of gambling, including lotteries, whether they are for charitable purposes or not.

## Partial Report of Crusade

	Baptism	Letter and Otherwise	Conversions Not Baptized	Surrendered Special Work
<b>Associations</b>				
Beech River .....	53	19	11	
Big Hatchie .....	135			
Bradley .....	95	39	99	1
Campbell .....	164			
Chilhowee .....	315			
Clinton .....	127	55	9	
Concord .....	100			
Crockett .....	33			
Cumberland .....	124	57		
Cumberland Gap .....	115			
Duck River .....	106	30	22	3
Dyer .....	200			
Gibson .....	226	104	18	3
Giles .....	97	20	24	1
Hamilton .....	708	361	156	31
Indian Creek .....	31	9	8	
Lawrence .....	6			
Madison-Chester .....	356	165	31	23
Maury .....	93	19	5	2
Midland .....	6	5		
Nashville .....	1113	488	185	52
New River-West Union .....	154			
New Salem .....	39	9	15	
Providence .....	65	37	24	
Salem .....	22	4	1	
Shelby .....	1439	1067		8
Stone .....	54	12	16	1
Tenn. Valley .....	23	9	5	
Truett .....	8	4		
Union .....	22			
Western District .....	90			
Wm. Carey .....	41	13	6	0
	6160	2526	635	125

### Texas Oilman Wins Six Souls in One Day

FORT WORTH, Tex.—(BP)—William Fleming, the millionaire layman president of Texas Baptists, is setting the pace in personal witnessing in the Texas effort to win 250,000 people to Christ.

A seventy-one year old Houston man recently wrote him asking if he could come to Fort Worth to talk to him about becoming a Christian.

"No," replied Fleming, "I will come to see you." He flew from Fort Worth to Houston.

After explaining to the man the way of salvation and securing his committal, together they went to see the man's two sons. They were both won. They then went to see a grandson. He was won. The man then took Fleming to see two of his business associates. They were won, making six for the day. Fleming returned by plane to his home in Fort Worth in the evening.

It was Fleming who challenged Texas Baptists to win the quarter million souls to Christ this year.

For 154 consecutive services in Southside church, Spartanburg, S. C., the pastor's invitation has met with response. There have been 703 additions in 448 days. John E. Huss is pastor.

First church, West Palm Beach, Fla., took note April 1, of the fifth anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Kelly White's leadership rejoicing in that 1,537 have been received into their fellowship during Dr. White's pastorate, with 678 of these by baptism. The church offerings have amounted to \$408,341.78. Mrs. White was recently elected Recording Secretary of the WMU for the State of Florida. Dr. F. Townley Lord, president of the Baptist World Alliance of London, England, began a week of special services with the church on Dr. White's anniversary.

### 500-Voice Choir to Sing At Youth Rally

BERKELEY, Calif.—(BP)—Ten thousand young people are expected to throng the San Francisco Civic Auditorium the night of June 23 to attend a gigantic youth rally. The rally will be a special feature of the 94th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in the Bay city at that time.

Wilbur F. Martin, professor of sacred music at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Berkeley, will conduct a 500-voice youth choir. The chorus will be composed of young people from many states in the nation.

Dr. Keegan is emphasizing to the local Christian forces that, while the program is under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention, he is desirous that every denomination participate. "If we work together," said Dr. Keegan, "the meeting cannot but be a success for Christ."

# STOCKPILING

by L. R. Elliott

Newspapers and radio have lately talked about stockpiling of critical materials in short supply—copper, rubber, cobalt, and others. The idea is not new. Nineteen hundred years ago the great Strategist said, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust cannot consume and where thieves cannot break in and steal."

And the idea was not new with Him. Hundreds of years earlier the prophets had warned of a short supply of the Word of God (Amos 8:11), had urged stockpiling of faith in God and the courage of faith, (II Chronicles 15:8-12), and had pointed to the eternal God as the only shelter that guaranteed security (Psalms 91:1-2).

Spiritual stockpiling is necessary logistics for the safety of the soul against future disaster. The fibre of our spirits is revealed in the tension of a heavy and sudden pressure, not in ease and softness.

On a storm-tossed ship with all hope gone, amidst panicked crew and passenger, one lone man quietly stood up and said, "Be of good cheer! There shall be no loss of life among you. . . for I believe God" (Acts 27:21-25). But Paul did not acquire that resource the day before the storm fell. He had been stockpiling faith in God long before.

## Confidence in God

Confidence in the goodness of God is a logistic item many souls lack when tragedy strikes. They blame God for their loss and suffering—poor, empty souls! They should have been stockpiling for "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose," (Romans 8:28), or in 8:18, "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us." The God who loved us enough to die for us will order the universe for the eternal good of all who trust in Him. "Cast all your care on him—he cares for you," (I Peter 5:7).

Soul nutrition is a basic resource that many should stockpile now. This materialistic age has deluded multitudes into accepting gadgets and things as the food for their souls. Money may fill the pocket but cannot nourish the heart. When a middle-aged business man finally becomes aware of this inexorable fact he is prone to jump out the office window and resolve his dilemma in a broken heap on the pavement below.

"Why do you spend money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which does not satisfy?" (Isaiah 55:2). Jesus said, "I am your bread of life; he that comes to me will never hunger, and he who believes on me will never thirst," (John 6:35). Is Jesus real to us? Do we feed on him? Are we stockpiling the Bread of life?

Make sure you are fully surrendered to

Christ as your personal Saviour. Two revolutionary convictions must move your soul. One, that you abandon sin as life's principle. The central sin is rebellion against God. Turn your back on sin and your face to God. "Unless you repent you will perish," warned Jesus (Luke 13:35).

The other is complete faith in Jesus Christ to make a full settlement with God for all your sins. "Him that comes to me I will not cast out," is Jesus' promise (John 6:37). "There is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). "He is able to save to the uttermost all those who come to God by him, because he ever lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

Power is in short supply with many. In describing the fruit of the Spirit, Paul climaxes with "self-control," (eykparela) power-on-the-inside (Galatians 5:23). Submarines and diving bells have to be strongly braced inside to prevent being crushed by the great weight of water about them. Paul prayed that "you may be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man," and again, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might—that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil" (Ephesians 3:16 and 6:10-11). Time is required to build up power reserves. Better begin stockpiling now.

## An Immovable Faith

For basic strategy probably the most needed stockpiling is an immovable faith in the purposes of God in the universe. Paul had a firm faith in the many-sided wisdom of God in creating the universe and leaned his soul confidently on the eternal purpose of God in Christ Jesus. In Christ, the eternal wisdom of God, everything in heaven and earth was created, he is before all things and in him all things hold together (Colossians 1:15-17).

When our little worlds seem to be falling apart God's big world is holding together. We cannot see all of God's purpose because finite mind cannot understand infinite intelligence but we can trust him who said, "All power is given unto me" (Matthew 28:18), and proved it by His life, death, resurrection, and ascension.

God is working out his purpose now as he did in ancient times. Russia, Britain, the United States, China, India and the others are all pieces on God's checkerboard. Human rulers may decide tactics, but God controls the strategy. This was so with Assyria, Babylonia, Egypt, Greece, Rome; and it remains so now. "Why do the nations rage and the people plan in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves up and the leaders take counsel against the Lord and against his Anointed—"He that sits in the heavens laughs—he will speak to them in

## Let Baptists Say What They Mean

In recent years our Baptist preachers and writers have some among them who refer to regeneration as a "decision." I am not a Bible scholar, and I do not feel worthy to criticize my able brethren. But since the use of this misnomer is so rapidly spreading, I want to ask everyone who can to help get this error corrected.

We have the "witness within" that conversion is no mere decision. Decisions are self-made and easily broken or destroyed. This use of decision does away with the action of the Holy Spirit in Spiritual birth, and makes salvation dependent upon a physical mind. That which is born of the mind is mental (flesh). "That which is born of the Spirit is Spirit." To accept decisions and leave out spiritual regeneration is to destroy everything which Christ died for. "Ye must be born again."

I am a "shut in" and I read about "decisions" in our Sunday school and Training Union quarterlies, in missionary magazines, in *Baptist and Reflector*, in *Home Life*, and in tracts and books. The simultaneous revivals have brought a new deluge of "decisions." I hear all through the day evangelists and pastors report "decisions" as the results of our revivals.

Will someone who is able and who knows how take this matter from here on until Baptists say what they mean?

Cora Todd, Bradyville, Tenn.

his anger." (Psalms 2:1-5).

To believe in God's purpose and to confidently rest upon Him is stockpiling the soul against the worst that can happen. This faith is an anchor for the soul, one that is sure and firm, one that will hold in life's fiercest storms (Hebrews 6:19).

Stockpile all the reserves of your soul now. When the bombs of doubt, fear, dismay and grief start falling it may be too late.

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TEXTS: Joshua 1:1-9; 14; Judges 2:6-23; 21:25 (Larger)—Josh. 14:6-13; Judg. 2:7-10; 21:25 (Printed)—Josh. 1:9 (Golden).

### The Settlement in Canaan

With nations, as with individuals, there are definite stages of growth and development. They are born and grow slowly, often precariously, through youth and adolescence and into adulthood. They then enjoy a long period of maturity, during which time they frequently make their larger contributions to the progress of the race. After this, they become soft and flabby and are overcome and absorbed by other surrounding nations that take advantage of their softened condition. An excellent illustration of this process is found in the life of the nation of Israel.

#### A Youthful Outlook (Josh. 14:6-13)

Caleb, eighty-five years of age at the time of this incident, came making an unusual request. He asked for a portion of the land that would require much effort upon his part for its conquest. At such an advanced age, he might be expected to "settle down" in peace and quiet. But such was not to be the case. While he was old in years he was young and vigorous in body and spirit. We can't help but admire an old man with such an outlook.

So long as a nation is forward-looking, progressive and vigorous it can (other factors being the same) expect its best days to lie ahead. So long as its bulk of people are self-reliant and willing to meet whatever difficulties that come in quiet confidence, they are yet in their youthful and adolescent stage of growth. On the other hand, it is an unmistakable sign of old age when they spend their time and energies in looking back.

Is America still in her youthful stage of development? The writer of these notes honestly thinks she is, the statements and arguments of many persons made to the contrary. With all of our faults, and they are many and serious, we are at the same time a dynamic and a growing people. The patterns of our thought and action must be fashioned with an eye to the future and what we can contribute to it, under God's guidance and direction.

#### Out of Touch with God (Judg. 2:7-10)

Joshua came at last to his grave, at the ripe age of one hundred and ten years. He had lived a long and useful life, taking up where Moses had left off, and establishing the people in the land of Canaan. His work was finished and God called him home,

The tragic lack that existed in the new generation that came into being is revealed in verse ten. For some unexplained reason, they were out of touch with the God of their fathers. Had they not been correctly taught in this all-important regard? We are unable to say, but the situation was fraught with

danger of the gravest sort. The next verse tells something of the consequences of such a lack, "And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim."

Is the present generation of people in our land out of touch with the God of our fathers? Fear grips our hearts that this may indeed be the case. America, as a whole, is not as deeply religious at present as she was at and immediately preceding her birth. Of this we can be positively certain. For the great masses of our population, it seems safe to assert that the church and matters religious do not play the part that they once did. Countless thousands are not decisively

### The Young South

There are some new word pictures in our Young South file. Would you like to see them? Perhaps you will choose one of these new friends for your pen pal.

SUE CRABTREE lives on Main Street in Goodlettsville, Tennessee. She is sixteen years old, a freshman at Goodlettsville High School. Her favorite subjects are Algebra and Physical Education. Sue is a member of the First Baptist Church at Goodlettsville. She says, "I would like so much to have a pen pal."

Maybe if you will write to Sue right away, she will still have some of the pretty stationery which my letter was written on. It has a picture of a beautiful red rose which looks so real that I almost sniffed to see if it smelled good too!

If you are not quite old enough to become Sue's pen pal, perhaps you will be more interested in this nice letter from Sarah Daniels who lives on Route 4, Martin, Tennessee.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I read your column every week and enjoy it ever so much. I would like to have pen pals from the ages of twelve to fourteen. I am twelve years old. I have blond hair and blue eyes and I am five feet, six inches tall. I go to Martin Elementary School. I am in the seventh grade. I go to Mt. Pelia Baptist Church.

I like to read, especially mystery stories. I also like outdoor sports such as softball, basketball, and dodge ball.

I want to hear from some boys and girls.

Sincerely,

Sarah Daniels

Can you make a word picture from Sarah's letter? Underline the words which

influenced, at least directly, by either the ministry or the message of the church. And yet other thousands are influenced in a half-hearted manner. Let us hope and pray that this state of affairs may soon be changed, for to be out of touch with God is to suffer the consequences of a lowered moral and spiritual life.

#### Threatened with Anarchy (Judg. 21:25)

This last verse of the book of Judges sums up the chaotic situation. There was no strong and centralized authority that could hold in check the forces of anarchy and violence. The people did as they pleased, and in the main they pleased to do that which was evil in God's sight and harmful to their own best interests. If we hold to our comparison, they were in their adolescence on "fool's hill," unable and unwilling to take care of themselves.

Thus they fell as easy victims into the hands of their wicked neighbors. It is always so. When a people, whether young or old, lose confidence in God they ultimately lose confidence in themselves and are threatened with disintegration.

tell you what you would like to know about a prospective pen pal. Is she about your age? What town does she live in? Are you two in the same grade at school? Would you like to know how Martin Elementary School differs from your own school?

What else about Sarah's word picture makes her attractive to you? Why don't you write her a get-acquainted note and find out more?

Before long, NANCY PIERCE will be twelve years old. Her birthday is July 20. She is in the sixth grade at school. Her favorite subjects in school are Arithmetic, English, and Spelling. She likes to sew.

Nancy is a member of New Hope Baptist Church. She says, "I haven't missed a Sunday this year."

That's a good attendance record, isn't it? How long has it been since you missed Sunday school? Write me a card this week and tell me. Let's see who has the best record. I wonder if there could be even one Young South friend who has *never* missed since he or she started to Sunday school. When you send me a note about your record, be sure and tell your name, address, age, and the name of your church or Sunday school. Of course, I'll be glad for you also to write other news about yourself. It will help to bring your word picture up to date. But if you don't have time for a news letter right now, be sure to *make* an opportunity to send in that attendance record.

By the way, if you are interested in becoming Nancy Pierce's pen pal, address your letter to her, c/o Mr. Albert Pierce, Dyer, Tennessee. She promises to answer every letter which she receives.

I'll be watching for those cards! So get yours off today!



## REGIONAL CONVENTIONS

Region	Date	Place
Southwestern	May 14	First Baptist Church, Covington
Northwestern	May 15	First Baptist Church, McKenzie
South Central	May 17	First Baptist Church, Pulaski
Central	May 18	First Baptist Church, Clarksville
North Central	May 21	Round Lick Baptist Church, Watertown
Southeastern	May 22	First Baptist Church, Athens
Northeastern	May 24	Calvary Baptist Church, Bristol
Eastern	May 25	First Baptist Church, Lenoir City

## Associational Eliminations for

Sword Drill, Speakers' Tournament and Hymn Festival

Association	Date	Place
Big Emory	May 15	Lake View, Harriman
Bradley	May 15	Rutledge Memorial, Cleveland
Chilhowee	May 11	Calvary, Alcoa (Sword Drill, Speakers' Tournament)
	May 13	(Hymn Festival)
Cumberland	May 10	First, Clarksville
East Tennessee	May 7	First, Newport
Fayette	April 27	First, Somerville
Gibson County	April 22	First, Milan
Hamilton County	May 15	East, Chattanooga
Jefferson County	May 6	Mill Spring, Jefferson City
Knox County	May 6	Central, Fountain City (Sword Drill, Speakers' Tournament)
	May 20	South Knoxville, (Hymn Festival)
Lawrence	May 13	Loretto
McMinn	May 7	First, Athens
Nashville	May 14	First, Nashville
New Duck River	May 6	First, Shelbyville
New Salem	May 6	First, Carthage
Nolachucky	May 4	First, Morristown
Providence	May 9	Pleasant Hill, Lenoir City
Sevier	May 3	First, Sevierville
Shelby	May 13	Bellevue, Memphis
Stone	April 22	First, Cookeville
Tennessee Valley	May 1	Smyrna, Evensville
William Carey	May 11	First, Fayetteville

## Attention: Associational Directors

If the date for your Associational Eliminations is not listed here, please send it to us.

## BIG "C" NIGHT IN BAPTIST CHURCHES

Have you sent in your Training Union attendance for Big "C" Night on April 8? If not, please do so immediately to the Training Union Department, 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

## Missionary Warns of Moral Conditions in U. S.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (RNS)—A Southern Baptist missionary to China for the past 25 years told the Arkansas Baptist Woman's Missionary Union here the same forces that led to the downfall of the Nationalist regime in China are at work in the United States.

Miss Martha Franks, in an address on missionary work in China, said she was amazed at the number of Communists in the United States and the degeneration of the moral fiber of American life.

"This degeneration, at work not only in our government but among the common people, is a terrifying reality and is similar to the conditions found in Communist China," she said.

"The rapidity with which the Communists were able to take over China came about as the result of a moral and economic collapse in the Nationalist government. Now the people see they made a mistake, but although 80 to 90 per cent of them are opposed to the tyranny of the Communist regime I predict there will be no mass insurrection against the Reds because they are in constant fear of liquidation."

Miss Franks said missionary activities are being curtailed in China because of the opposition of the Communists to Christianity. Although missionaries are being forced to leave the country, she predicted Christianity will be spread by the Chinese Christians.

"Many will meet violent death, but they will stand true to the faith," she declared.

## Abernathy Takes Relief to Baptists of Korea

John A. Abernathy, Southern Baptist missionary who has been in the Philippines since he was forced to leave his station in Seoul at the outbreak of the war, is returning to Korea with funds to relieve suffering Baptists there. Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has received the news via air mail from Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the Board's secretary for the Orient.

Dr. Abernathy will give his primary attention to needs among the Baptist people in South Korea. He will undertake to meet the actual physical needs and will also help strengthen the work of the churches. Dr. Rankin said Abernathy will have ample funds to take care of all immediate needs.

"Dr. Abernathy will be glad to do everything in his power for suffering beyond our own Baptist work and will be glad to lend any possible assistance to general needs," Dr. Cauthen wrote.

He will go to Pusan, where David Ahn and a number of Korean Baptist leaders are now located, and will probably make Pusan his base until it is wise to return to Seoul.

Mrs. Abernathy will remain in Manila until it seems advisable for her to join her husband in Korea.

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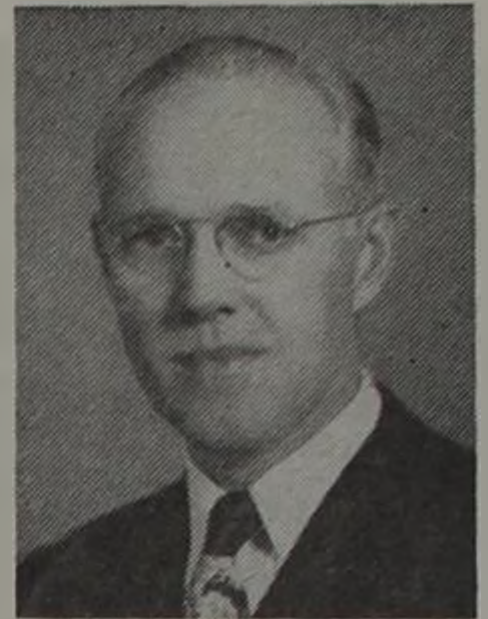
Dr. W. Edwin Richardson, newly elected president of Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Ky., was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Powhatan James at a Bethel Birthday Banquet, April 12. Dr. and Mrs. Richardson and their two daughters, Jane and June, will arrive in Hopkinsville in June to take up residence at Bethel College.

Dr. James is retiring as president of Bethel College, and he and Mrs. James will make their home in Dallas where they will devote much of their time to creative writing in which both of them have engaged over a period of years.

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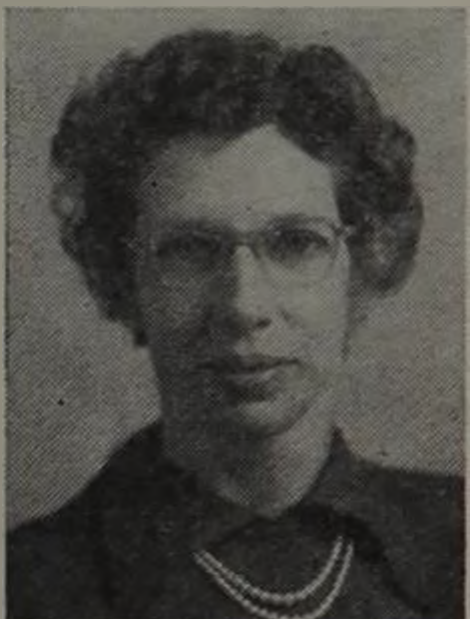
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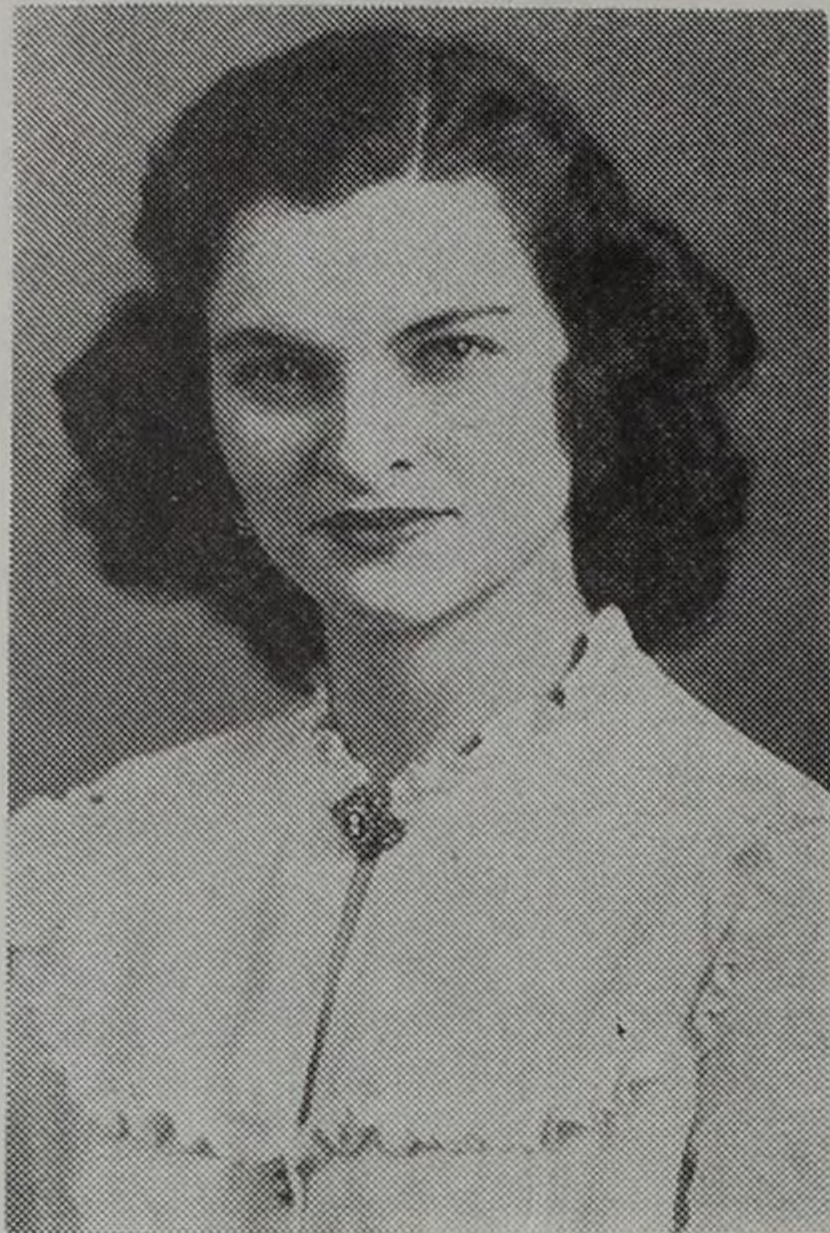
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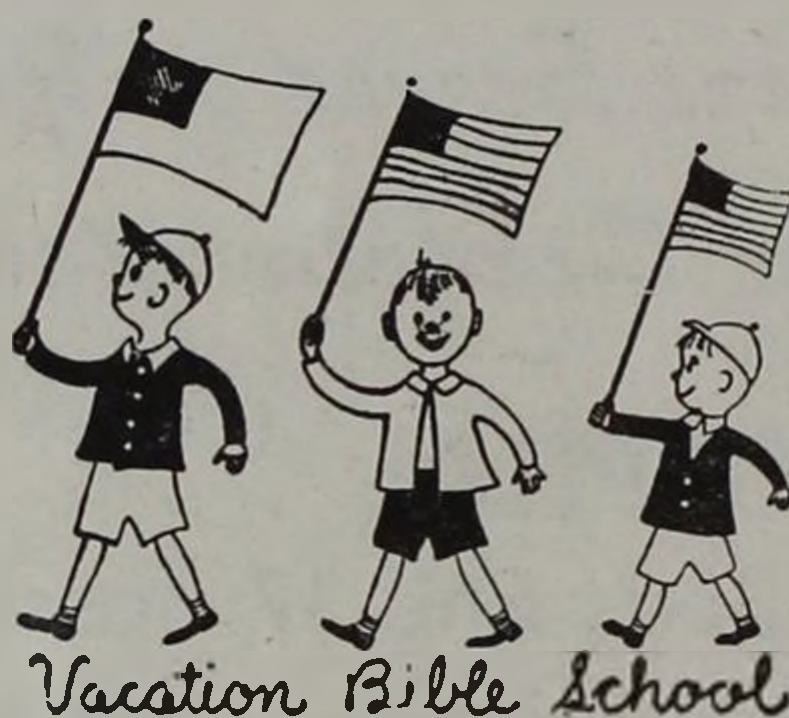
MISS GLORIA KAY

We are happy to welcome Miss Gloria Kay to our Sunday School Department staff. Miss Kay is taking the place of Miss Gladys Longley, who left us early in December to become Mrs. Jimmy Dotson. Miss Kay,

whose home is Hermitage, Tennessee, attended Cumberland University and has just recently received her B.A. degree from Peabody College. We rejoice to have one with such a fine spirit, and hope that you will be calling on her.

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As this week closes, we are closing out our first week of the associational Vacation Bible school one-day improvement clinics. The spirit and attendance have been good, and we are hoping and praying, as a result, for MORE Vacation Bible schools; BIGGER Vacation Bible schools; LONGER Vacation Bible schools; BETTER Vacation Bible schools.



## An Urgent Appeal

"This is an urgent appeal to all pastors and Sunday school superintendents and other church members to see to it that the Sunday school does not let anything interfere with there being a Vacation Bible school this summer. This appeal grows directly out of conditions that neither the Sunday School Board nor the state conventions nor the churches can control: namely, (1) the holding of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco the third week of June, and (2) the holding of four weeks of Sunday school conferences at Ridgecrest during June.

"Even though pastors and other workers may have to be at some of these meetings, make plans for the school, set the date, procure the workers, and have the school. Too much is at stake for any church anywhere to fail to have its school because of whatever complications these conflicts may bring about."

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## New Stewardship Chairman

When the W. M. U. Administrative Committee met April 3, they elected Mrs. J. E. Williams, 1031 W. Walthal Circle, Memphis, as state Stewardship Chairman.

We welcome this consecrated pastor's wife to succeed the beloved Mrs. Hollis who went to her eternal home in January.

## Convention Bound?

Are you going to attend the W. M. U. Convention meeting in San Francisco, June 18-19?

Please write to Miss Mary Northington, 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville, if you would like to be a delegate. Tennessee is allowed sixty delegates, but because we are meeting so far away, your secretary has been

authorized by the Administrative Committee to appoint the first sixty women who plan to reach San Francisco in time for the W. M. U. meeting, it would be wonderful to have a full delegation. Several have written asking if any parties are going from Tennessee. If any tours are originating in our state we have not heard of them. If you are driving be sure and write Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, for a copy of their mission tour. The trip should be planned so the mission points can be visited.

You will get a blessing by seeing how your Home Mission money is invested.

## Thanks from Japan

Tennessee W. M. U. sends a magazine to each of the foreign women missionaries. Each letter of thanks has been interesting. Because of our limited space we are publishing this one as typical of all. M. N.

You just have no idea how much I have enjoyed the Journal this past year. It has done a lot to help me feel conscious of new trends in style, foods, etc.

In case people wonder, relief clothing is still acceptable, and much needed especially in the rural sections. Japan has made so much progress since the close of the war. It breaks my heart to think this country may have to go through another such experience. The war in Korea is bad. The methods of the Communists are horrible. Their resources in manpower seem limitless and with Russia supplying the equipment no one knows where they will stop. Many army families are going home. Some say missionaries will have to leave but we aren't planning for that. We are just beginning to be able to use the language a little, we would hate to have to leave now. Keep praying for Japan.

Elizabeth Calloway (Mrs. Tucker)

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

## Porter Routh Reports

### Baptist Highlights

... A new study of Training Union growth indicates that 57 per cent of churches now report Training Unions, compared with 53 per cent in 1949. These churches with Training Union report 79.6 per cent of total membership, 81.6 per cent of baptisms, 82.5 per cent of Sunday school enrolment, 90.4 per cent of total gifts, and 93.4 per cent of total gifts to missions.

... Total gifts to SBC Cooperative Program reached \$1,852,326.91 in March, compared with \$1,768,239.97 for same period in 1950. Designated gifts, pushed upward by record Lottie Moon Christmas offering, reached \$2,323,301.40 in March, compared with \$1,722,527.08 in 1950. Total gifts through Executive Committee reached \$4,175,628. Texas Baptists sent in \$818,040.96 designated gifts during first three months of 1951.

... Dr. John C. Slemp has been elected associate editor of *Missions*.

... Rev. Ralph M. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sacramento, Cal., and son of Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, has been elected general director of the Council on Missionary Cooperation of the American Baptist Convention to succeed Dr. Reuben E. Nelson.

### In the World of Religion

... Charges made by church-affiliated schools and hospitals have been removed from price control.

... The Government of Colombia has increased the amount it pays to the Roman Catholic Church from \$40,000 to \$130,000 a year.

... The Roman Catholic hierarchy in France has demanded that the state take "immediate and drastic measures" to aid parochial schools.

... The Christian Reformed church now reports 367 congregations with 154,950 members.

... Methodists report 1,772 now enrolled in their ten theological schools, compared with 1,261 three years ago. They estimate 1,200 Methodists are preparing for the ministry in other seminaries.

... Pastor Martin Niemoeller has said that he plans to stay out of German politics in the future.

... The American Catholic Philosophical Association recently restated the traditional Catholic teaching that "gambling is not in itself immoral." On the same day, the National Council of Churches adopted a resolution asserting "the so-called innocent forms of gambling . . . contribute to weakening the moral fiber of the individual and lower the tone of the community."

... The Salvation Army reports that it is faced with a serious personnel shortage for the first time in many years.

### Facts of Interest

... A married couple with two children must now receive \$11,000 a year to equal the buying power of \$5,000 in 1939.

... Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper of the University of Chicago has estimated that there are about a billion suns in the universe, each with a family of planets circling around it.

... Business inventories at the end of January were estimated at \$63.1 billion, compared with \$51.8 billion in January of 1950.

... A recent study indicates that average readers in non-television homes spend one hour and 12 minutes on a typical day in reading weekly magazines, compared with 59 minutes in homes with television. In TV homes, 40 per cent did not read any magazines.

One hundred and ninety-five students and faculty of New Orleans Seminary took part in the evangelistic crusade, helping in churches of nine different states.

## Suggests: Read Bible Through, 1952

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Baptist Student Union, has suggested a campaign to get all Southern Baptists to read the Bible through in 1952. He believes it to be a good way to help secure all we have gained in the two simultaneous revival crusades. He says, "If only one million of the seven million Southern Baptists should participate, a spiritual impact undoubtedly would result which would defy our wildest expectations. How splendid it would be for the world to know that Southern Baptists, who believe the Book implicitly, had set themselves to this unprecedented venture."

He even suggests today the words "READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN 1952." The campaign will not take the place of any Bible reading done in Sunday school, Training Union, or by other groups.

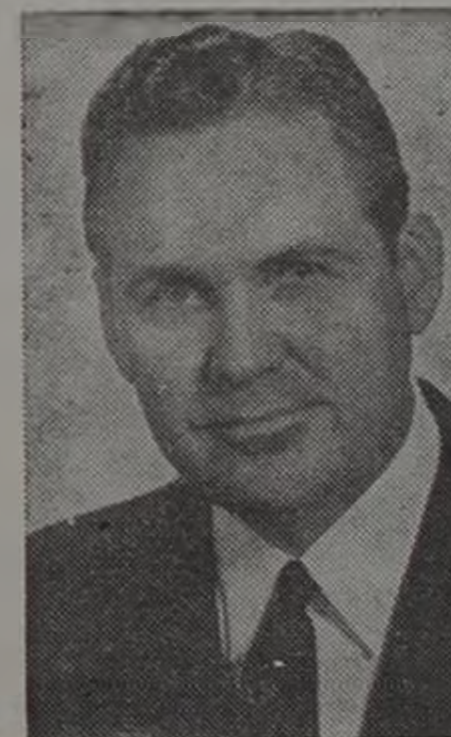
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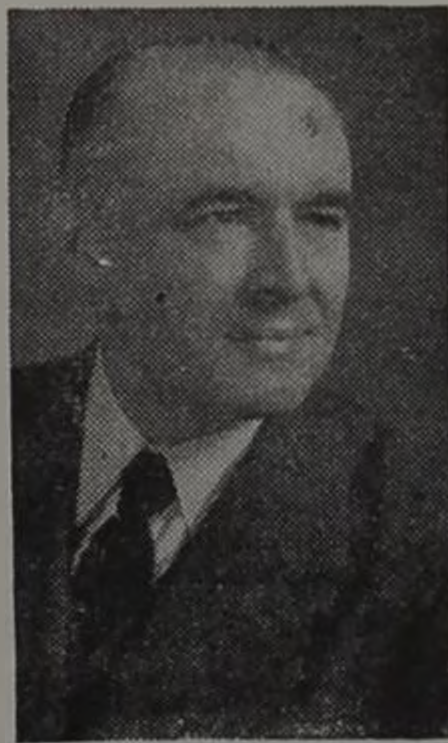


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# East Tennessee NEWS

by Lloyd T. Householder, Maryville

Reports from all sections of East Tennessee indicate the Evangelistic Crusade in this area has accomplished a great deal. Many churches have had great revivals, and large numbers have been added to our Baptist cause.

The sympathy of the Brotherhood at large is extended to Brother W. D. Hutton, pastor of Maynardville church, over the homegoing of his wife on March 27. Brother Hutton has been a faithful servant of the Lord in this section for many years.

During the first week of the revival in First church, Dayton, laymen in the church were the speakers. Pastor R. E. Lee preached during the second week. Brother Lee reports interesting experiences and results coming out of this meeting.

James Riley, pastor of First church, Paris, Texas, was the guest preacher in a revival at First church, Cleveland, March 25-April 8. James Caldwell of Chattanooga was the singer.

First church, Chattanooga, Carl Giers, pastor, is conducting two regular services on Sunday morning in order to take care of increased attendance upon the morning preaching service.

Buckner Fanning was the speaker at a youth rally held in Calvary church, Bristol, on March 16, and in a similar rally held in the University gymnasium in Knoxville on March 17.

Troy Young of Jackson, president of the State Brotherhood was speaker at a Men's Mass Meeting at First church, Madisonville, Sunday afternoon, April 1. The meeting was planned for the men of Sweetwater association.

Since C. P. Jones became pastor of Second church, Greeneville, eighteen months ago, attendance and offerings have doubled. The McKinley Musical Messengers assisted Brother Jones and his church in their revival during the crusade with 25 professions.

Griffin Henderson, B.S.U. Secretary at the University of Tennessee, was the evangelist in a recent revival at First Church, Oneida, Hugh Widick, pastor. The visible results were 21 additions to the church, 16 for baptism and 5 by letter. Brother Widick speaks in glowing terms concerning this faithful servant of the Lord.

David N. Livingstone did the preaching in his church, Mt. Lebanon, Maryville. During the revival 10 old men were reached for the Lord and the church. He reports a great revival.

Carson-Newman College has begun a series of weekly broadcasts over WCRK Morristown at 12:30 p.m., and WKGK Knoxville at 2 p.m., on Sunday afternoons.

During the week of May 21-25 Carson-Newman College will celebrate its Centennial. The three principal addresses during the week are Baccalaureate Sermon, Dr. Townley Lord, president of the Baptist World Alliance; Centennial Address, Senator James Duff of Pennsylvania; and Commencement Address, Dr. Doak S. Campbell, president of Florida State University. Dr. Lord will deliver the sermon on Thursday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m. and Senator Duff will speak at 2 p.m. on the same day. Dr. Campbell will speak at 10 a.m. Friday, May 25.

We welcome Lowell D. Milburn to the pastorate of First church, Newport. He was formerly pastor at Orlinda. During the recent crusade, Woodson Armes of Polytechnic church, Fort Worth, Texas, was the guest preacher.

R. N. Daniel, dean-emeritus of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., was supply preacher for First church, Kingsport, Sunday, April 8. Pastor E. Gibson Davis was assisting Pastor W. M. Grogan and First church, Greeneville, in a revival.

Tuesday night, April 3, Smithwood church, Knoxville, Ralph L. Murray, pastor, launched a building fund campaign with a kick-off supper. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$15,000.00 by January 31, 1952. Building plans call for increased space for Sunday school activities.

Ninety-five churches cooperated with the Simultaneous Crusade in Knox County Association. In addition to these, there were 17 Negro Baptist churches that had revivals at the same time.

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First church, Jackson, Miss., and well known in Tennessee, is to be the guest speaker at a Ladies' night meeting of the Brotherhood of Fifth Avenue church, Knoxville, May 18.

Sevier Heights church, Knoxville, Raymond DeArmond, pastor, is in the process of building a new auditorium seating in excess of 1,000. The church is moving along nicely under the leadership of this good preacher and pastor.

Lonsdale church, Knoxville, J. Burch Cooper, pastor, is making plans for the construction of a new auditorium to adjoin the present building.

Bell Avenue church, Knoxville, is also in the midst of a building program calling for the enlargement of the present building.

Earl Stallings has resigned as pastor of Ridgedale church, Chattanooga, effective April 22, to become pastor of First church, Ocala, Fla. During the four years Bro. Stallings has been pastor at Ridgedale the Sunday school has grown from 759 to 1,128, the Training Union has increased from 140 to 238, and the church budget has increased from \$35,000 to \$85,000.

Chilhowee association, and Maryville in particular, has lost four good pastors during recent weeks. Thomas V. Wells has gone from Everett Hills church to First church, Cairo, Ga. T. C. Christmas resigned Calvary church, Alcoa, to enter the Army as a chaplain. James Franklin resigned Grandview church to become pastor at Salem church, Gibson county. O. H. Hunter is going from East Maryville to a church near East St. Louis, Ill. All of these men have made splendid contributions to the work in this area and will be missed in the association. Brother Wells was the moderator of the association.

Clyde Cobb, newly elected associational missionary for Chilhowee association, is on the field and is getting off to a fine start. We welcome him into our midst.

Fred Garner, a student at Harrison-Chilhowee academy, was ordained by Six Mile church, Blount county. He has been called as pastor of this church.

First church, Maryville, has just had a great revival with the preaching by Pastor James M. Windham. The music was under the direction of Richard Greer of Fayetteville, Ark. More than 70 united with the church.

O. Jack Murphy has finished three years as pastor of First church, Etowah. The church drew up resolutions concerning his work there and included some interesting figures in them. During these years there have been 234 additions to the church. All the organizations have been enlarged, along with many other improvements in church property. A total of \$17,011.86 has been given to missions.

Under the leadership of Luther Joe Thompson of McAllister, Okla., as preacher and Prof. W. Paul Converso of the Voice Department of Carson-Newman College as singer, First church, Jefferson City, reports a gracious revival. Francis M. Warden is the honored pastor.

John T. Courtney, Knoxville, was the evangelist in a revival at Broadway church, Maryville, of which the writer is pastor. There were 62 additions to the church, 44 for baptism, 14 by letter, and 4 by statement. There were 23 rededications and 2 other professions of faith. A total of 295 people have united with the church during the present pastorate of a little more than two years.

## ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1951

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	264	115	—	Inskip	583	207	3
Athens, Antioch	115	30	2	Lincoln Park	711	207	3
East	578	168	1	Sevier Heights	643	290	6
First	593	220	—	Washington Pike	311	132	—
West End Mission	75	70	—	LaFollette, First	342	74	—
Calhoun	130	60	—	Mission	63	11	—
Clearwater	87	30	—	Lascassas	76	48	—
Coghill	70	45	—	Lebanon, Cedar Grove	96	44	—
Cotton Port	94	78	—	Fairview	183	99	—
Eastanalle	71	25	—	Rocky Grove	47	—	—
Englewood	177	45	—	Lenoir City, First	480	144	2
Etowah, East	88	35	—	Kingston Pike	43	—	—
Etowah, First	326	85	1	Nelson Street Mission	14	—	—
Etowah, North	315	116	—	Pleasant Hill	206	107	—
Good Springs	100	59	—	Lewisburg, First	569	221	3
Lake View	100	62	—	Lexington, First	270	37	2
McMahan Calvary	82	25	—	Chapel Hill	62	—	—
Mt. Harmony No. 1	95	59	1	Pine Grove	—	—	3
New Bethel	95	—	—	McKenzie, First	287	133	4
Mt. Verd	48	—	—	Grace	36	—	—
New Hope	51	33	—	Madisonville, Chestua	56	21	—
New Zion	107	90	—	Malesus	145	60	2
Niota, East	182	57	—	Martin, First	307	66	—
Niota, First	145	43	—	Maryville, Broadway	456	218	1
Riceville	160	44	2	Everett Hills	349	133	—
Rodgers Creek	45	—	—	First	900	292	1
Union Grove No. 2	99	62	8	Maynardville	111	19	—
Wild Wood	110	38	—	Medina	179	100	—
Zion Hill	64	—	—	Lathams Chapel	146	43	2
Bemis, Herron Chapel	306	81	—	Memphis, Bellevue	2672	1169	25
Benton, First	192	70	1	Boulevard	829	265	—
Bristol, Calvary	482	154	1	Central Avenue	832	331	2
Brownsville	500	249	1	LaBelle	839	219	2
Camden, First	226	116	—	Levi	222	148	7
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	70	94	—	Parkway	531	251	3
Charleston	77	17	2	Seventh Street	584	235	5
Chattanooga, Avondale	673	227	5	Southland	177	95	—
Brainerd	546	207	7	Union Avenue	1217	343	1
Clifton Hill	327	89	3	Millington	269	164	2
Concord	294	119	1	Morrison, Wilson Chapel	79	36	—
First	1188	361	4	Morristown, First	676	150	—
Highland Park	2481	518	25	Buffalo Trail	115	50	—
Chapels	1518	518	—	Northside	15	—	—
Kingwood	275	85	5	Murfreesboro, First	548	125	5
Lookout Mountain	103	39	3	Walnut Street Mission	53	—	—
McCarty	86	38	—	Mt. Herman	145	72	—
Oak Grove	202	93	3	Powell's Chapel	102	65	—
Red Bank	716	198	6	Westvue	460	130	4
Ridgedale	675	233	1	Whitsett Chapel	84	58	2
St. Elmo	386	131	—	Woodbury Road	98	47	—
Signal Mountain	82	44	—	Nashville, Eastland	665	145	18
White Oak	408	58	—	Edgefield	769	179	4
Clarksville, First	525	179	2	Due West	80	42	4
Gracey Avenue	202	57	2	First	1364	433	2
Cleveland, Big Spring	313	125	—	Grace	850	286	—
Calvary	201	112	—	Inglewood	908	193	4
Lebanon	100	49	9	State School	45	—	—
North	197	129	—	Lockeland	617	198	5
Philippi	144	40	3	New Hope	182	102	—
Rutledge Memorial	102	46	—	North End	210	91	3
Clinton, First	510	104	4	Park Avenue	740	201	5
Columbia, First	503	174	3	Radnor	408	200	—
Godwin Chapel	32	—	—	Shelby Avenue	467	162	6
Second	165	119	—	Westwood	139	55	—
Steven Street	113	47	—	Woodmont	417	179	3
West View	156	72	—	Oak Ridge, First	636	83	1
Corryton, Atkin	123	79	—	Highland View	333	62	—
Fairview	191	114	—	Robertsville	421	88	1
Crab Orchard, Hailey's Grove	108	37	—	Old Hickory, First	606	197	—
Cowan	188	73	—	Parsons, First	288	81	13
Crossville, First	195	80	—	Philadelphia	212	53	—
Decatur	82	42	1	Pulaski, First	332	154	4
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	167	149	3	Rockwood, First	401	170	—
First	620	211	4	Whites Creek	102	57	—
Southland	195	103	—	Hennard's Chapel	187	114	5
Elizabethton, First	603	179	—	Rutledge	132	32	—
Immanuel	227	84	—	Bluc Spring	134	66	—
Siam	248	179	—	Oakland	164	68	4
Elkton	63	39	—	Savannah, First	161	55	—
Erwin, Ninth Street	263	147	1	Pickwick Road	32	—	—
Fountain City, Central	1008	209	4	Shelbyville, El Bethel	130	83	—
Hines Valley Mission	—	—	—	Shelbyville Mills	247	83	7
First	382	127	1	Somerville, First	241	117	2
Smithwood	561	200	1	Spencer	94	32	—
Fowlkes	141	101	—	Springfield, Pleasant Hill	157	88	—
Gallatin, First	464	120	6	Mission	24	—	—
Gladeville	155	72	—	Statesville, Smith Fork	89	59	—
Gleason, First	115	38	—	Tullahoma, First	287	81	—
Goodlettsville, Union Hill	149	61	3	Highland	104	74	—
Grand Junction, First	106	70	—	Union City, First	679	114	—
Harriman, South	388	131	—	Watertown, Round Lick	143	82	—
Trenton Street	526	138	3	Winchester, First	231	72	6
Walnut Hill	318	87	—				
Hohenwald, First	143	82	2				
Humboldt, Antioch	272	135	—				
First	608	162	5				
Jackson, Calvary	567	197	—				
First	907	169	1				
North	335	150	2				
Jefferson City, First	530	208	—				
Northside	296	165	15				
Kingsport, First	872	203	1				
Fort Robinson	152	75	4				
Glenwood	306	89	—				
Lynn Garden	460	104	—				
Knoxville, Alice Bell	101	42	—				
Arlington	565	180	3				
Bell Avenue	870	446	1				
Broadway	1392	482	11				
Churchwell Avenue	216	62	5				
Fifth Avenue	970	276	—				
First	991	134	7				

### Benson's Go To College

WACO, Texas—The Bensons are proving that anybody can go to college if they want to.

Milton Y. Benson, the head of the house, has a full-time job at the Veterans Hospital, but he goes out to Baylor University two nights a week to take two courses in psychology. The courses help him in his work, and too he's within reach of the bachelor of arts degree.

Earlene Benson, wife and mother, has her hands full at home—what with two daughters, Mickey Anne, 5, and Linda, 6 months. She also aspires for a bachelor's degree and is pursuing it with two courses in business.

Of course, there's the baby-sitting problem. But they have that worked out too. Papa stays at home when Mama is in class Monday and Wednesday nights and Mama stays when Papa is in school on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

It's not any trouble at all, they say, once they get their schedules worked out on alternate nights.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Benson are attending school on the G. I. bill. Milton, a native of Georgia, was in the Army Medical corps during World War II. Earlene was a WAC, also in the medical corps. They met on the job at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

One of the features of the centennial celebration at Carson-Newman College will be the display of documents, pictures, scrapbooks, curios, clothing, or other articles of historical interest and importance. If former students or families of these students will lend or give programs, diaries, old textbooks, articles of dress, scrapbooks, account books, pins, awards of honor or merit, or any other articles of historical value mail them at once to William W. Bass, chairman of the Historical Collection, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

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# Middle Tennessee NEWS

by Homer A. Cate, Shelbyville

Glendale chapel of the Belmont Heights church, Nashville, Harold J. Purdy, pastor, became a church March 11 when the organization was perfected. This was a great climax to the mission work begun by the Belmont Heights church in the Glendale area.

A glorious and gracious revival meeting was reported by the Wilson's Chapel church, Union association, John Cavanah of Cumberland University, pastor, in which the preaching was done by Lee Greegs, Carson-Newman student. There were 26 conversions and 1 rededication. One day during the revival a group of 20 persons went into a neighboring community to take a religious census and found the prospects for a mission there so promising that plans are now under way to begin one there by arranging a tent revival to be held in connection with a mission Vacation Bible school.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Charles John Yelton, Lebanon, a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth. Congratulations to the happy couple and to the fine daughter.

W. K. Sisk, teacher of Bible at Mary Hardin-Baylor college, Belton, Texas, was the visiting preacher in the recent revival at Cedar Grove church, John Charles Yelton, pastor.

Under the leadership of Dr. A. C. Methvin, Shelbyville, Brotherhood Superintendent of New Duck River association, 3 new brotherhoods have been organized recently: Hannah's Gap church, Robert Hornbuckle, pastor; Wartrace church, Wallace Owen, pastor; and Cornersville church, Norman O. Baker, pastor. The following were elected Brotherhood presidents: Hannah's Gap, Bert Nichols; Wartrace, W. P. Bramlett; and Cornersville, J. N. Rogers.

John L. Dodge did the preaching in the recent revival at First church, Cookeville, with Roy Bethune leading the singing.

Magness Memorial church, McMinnville, E. L. Smothers, pastor, reports a wonderful revival in which 16 persons united with the church.

The revival meeting at Savannah church, Carmack Penuel, pastor, was led by Ernest J. Kelley, who did the preaching, and Richard Oldham, a student in Union University, who led the singing. A gracious revival meeting was enjoyed.

B. H. Duncan, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, did the preaching in the revival at First church, Franklin, W. C. Summar, pastor.

Floyd North, BSU secretary, Nashville, did the preaching in the revival at First church, Old Hickory, during the simultaneous campaign.

William L. Jester, missionary to Nigeria, West Africa, was the preacher in the recent revival at the First church, Cowan, Nelson K. Duke, pastor.

Roy Arbuckle did the preaching in the revival at Eagleville church, Leonard Arbuckle, nephew of the Evangelist, pastor. Leonard Arbuckle, the next week, did the preaching in the revival at Wards Grove church. Both of these churches are in the Concord association. Allen Barrett is pastor at Wards Grove.

Joseph Stiles, pastor of Park Place church, Houston, Texas, did the preaching in the revival at First church, Columbia, James F. Brewer, pastor; the church reported a great revival.

Paul E. Roberts, pastor Northeast church, Oklahoma City, Okla., did the preaching in a great revival at the Lockeland church, James F. Gregg, pastor, Nashville.

A gracious revival meeting was held at Inglewood church, in which the preaching was done by Thurman George of Duncan, Okla. There were 61 additions reported for the first week. J. Harold Stephens is pastor of the Inglewood church.

J. W. Gentry, student in Temple college, Chattanooga, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Christiana church, Concord association, L. B. Collins, pastor. C. D. Tabor, associational missionary, New Duck River association, and Woodrow Meclock, pastor Westvue church, Murfreesboro, assisted in the ordination of the young preacher. Brother Gentry was called to a church and the church requested his home church, Christiana, to ordain him.

## Executive Committee Employees Will not Enter Social Security

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Employees of the Executive Committees of the Southern Baptist Convention will not enter the United States plan for social security. The decision was reached recently when a formal poll of the ten employees revealed a unanimous opinion that they should not participate. The vote was taken following through on the action of the Executive Committee in December declaring that the terms of social security participation as defined in U. S. Government Bill 6,000 "did not seem to be in violation of the cherished principle of separation of church and state."

Bob N. Ramsay, formerly pastor of First church, Cookeville and now pastor at Wills Point, Texas, assisted Pastor Oscar T. Nelson and the First church, Madison, in one of the greatest revivals the church has ever experienced. Albert Skinner of Nashville led the singing. There were 40 professions of faith, 12 by letter and 3 rededications.

Wade House of Orlinda did the preaching at Greenbrier church, Robertson county, March 25-April 8. There were 12 professions of faith, 3 additions by letter and 20 rededications. Pastor Vern B. Powers led the singing.

Shelbyville Mills church, New Duck River association, Harold D. Kilpatrick, pastor, ordained the following to the gospel ministry Sunday afternoon, April 15: Robert Wamsley, W. K. Troupe and Carlton Bell. Brethren Wamsley and Troupe are studying at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C. and Carlton Bell is a student at Cumberland University, Lebanon. Harold Kilpatrick preached the ordination sermon, Homer A. Cate delivered the charge and Leonard Sanderson led in the examination of the candidates.

First church, Lewisburg, Leonard Sanderson, pastor, reports over 100 additions to the church during the recent revival. Glorious results like this cannot be overestimated.

First church, Tullahoma, John W. Outland, pastor, reports a wonderful meeting in which the preaching was done by John Claypool. There were 35 additions to the church with 29 of these coming on profession of faith for baptism.

First church, Shelbyville, Homer A. Cate, pastor, reports a gracious meeting which resulted in 58 additions to the church, 40 by baptism, in which the preaching was done by W. C. Kirk, pastor, Edgefield church, Nashville, and the singing was led by R. W. Carter, Shelbyville.

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# West Tennessee NEWS

by Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington

The church at Grand Junction has in its possession a set of communion ware which is highly prized. And here is the story as told to me by Mr. Earl Tipler, one of the deacons and for many years the church clerk.

Grand Junction gets its name from the fact that the I. C. railroad's line from Jackson, Tenn. to Grenada, Miss., and the Southern Railway's line from Memphis to Chattanooga and Knoxville cross at this Hardeman county town. Back in 1907, a distinguished looking gentleman got off the southbound I. C. train at Grand Junction and had planned to transfer to the Southern Railway train for Blue Mountain, Miss. While in the depot he was taken ill. He managed to gasp out the question, "Are there any Baptists here?" There were some Baptists in Grand Junction, not many, but a few, and these were quickly summoned. Before their arrival, however, the soul of Dr. T. T. Eaton, editor of Kentucky's *Western Recorder* and pastor of Louisville's Walnut Street church, had taken its immortal flight.

Members of the Grand Junction church took care of Dr. Eaton's body until the family was notified. The remains were taken to Louisville for the funeral and burial. At his grave in Cave Hill Cemetery there is a life size statue of Dr. Eaton in a preaching pose, his Bible open before him. While a student in Southern Seminary your reporter visited this grave and took a picture of the monument.

In gratitude for the kindness and brotherly spirit demonstrated by the Grand Junction church, the family of Dr. Eaton presented the church with this exquisitely beautiful communion service set. The silver pitcher is perhaps eighteen inches in height. There are two sterling chalices and two bread plates. Inscribed on the base of the pitcher in beautiful script are these words:

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It was during a recent Revival at Grand Junction that Mr. Tipler showed this set to Dr. J. M. Price, professor at Southwestern Seminary, and to me. As both of us are native Kentuckians we were greatly interested. I asked Mr. Tipler and Pastor Roy Ferguson if they objected to my writing this brief article and they readily consented.

"Are there any Baptists here?" Those words still ring in my ears. Back in 1907 there were not many in Grand Junction.

The records do not show the numerical membership of the various churches but the total membership in Little Hatchie association was around 800 (16 churches). But there were enough Baptists to come to the rescue of a fallen comrade. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Emmett Guy, eldest son of Pastor and Mrs. R. E. Guy, West Jackson church, was elected Mayor of Jackson on April 10. He defeated the incumbent and another candidate by such a plurality that a runoff was unnecessary. Mr. Guy is a graduate of Union University, and is Superintendent of the Young People's Department at West Jackson church.

Henry Day Hodges, a retired Baptist minister, died at his home near Jacks Creek on April 7, at the age of 88 years. Funeral services at Shiloh were conducted by a life-long friend, Pastor A. U. Nunnery, Darden. Ordained to the ministry by Friendship church (Beech River association) more than 60 years ago, he helped organize Jerusalem church in 1897 and was a member of this church at the time of his death. He died on the same farm on which he was born.

Walter Warmath, 14-year-old sophomore at Humboldt high school, won the Jaco Trophy recently as first place winner in the Tennessee Music finals of the "Very Difficult Class One." The contest was sponsored by the Tennessee Federation of Music Clubs. The lad is a nephew of Pastor Walter Warmath, Fifth Avenue church, Knoxville, and a son of Mrs. John Ross Long, of Humboldt. He is a member of the First church, Hayward Highfill, pastor.

Your reporter will be doing the preaching for a revival at Oak Ridge (Robertsville church) the week of April 22.

The reports that are coming in indicate some great revivals here in West Tennessee. First church, Milan, had 54 additions; Union Avenue, Memphis, had 36; West Jackson had 97; McKenzie had 54; First church, Jackson, had 58; Calvary, Jackson, had 38; Parsons had 28; First, Paris, had between 30 and 40; Bellevue, Memphis, had 265; Bolivar had 41. "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

First church, McKenzie, led the state in Training Union awards in churches with less than 1,000 membership. In March they had 126. Robert Hall is Training Union director.

West Jackson church, R. E. Guy, pastor, broke ground for their new \$300,000 auditorium on April 15. When completed it will seat around 1500 persons.

## Additions Made to Convention Program

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The following additions to the Sunday afternoon Southern Baptist Convention program were announced last week:

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Rev. and Mrs. Zachary Paul Freeman, Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina who have been in the States on furlough, have returned to their station. Their address is: Estados Unidos 61, Tucuman, Argentina. Mr. Freeman is a native of Trenton.

First church, Bowling Green, Ky., has called Pastor H. F. Paschall, Hazel, Ky., as pastor and he has accepted. Hazel is practically in West Tennessee, the state line dividing the town. He is a graduate of Union University and a graduate student at Southern Seminary.

First church, Camden, Robert Sanders, pastor, was assisted in its revival by Dr. Chas. W. Pope, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, as evangelist and Garth Turner, member of the church, led the singing. There were 25 additions for baptism and 11 by letter.

Miss Betty Rosalyn Harper, Trenton, was recently elected editor-in-chief of *The Mountaineer*, Blue Mountain College's year book for 1951-52. Miss Harper is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finus C. Harper of Trenton.

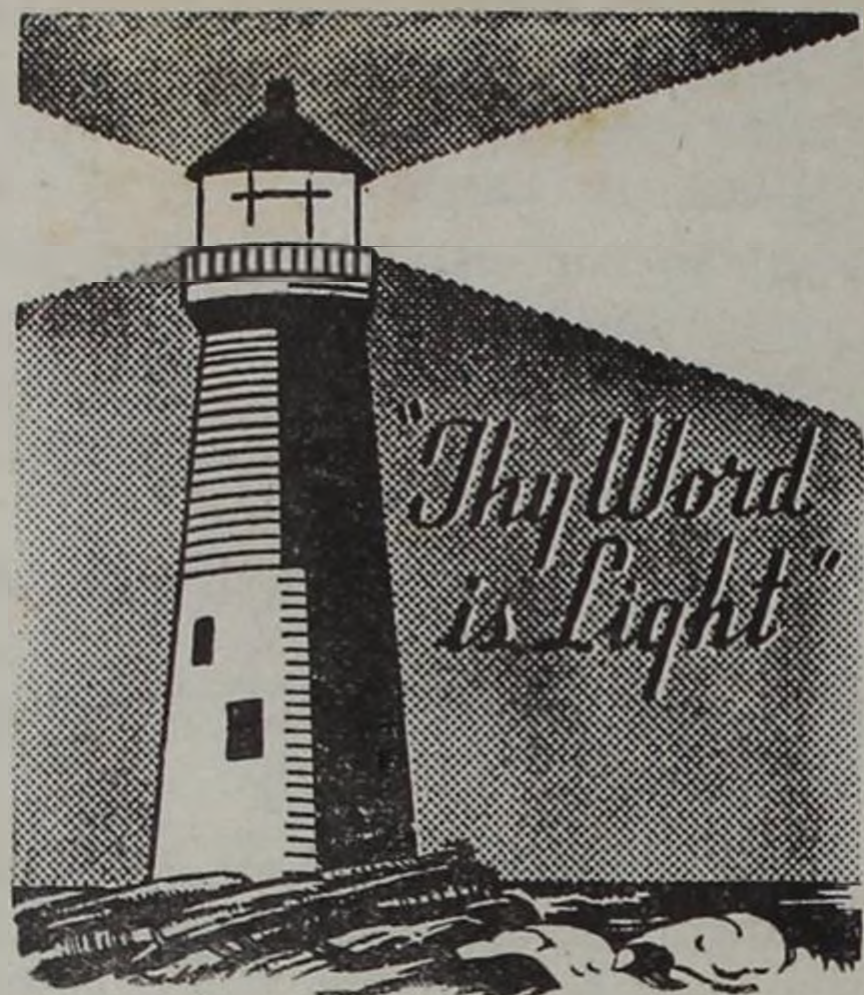
T. R. Hammons of Forrest City, Ark., did the preaching in the revival at Pinson. There were 17 conversions, 8 of which joined the church by baptism and 7 others to join by letter.

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