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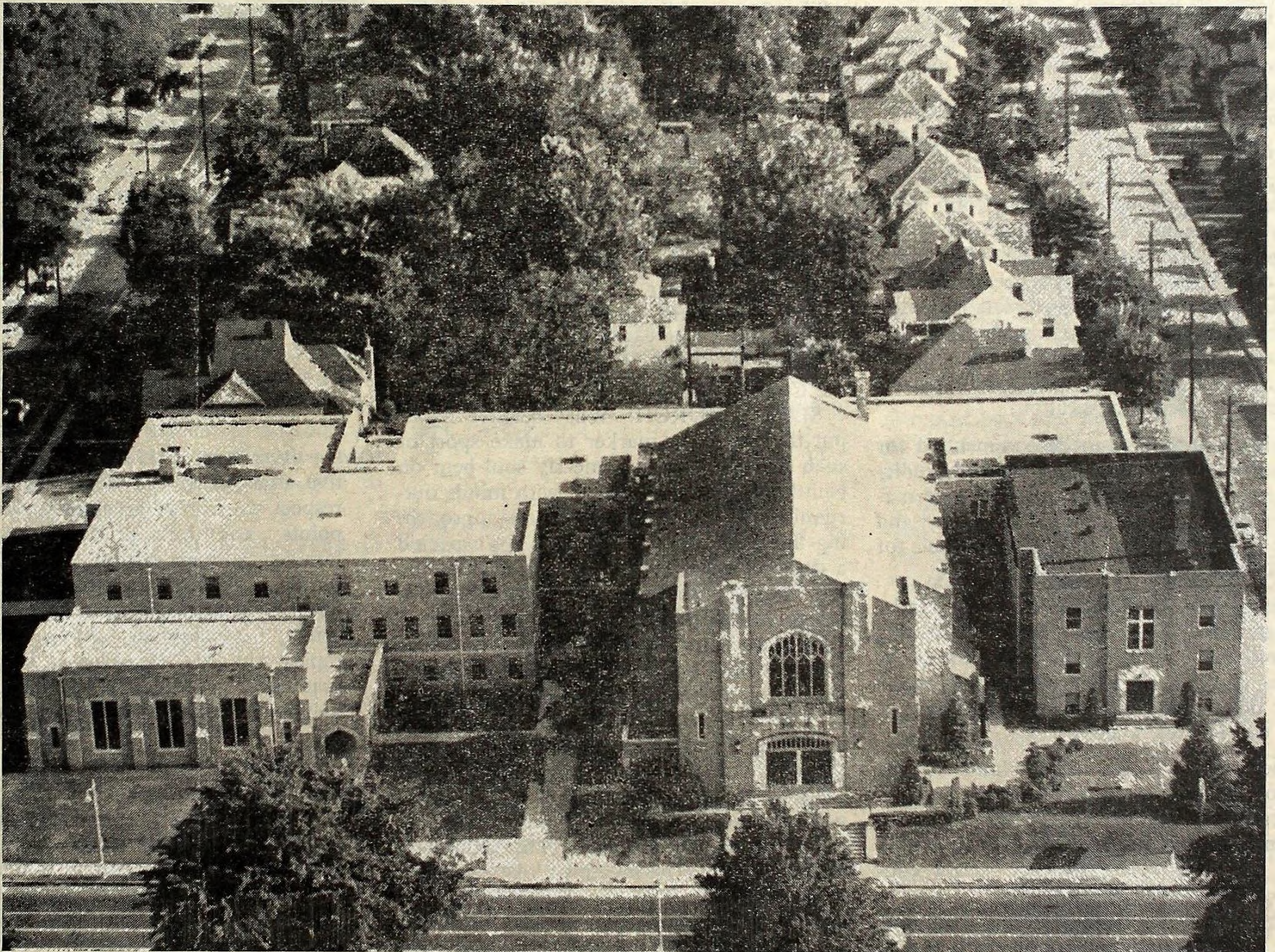
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UNION AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, MEMPHIS



When Union Avenue Baptist Church dedicated its new chapel and educational building this summer, there was difficulty in the publicity because the buildings were too large to get into one picture.

The church had grown until its buildings extended a full block on the south side of Union Avenue (the Broadway of America East to West) between Cox and Summit Streets. So an enterprising member decided on an aerial photograph which is reproduced above.

The \$430,000 educational plant and chapel and the \$70,000 nursery building were dedicated this summer on Union Avenue's 50th anniversary. The church now has a million-dollar plant.

The chapel is seen in the lower left of the picture with the new educational building immediately behind it. They join the sanctuary where the steps lead down to the street. The nursery is immediately behind the Sunday School building on the right.

Dr. J. G. Hughes is pastor of Union Avenue.

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Committee's Report Reflects Sound Judgment

One of the most important matters to be brought to the messengers of the Tennessee Baptist Convention at Memphis November 11-13 will be the report of the Committee on the Study of the Constitution with its recommendations. This committee of fifteen appointed last year at Chattanooga has given long and prayerful study to this matter committed to it. The Committee has released its preliminary report which we print in this issue, pages 4, 5, and 6.

You are urged to make a careful study of the proposed Constitution and By Laws which is being submitted by this Committee. Following the first afternoon session of the Convention meeting with Highland Heights Church in Memphis, Tuesday, November 11, the Committee invites discussion and suggestions on the proposed Constitution and By Laws. Final action is not to be taken till 1953. This is in keeping with the limitations under the present Constitution.

This Committee is to be commended for its painstaking study and prayerful, judicious report. It represents a meeting of mature minds and we believe it will by and large reflect the opinions of the whole of our Tennessee Baptist fellowship.

Changes in our Constitution are not to be hurried into. But where they are for the progress and solidity of the whole enterprise of the churches in their common effort to carry out the commission of our Lord then they will be welcomed.

The main change contemplated in the proposed Constitution and By Laws lies in a program of rotation of those on boards, committees and commissions which would limit everyone to a maximum of six continuous years' membership with no person being on more than two boards at the same time. This limitation of tenure will spread representation further among the brethren. There will be a wider participation on the membership of the various boards since none can serve on more than two concurrently, nor more than two terms of three years each in succession. But at the same time this program of rotation is not to be a procession of newly elected members whose term is up before they can have much opportunity to prove what is in them. It is hoped that the limitations of service by board members under the suggested Constitution and By Laws will not thereby deprive the boards, agencies, institutions and committees of a continuity of seasoned experience—an asset for which there is no substitute quickly available.

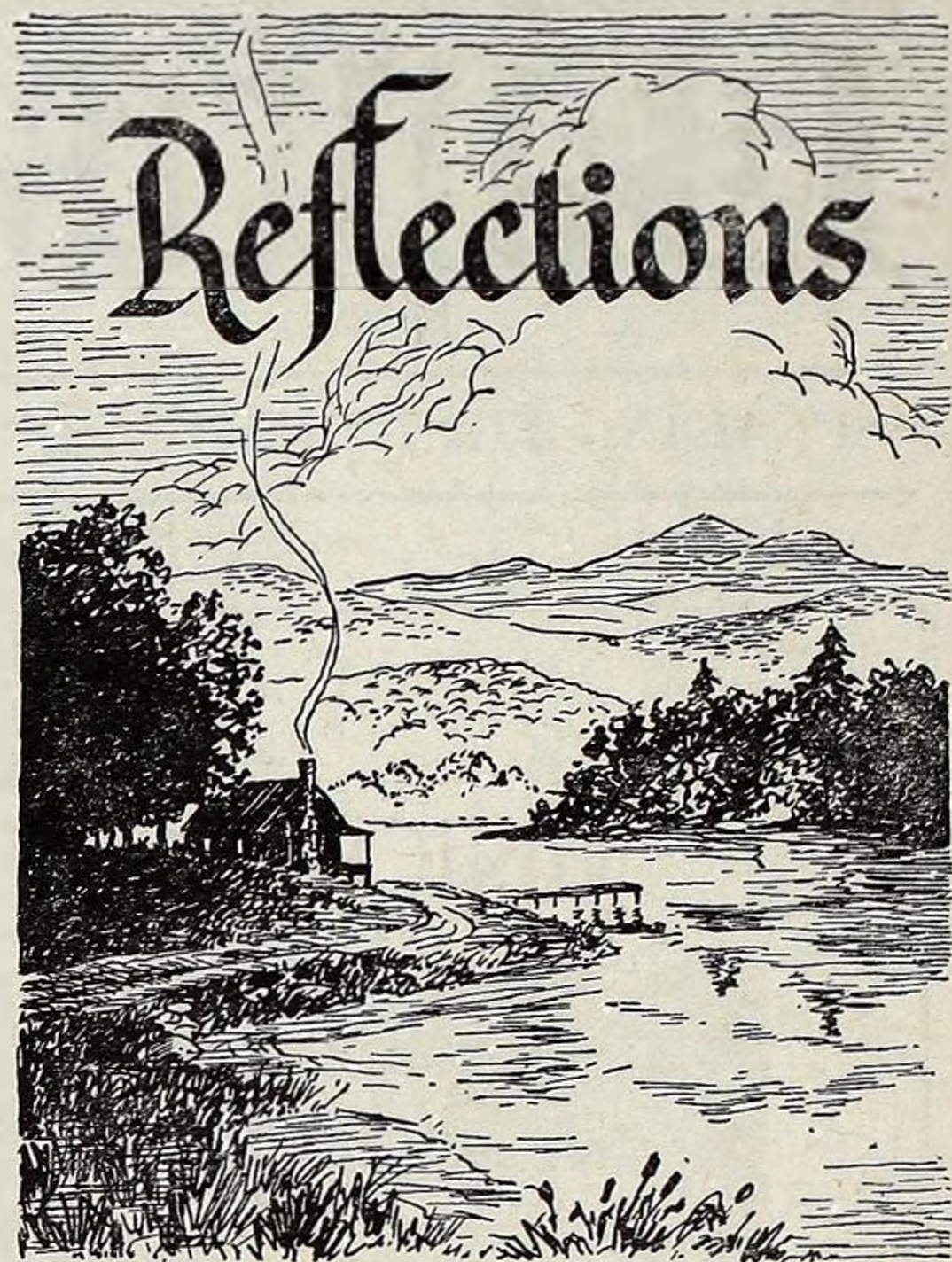
SLOW CHURCH

That's how the highway sign read, "SLOW CHURCH," as our car crossed the concrete bridge above the creek and sped up the opposite hill. We were travelling a US Highway when this unusual marker on the road's shoulder suddenly thrust two words before us—SLOW CHURCH.

Is the Church thus to be laconically labeled by a jet-propelled generation? Is its one tell-tale word to denote a tortoise pace while the world's streamlined procession passes? Can nothing shake its sure repose? So with our mind's eye we looked beyond the cautionary sign to conjure up the little tottering frame building set in its rural retreat with mossy grave stones leaning like Pisa's tower here and there among the rank underbrush—SLOW CHURCH. What activity can you meet in a grave yard? Are the quick among the dead? How sad those church letters too often read at the association. Each year, like the tolling of the bell . . . "baptisms, none" . . . "gifts to missions, none" The year's report—for whom does it toll? It tolls for the listless Church, the Church among the dead.

SLOW CHURCH! What derisive hands put that mocking marker to make sport of such inertia? Was it some sly soul bent on belittling? Thus we mused, with minds out-running the car in which we were approaching the spot. Beyond the sign, we expected a decrepit scene around the shoulder of the hill. But how different! What met our gaze on rounding the curve was no scene of sluggishness, no picture of a decay. There gleamed the church house. Newly painted, with signs of having been recently enlarged to meet teeming growth. It was a focal point for that whole community. Young and old made their way to the Church. The grounds about the meeting place were alive with children for it was a play period of their Vacation Bible School. This spot knew life, joy, hope. The breath of love was upon it. The incense of prayer sweetened it. The flame of faith warmed it.

SLOW, CHURCH! No mocking sign that! Ah, lost world, speeding you know not where! Lost world, intent only to get away from yourselves, yet never succeeding—SLOW down hastening to your doom! The presence of the Church alongside the highway so pleads—the Church alive with Life from Above. The Church by the broad way points to the straight and narrow way. The Church is here telling of Him who can speak peace to your fevered mind, inner quietness to your troubled heart. Slow down . . . Look . . . Learn . . . Believe . . . Receive the Son of God, the Great Head of the Church, the Saviour of sinners. SLOW down world, the Church has the Good News you need, and the Church will tell it to you if you will but Slow Down enough to heed!



During the time Noah was building the ark, he was very much in the minority but he won! When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brothers, he was a decided minority, but he won! When David, ridiculed by his brothers, went out to meet Goliath, he was a decided minority in size, but he won!—Carroll S. Jones, quoted in *Sunshine Magazine*.

Advertising Age (5-12-'52) carries exhaustive analysis of late census figures, with respect to market potentials. Significant points: over half of the United States families formed within past 12 years; families growing in size (reversal of trend); population becoming increasingly urban; educational levels changing rapidly: in '20, 7% of adults high school graduates, in '52, 40%; one-third higher living standard forecast 5 years hence. Population 1960: 175 million.

Patience is good only when it is the shortest way to a good end; otherwise impatience is better. Courage on behalf of a good cause is good; otherwise it is bad. Self-respect is good only to the extent that one is worthy of respect. Economy is good only that one's savings may be used for something worth while. Amiability must be of the kind that distinguishes between good and bad men before we can approve it. There are times when contentment is out of order; and there are conditions in which obedience only prolongs unjust authority, and creates a craven spirit in him who obeys.—George Albert Coe, "Virtue and the Virtues," *Religious Education*.

Most tyrants, most Hitlers, Mussolinis and Neros came into power by propagandizing for the welfare state—higher pay, more bread, larger pensions, more holidays, new privileges for the poor and down-trodden.—*Judy's Spectator*.

Presidential Candidates Ask Cooperation Among Religious, Racial Groups

NEW YORK—The Presidential candidates of both major parties have issued statements stressing the nation's need for understanding and cooperation among racial and religious groups.

The statements were made public here by the National Conference of Christians and Jews which obtained them.

In his statement, Republican Candidate General Dwight D. Eisenhower said that "without tolerance, without understanding of each other or without a spirit of brotherhood, we would soon cease to exist as a great nation." He called on every American to pledge in political affairs that "no taint of religious or racial animosity shall trouble our national unity."

Gov. Adlai Stevenson urged the removal of "fear and prejudice" and the destruction of "the myths that gnaw at our vitals." He added that "we can ill afford to exhibit to the world either incompetence or injustice in dealing with the relations of racial or religious groups."

Texts of the two statements follow:

General Eisenhower:

"Our nation is bound together by certain principles and of these none is more essential to our future than respect for the rights of others. Without tolerance, without understanding of each other or without a spirit of brotherhood, we would soon cease to exist as a great nation.

"In political affairs, as in the times of crisis which our nation has faced and must face in the future, let every American pledge that no taint of religious or racial animosity shall trouble our national unity or distort our earnest efforts to chart a course with justice for all."

Governor Stevenson:

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First Seven Months 1952 Show SBC Gift Increase

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Seven months of 1952 are gone and total gifts to Southern Convention causes stand \$1,633,452 or 18.46 per cent ahead of one year ago. This is according to a report from the office of the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Porter Routh.

At the end of August last year total gifts stood at \$8,849,293. This year at the same time, \$10,482,745.

Largest increase percentage-wise was designated gifts with this year's total 21.59 per cent ahead. Gifts to designations this year are \$4,473,901 as compared with \$3,679,332 last year, a difference of \$794,568.

Largest increase dollar-wise was to Cooperative Program causes. Last year the total for the seven months stood at \$5,169,960. This year it stands \$6,008,844 or \$838,883 higher, an increase of 16.23 per cent.

Tennessee continues in second place, next to Texas, among the states in gifts to the Cooperative Program with \$555,889.95 through this channel during the seven months this year as against \$476,649.77 for the like period last year. In addition the Designated gifts from Tennessee Baptists through Dr. Routh's office were \$188,126.36 as against \$169,383.64 for the same time last year.

Kentucky Editor Hits Wine-Makers

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—The Kentucky *Western Recorder* called all Baptist people to be on guard against wine propaganda to be launched in October.

An editorial by Dr. R. T. Skinner, the editor, spoke out against Wine Discovery Month on which liquor interests of America will spend \$400,000 to make the American public "discover the pleasures of wine."

Skinner said, "Can American Christians do anything about this? Each will decide for himself what he will do. And the big question is, What would Jesus do in a day like this? What would he want us to?"

"We must remove fear and prejudice. We must destroy the myths that gnaw at our vitals. We can ill afford to exhibit to the world either incompetence or injustice in dealing with the relations of racial or religious groups.

"As ever, it is in public enlightenment and understanding that we must place our trust. An informed public opinion is the only way in which our way of life can flourish. If the relevant facts and information are supplied, the people can be trusted to create a climate of reason and order in which we can go forward to the solution of our difficulties."

Ask Presidential Candidates State Views on Prohibition

MIAMI, Fla.—(RNS)—South Florida ministerial groups have called upon the Republican and Democratic Presidential candidates to state their views on prohibition.

The Baptist Pastors Conference of Miami and the Full Gospel Ministerial Association wired Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Gov. Adlai Stevenson:

"We believe that none of us can claim to be loyal to our great forefathers, to our nation, or to our families, unless we oppose the alcoholic beverage traffic with all our heart, in voice, written word, vote and in deed. Please tell us publicly what is your stand for ridding our nation of this deadly enemy that threatens to destroy our great nation."

Public Affairs Committee Review Gov't Tax Help to Churches

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—Appropriations by the Federal Government out of tax funds to church institutions and agencies will be considered by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in its October 7, meeting, according to Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive director.

The consideration will take the form of a report by C. E. Bryant of Baylor University. Mr. Bryant was commissioned by the committee to undertake the research.

Dr. Dawson says, "This research was the first of an exhaustive kind ever made on the subject, and no doubt its findings will be received with deep interest by the denomination as well as with like interest by many in other religious groups, and perhaps by members of congress."

Other reports to be heard at the meeting deal with world situations, domestic relations and world affairs.

Noted Songwriter Dies

Dr. B. B. McKinney died in a Bryson City, N. C., hospital September 7, five days following an automobile accident, in which his car skidded, he was thrown to the pavement and a wheel of the car passed over him. Burial was in Nashville where he has lived since 1935 when he came to the Sunday School Board as Director of the Department of Church Music.

Dr. McKinney wrote more than 700 songs. He led the singing for more than 250 revivals and numerous music conferences throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory. He edited and compiled four hymnals and 19 songbooks.

In his immediate family he is survived by his widow, the former Miss Leila Routh McKinney and two sons, Maj. B. B. McKinney, Jr., Ellington Field, Texas and Gene McKinney, a teacher of religious drama at Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Committee on Constitution for State Convention Makes Preliminary Report

Principle Change Involves Rotating System for Boards, Agencies and Committees, Yet Provides Continuity of Experience

The Committee on Constitution Revision and By-laws of the Tennessee Baptist Convention which was appointed last November in Chattanooga has prepared a preliminary report released by the Committee after its meeting in Nashville, September 5.

The Committee announces it will hold a public hearing immediately following adjournment of the first afternoon session of the Convention in Memphis (Tuesday, November 11) at which messengers will be requested to present to the Committee comments, criticisms and suggestions.

After a final report of the Committee has been submitted to the Convention in Memphis the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR will be requested to make space available under reasonable limitations for discussion of the report as submitted and any other or alternate constitutional changes proposed to the Convention in Memphis for consideration by it at its 1953 session.

The report of the Committee follows:

Preliminary Draft of Report of Special Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws

Your Committee to consider the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tennessee Baptist Convention after prayer, conference and extended consideration submits the following report:

1. It has conferred with the President of the Convention and has agreed that the report of your committee should be received and filed at the meeting of the Convention this year and debate, if any, on the report and recommendations deferred until the 1953 Convention. The present constitution requires that amendments be proposed at one Convention and acted on at the next. This procedure follows the requirements of the present constitution of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the precedent set by the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami.

2. Your committee has prepared two documents—one a proposed constitution which is filed as Exhibit A to this report and the other, proposed by-laws filed as Exhibit B.

The principal change involved in each of these documents is a rotating system for boards, agencies and committees in such a manner as to provide for a continuity of experience and a changing personnel.

These points should be noted:

- (a) The maximum period of uninterrupted service of any one person at any place is two terms of three years each.
- (b) The maximum number of places of service of any one person is two.
- (c) The nominating committees are continuous from Convention to Convention so that approximately one year may be devoted to a study of nominations and areas rather than the

brief high pressure period of the Convention in session. This is deemed to be of great importance because suggestions may be received and considered and a better current distribution of responsibilities made.

In view of the fact that somewhere between 100 and 200 nominations will be required each year of nominees not then serving the importance of having time to study the available personnel and its distribution becomes apparent.

- (d) Representation on state-wide boards and agencies is based upon the Baptist per capita. The only geographical limitation is the presently accepted three grand divisions of the State.
- (e) The President of the Convention and, by delegation of the President, the Vice-Presidents, are made ex-officio members of all boards and committees with a voice but no vote. This can bring to local boards a state-wide viewpoint and in turn to state-wide boards, local problems.
- (f) No institution may be accepted as fostered by the Convention, or, having been accepted, be dropped except by Convention action.
- (g) Special meetings of the Convention may be called under reasonable restrictions.

3. In submitting this report to the thoughtful, prayerful consideration of the Baptist constituency of Tennessee, your committee is fully aware of the importance of the task it has undertaken and has given to it the best collective judgment it has. It has sought to understand and benefit from diversity of opinion and has reconciled in its proposal many of the various suggestions made. Your committee believes that the adoption of the proposals made will keep Baptists united and help us continue the work of our Lord and Saviour in full harmony.

In presenting this report, the committee proposes the amendments to the Constitution as shown in Exhibit A and moves the adoption of the proposed constitution and by-laws as exhibited hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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D. A. Ellis
Paul Kirkland
Henry J. Huey
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A. Roy Greene
M. W. Egerton, Chairman

ARTICLE I

Name

This body shall be styled

"The Tennessee Baptist Convention"

ARTICLE II

Composition

The Convention shall be composed of one messenger from each cooperating church; and each church shall be entitled to one additional messenger for every one hundred members above one hundred, subject to a maximum of ten messengers from any one church. The term "cooperating church" shall be applied to such churches as cooperate with the principles, usages, policies and programs of the Convention.

ARTICLE III

Purpose

The Convention shall promote the educational, missionary, benevolent and other interests of Tennessee Baptists and cooperate in promoting such objectives fostered by Baptists through the Southern Baptist Convention as it deems proper.

ARTICLE IV

Limitation

The Convention shall have no ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the churches or associations cooperating with the contributing to the objects of the Convention; nor shall it act as advisory counsel in cases of differences between the churches or associations; nor shall it interfere with the constitution of any church or association.

ARTICLE V

Meetings—Regular

1. The Convention shall meet annually at such time and place as it shall designate at its preceding annual convention.

Special

2. Special meetings of the Convention may be called at any time by action of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention or by the President of the Convention with the concurrence in writing of not less than fifteen percent of the cooperating churches of the Convention as shown by the last annual report, at least three percent of which shall be located in each grand division of the state.

Call

3. The call for any special meeting shall state the business to come before the Convention and only such business shall be acted upon.

Notice

4. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publication in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR and in such other ways as the Executive Board may direct.

ARTICLE VI

The Executive Board

Purpose

1. The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, a corporation, shall have charge of all its educational, missionary, benevolent and other interests and, during the interim between meetings of the Convention, shall have all the powers of the Convention except as limited by this Constitution, the by-laws of the Convention and specific action taken by the Convention in session.

Number of Directors and Residence

2. The Directors of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention shall be fifty-four in number at least seventeen of whom shall reside in each grand division of the state. The Directors required to be elected from each grand division of the State shall be distributed throughout such grand division on the basis of the Baptist per capita therein as reported to the preceding Convention.

Term of Office

3. The term of each director shall be three years and one-third shall be elected by the Convention in each annual session. No director who has served two successive terms following the adoption of this Constitution shall be eligible for reelection until he shall have been out of office for one Convention year.

Removal

4. Any director changing his residence from the grand division of the state in which he resided at the time of his election shall thereby vacate his office.

Vacancy

5. Any vacancy on the Board shall be

filled at the next following meeting of the Convention by election for the unexpired term.

Rotation

6. The Directors first elected after the adoption of this Constitution shall be elected: 18 for a term of one year; 18 for a term of two years; and 18 for a term of three years; and thereafter 18 shall be elected annually for a term of three years.

ARTICLE VII

By-Laws

The Convention may adopt such by-laws, not in conflict with this Constitution, as it may deem advisable, provided no change in by-laws adopted shall be voted on the day presented nor on the last day of the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendment

This Constitution, except Article IV which remains forever intact, may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention provided notice in writing of the proposed amendment has been presented to the Convention preceding the one at which action is to be taken and provided the proposed amendment is carried by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting.

By Laws

I. OFFICERS

Election

A. The officers of the Convention shall be elected annually and shall take office as such immediately preceding adjournment of the Convention at which elected and shall hold office until immediately preceding adjournment of the next annual Convention. Where more than one person is nominated for an office, election shall be by ballot.

B. The officers elected shall be

President

1. A President who shall preside over all sessions of the Convention; shall be ex officio a member of all committees, boards, institutions and agencies of the Convention with a voice but no vote in the proceedings of such committees, boards, institutions and agencies; and shall perform such other duties as he may be charged with by the Convention.

Vice-President

2. A Vice-President and a Second Vice-President who, in the event of the death or disability of the President shall succeed the President in the order of their rank; and who shall discharge such duties of the President during his term as he may request.

Secretaries and other Officers

3. A Secretary, a Statistical Secretary and a Treasurer with such assistants as may from time to time be deemed necessary all of whom shall discharge such customary

duties and functions as may be assigned to them by the Convention or its presiding officer.

II. COMMITTEES (INCLUDING COMMISSIONS)

A. General Provisions Applicable to All Committees

Date of Taking Office

1. All standing committees of the Convention shall take office immediately preceding adjournment of the Convention and hold office until immediately preceding adjournment of the next annual Convention.

Division

2. Not less than one-third of the members of each committee shall reside in each grand division of the state.

Rotation

3. One-third of the members of each committee shall be elected annually. At the first meeting after the adoption of these by-laws one-third shall be elected for three years; one-third for two years and one-third for one year.

Vacancies

4. All vacancies on committees shall be filled as soon as practical after the opening of the Convention in the same manner as is provided for the election of members of such committee.

Succession

5. No member of a committee who has served a full term following adoption of these by-laws shall be eligible for re-election until he shall have been out of such office for one Convention year.

Limitation on individual service to one committee

6. No individual shall be eligible to serve on more than one standing committee. This restriction shall not limit service on special committees.

Committee Officers

7. Each committee is authorized to elect its own officers provided, however, the committee on committees shall designate a temporary chairman who shall serve as chairman until the committee designates its officers. Such temporary chairman shall call a meeting of the committee at the earliest practical date.

B. Standing Committees

1. Committee on Committees

Membership

The Committee on Committees shall be composed of nine members.

Nomination

Members of the Committee on Committees shall be nominated to the Convention in session by the Committee on Boards.

Duties

It shall be the duty of this committee to appoint all standing committees of the Convention and all special committees required by Convention action or authorized by the President. All committees so ap-

pointed shall be subject to confirmation by the Convention in session.

It shall also be the duty of this committee (i.e. the Committee on Committees, *Editor's Note*) to nominate to the Convention the members of the Committee on Boards.

2. Committee on Boards

Membership

The Committee on Boards shall be composed of nine members.

Duties

It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate to the convention the Trustees, Directors and members of the governing bodies of institutions and agencies of the Convention as the same may be from time to time accepted by the Convention as such, in accordance with these by-laws.

It shall also be the duty of this committee (i.e. the Committee on Boards, *Editor's Note*) to nominate to the Convention the members of the Committee on Committees.

3. Committee on Program

Membership

The Committee on Program shall be composed of nine members.

Duties

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider and allot time to the various activities, agencies and other claimants and submit a program to the Convention as soon as practical after convening of the Convention.

Change of Program

Any program so adopted shall not thereafter be changed except upon a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting.

4. General Committees

Membership

Each general committee or commission shall be composed of six members.

Duties

Each general committee and commission shall study and report to the convention on the activity of the convention in the field of work suggested by the title of the committee or commission with such recommendations with reference thereto as the committee or commission may see fit to present.

General Committee Names

The following shall be the general committees and commissions of the convention:

Education
Orphans
Tennessee Baptist Press
Relief and Annuity
Radio
Music
Cooperative Program
W.M.U.
Sunday School
Training Union
Baptist Student Union
Brotherhood
Social Service
Memorial

Camps
Hospitals
Credentials
Journal

5. Special Committees

Creation by Convention

Such special committees may be created by the Convention as it deems proper under terms and conditions and for such purpose not within the purpose of a standing committee as it may declare by resolution.

By the President

During the interim between Conventions special committees may be created within the same limitation by the President.

III. BOARDS, INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

1. The following shall be the Boards, Institutions and Agencies of the Convention whose trustees, directors or governing body shall be elected by the Convention:

- (a) Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention (as provided by the Constitution)
- (b) The Tennessee Baptist Orphans Home
- (c) Union University
- (d) Carson-Newman College
- (e) Belmont College (Ward-Belmont, Inc.)
- (f) Harrison-Chilhowee Academy
- (g) East Tennessee Baptist Hospital
- (h) Mid State Baptist Hospital
- (i) Tennessee Baptist Historical Society
- (j) Tennessee Baptist Press, Inc.
- (k) Tennessee Baptist Foundation
- (l) Baptist Memorial Hospital (Tennessee members)

2. No individual shall be elected after the adoption of these by-laws to serve on more than two of the governing bodies of such institutions, etc., simultaneously.

3. The terms of office of each member of such bodies shall be three years. No such member who has served two successive terms following the adoption of these by-laws shall be eligible for re-election until he shall have been out of office for one Convention year; provided, however, this requirement may be waived by the Convention as to any person or persons whose continued service is required for extraordinary, technical, legal or financial reasons upon recommendation of the Committee on Trustees, Directors and governing bodies of institutions and agencies unless otherwise prohibited by the Constitution.

4. Any member of any such body who shall leave the state or the grand division of the state in which resident at the time of election shall thereby vacate his office.

5. Vacancies shall be filled at the next session of the Convention by election for unexpired term of the member whose death, resignation or removal caused the vacancy.

6. No board, institution or agency whose trustees, directors or governing board is elected under these by-laws shall

- (a) Be abandoned or transferred without the prior approval of the Convention session.

- (b) Incur indebtedness for current operations or capital needs without the prior approval of the Convention in session or, in the interim, of the Executive Board of the Convention; or
- (c) Engage in any campaign to raise funds without the prior approval of the Convention in session or, in the interim, of the Executive Board of the Convention.
- (d) Violate the policies or programs of the Convention.

In the event of the violation of any of these provisions then the Treasurer, at the direction of the Convention in session, or in the interim, the Executive Board of the Convention, may withhold any Cooperative Program allocations or apply the same for the benefit of the violator in such manner as may be deemed wise.

7. New institutions and agencies shall be finally accepted only by the Convention in session in the manner provided for an amendment to these by-laws.

8. The committee on Boards in nominating directors of the Executive Committee to be currently elected shall give consideration to areas from which no directors are then serving and so far as practical in compliance with the constitutional mandate shall nominate and rotate directors throughout the areas.

IV. CONVENTION PROCEDURE

1. The Convention shall be called to order by the President and, after prayer, the Convention shall hear the preliminary report of the Committee on credentials as to the number of messengers then present. A quorum shall consist of messengers from not less than fifty-four of the cooperating churches as shown by the report of the preceeding Convention at least 17 of which shall be located in each grand division of the state. If a quorum is present, the Convention shall then hear and act upon the report of the Committee on Program and shall thereafter proceed in accordance with such program as adopted consistent with these by-laws. If a quorum is not present, the Convention shall suspend until one appears.

2. Parliamentary procedure shall be in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

3. Any ruling of the presiding officer may be appealed to the Convention and changed, reversed, or modified by two-thirds vote of the messengers present and voting.

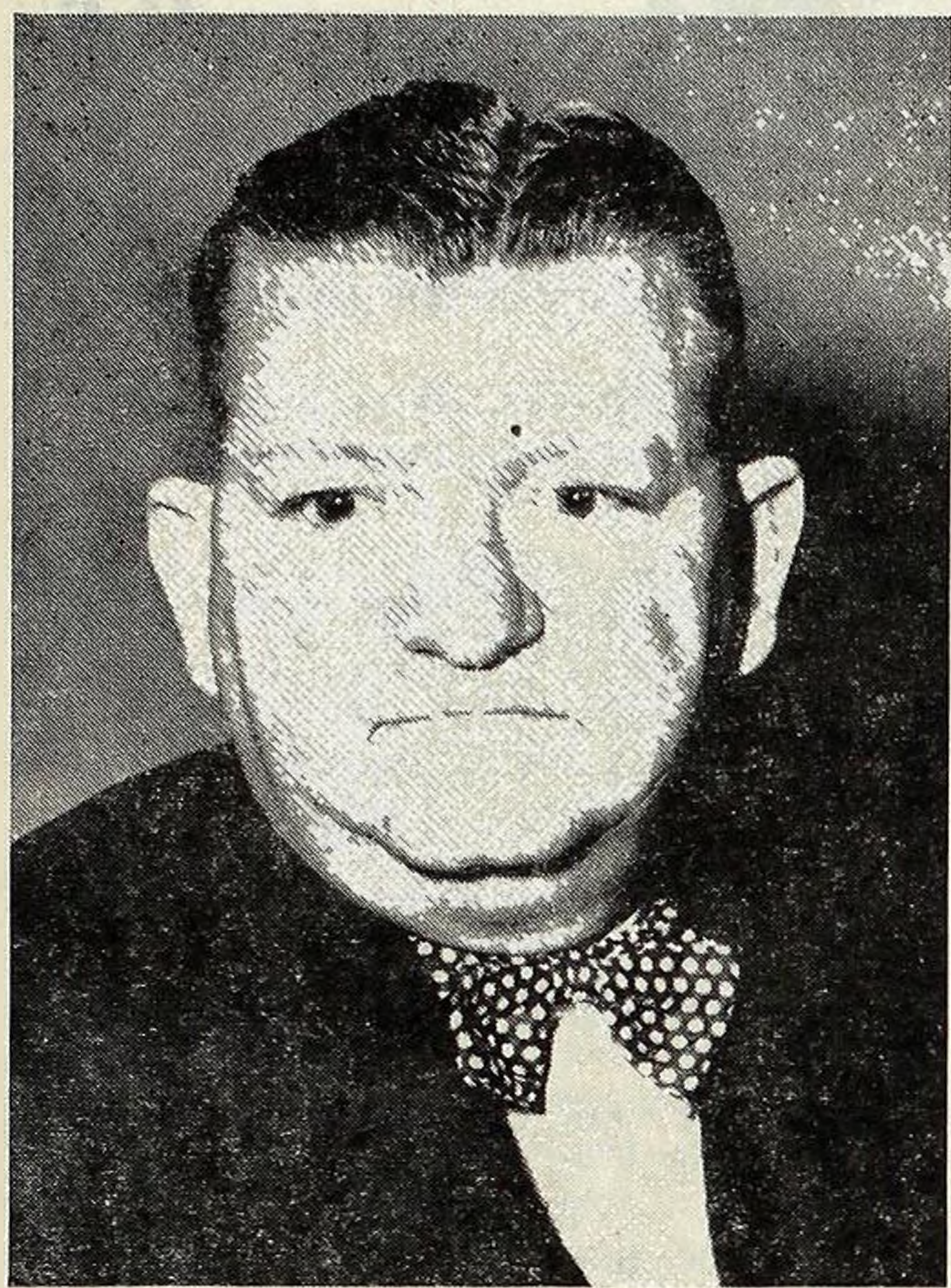
V. AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any session of the Convention in any manner not in conflict with the constitution provided:

- (a) The amendment is proposed in writing and read to the Convention on the day prior to any vote thereon by the Convention; and
- (b) No such amendment shall be considered or voted on the last day of the Convention.

Salesman's All-Out Campaign for the Ten Commandments

by NULL ADAMS, 707 Spring Street, Memphis, Tennessee

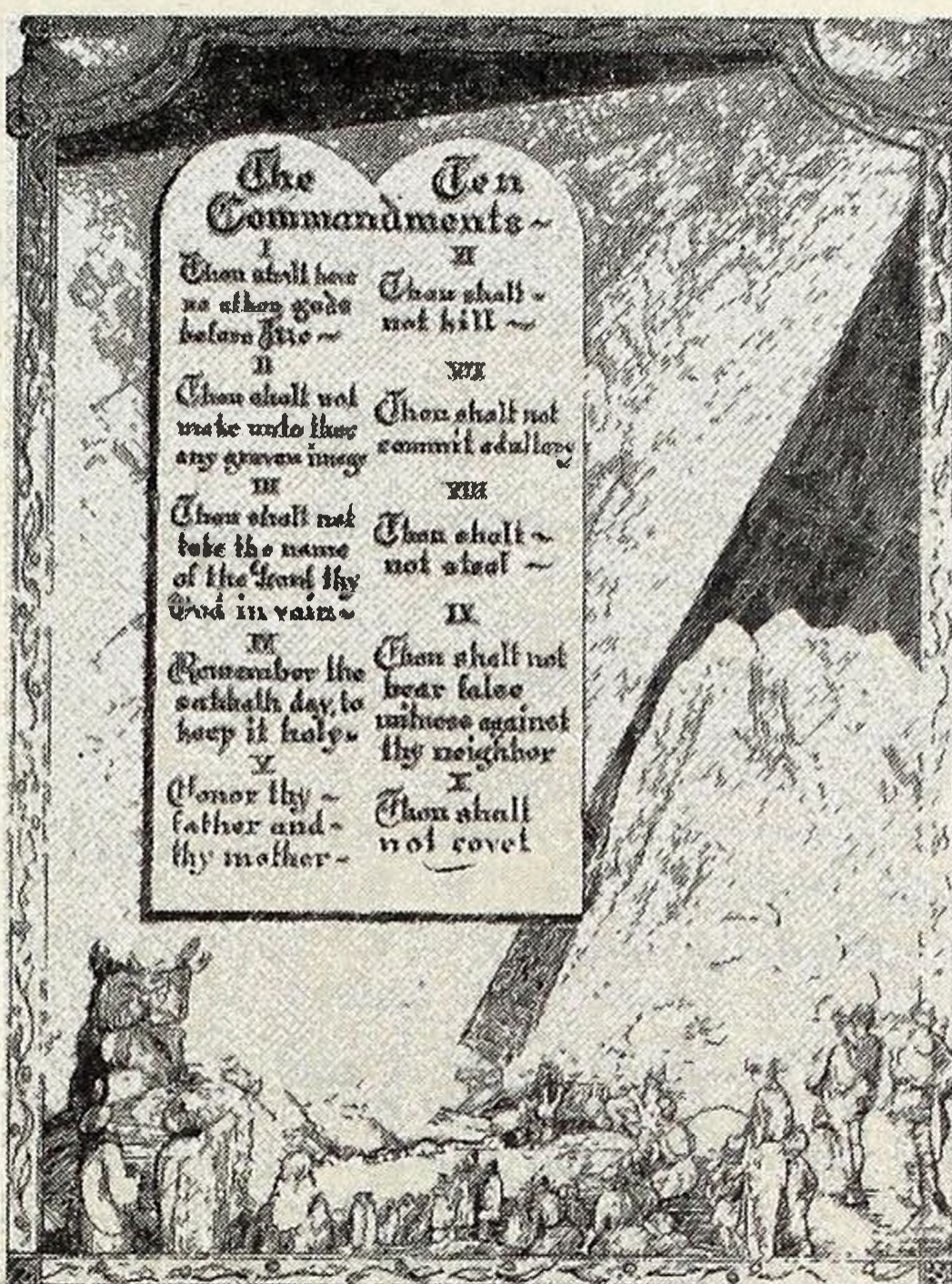


W. R. PRICE "IT HIT ME LIKE A BOLT OF THUNDER."

"It hit me like a bolt of thunder," W. R. (Bob) Price, a Memphis salesman for the past 25 years, explains when you ask about his all-out campaign for the Ten Commandments.

Bob, who has taught the Friendship Bible Class and other classes at Union Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis for almost a quarter of a century, hit upon the idea a little over a year ago.

He had been reading a book pointing out that the pillars of civilization rest upon God's law for men—the Ten Commandments. He had been reading a newspaper article where J. Edgar Hoover pointed to the need of a return of America to these fundamentals of our pioneer forefathers. He was driving along a street in Memphis . . . thinking. He saw a sign: "Refresh yourself with a Coke."



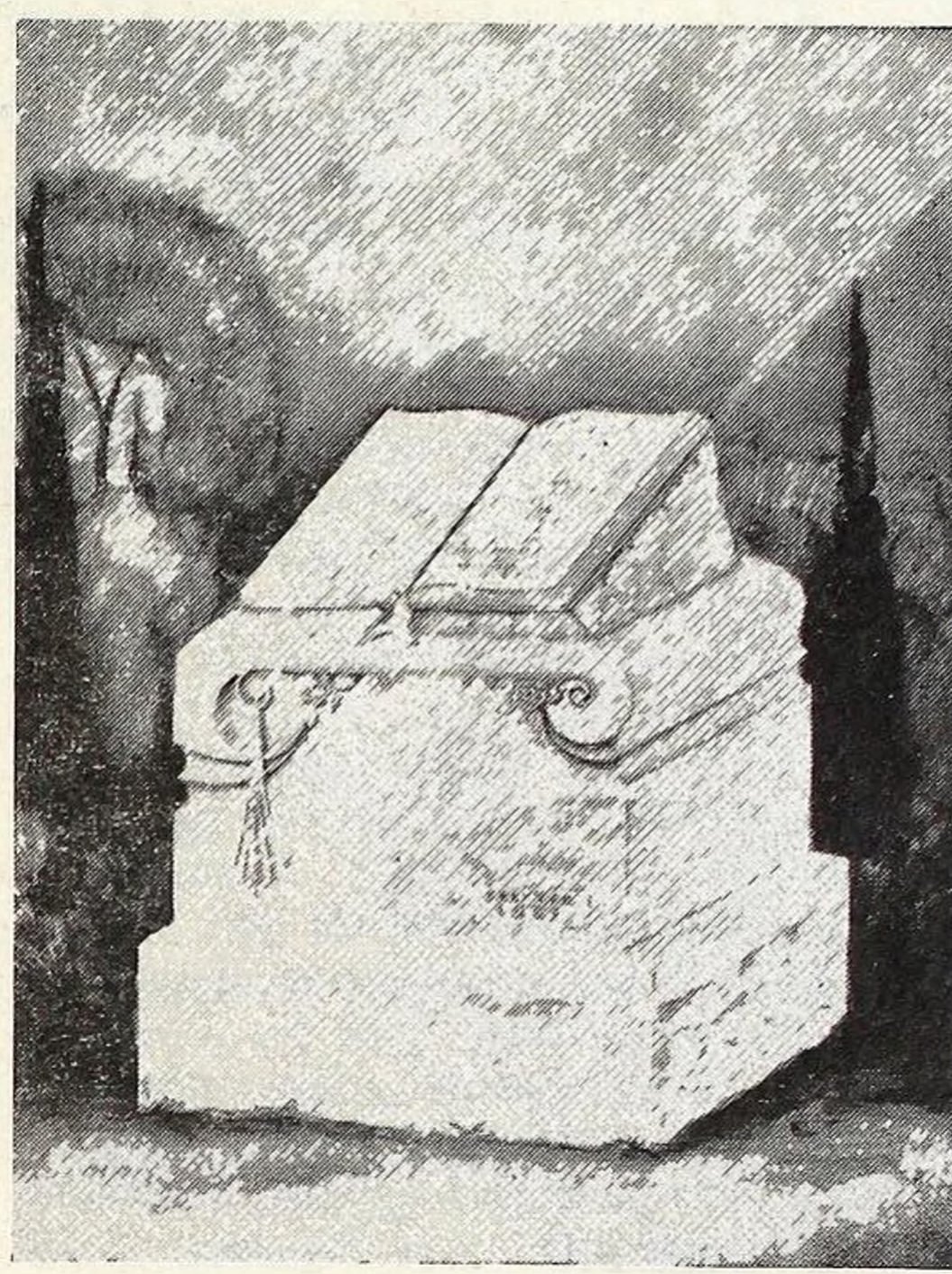
PRICE'S PRODUCT "WITH GOD'S HELP . . . IN EVERY HOME."

"That's it," he thought to himself. "Refresh yourself with God's law."

"God's law should be displayed in every schoolroom, every college room, every library, every church, every place of business and every home in America."

Bob engaged the services of G. Edwin Shofner, commercial artist. He worked for six weeks to produce just what Bob wanted. It was a pen etching of the Ten Commandments, with Moses and the Children of Israel gathered around Mount Sinai as God gave his law to man.

This, Bob made into an 18 by 24 inch imitation parchment suitable for framing. These he sells for \$1, postpaid, anywhere in the United States. Thousands have been sold. He mails them from his home, 3740 Kearney, Memphis.



PRICE'S GOAL *From profits from sale of etchings, Price hopes to have monuments like this erected in town squares and city parks all over America.*

Profits from the sale of these parchments go towards helping Bob realize the second phase of his dream—to put the Ten Commandments in stone and bronze in all of the parks, town squares and playgrounds in America.

First of these monuments will be put in Confederate Park in Memphis this fall. The Junior Chamber of Commerce and Memphis Park Commission are co-operating.

But that's not all. Bob wants to see a great international shrine—something like the Lincoln Memorial—erected in America with God's laws inscribed in stone or bronze so that people from all over the world would come to see that America has honored God's law.

Home Mission Board Ups Western Loan Funds to \$940,000

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—The Home Mission Board is providing \$940,000 for the special western church building loan project instead of \$500,000 as originally planned. The new figure was announced following a meeting of the Home Mission Board during Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest in August.

According to Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary of the Board, the money is to be obtained: (1) \$440,000 from the regular church building loan fund. Heretofore this money has been used for revolving and material loans. This money will be available only as it is repaid by

churches that now have it borrowed. (2) \$500,000 to be borrowed by the Home Board from banks in September as authorized earlier this year.

This \$940,000 may be borrowed, as it is available, by western churches in amounts not to exceed \$15,000 each. The churches, of course, must meet loan requirements. Churches granted loans from this fund must be less than five years old and promise to repay within six years. Approximately 150 churches can be helped in the next six years.

Concerning the total western church building needs Dr. Redford says, "It is difficult to know the exact needs for church buildings in the West. According to 1951 reports there were 673 churches in the western states, 562 of these had church property leaving 111 that had no building of any

kind. The best information that we can get indicates that at least 300 of these have need for better buildings or enlarged buildings. Thus there are at least 400 churches in the western states that either need new buildings or need to enlarge their present plants.

"The western states are constituting churches at the rate of about two a week. This means 100 new churches every year. This creates an additional annual demand."

At Ridgecrest the Board also voted to request permission from the Southern Baptist Convention to raise funds to increase its loan fund capital to \$10,000,000 in the next five years. This means additional funds of \$8,200,000 as the Board now has \$1,800,000, not counting the \$500,000 of borrowed money. This enlarged fund would serve churches in the East as well as in the West.

Recently in our Young South column we had a treasure hunt for friends. Some of you have written that you enjoyed that and would like another one. A friendship treasure hunt is really a sort of game. There are six letters printed in today's column. Read each letter carefully. See if you can find in them a word-picture suggested by each of these clues. Number each picture to match the clue. Ready? Can you find a letter from:

1. An eleven-year-old girl who has an unusual collection.
2. A farm friend who has some nice pets and is especially anxious for pen pals who live on farms.
3. A brave young teen-age girl who is trying hard to get an education in spite of illness.
4. A G.A. member who has some interesting camp experiences to write about.
5. A thirteen-year-old Portland friend who wants pen pals.
6. A twelve-year-old who has two important church jobs.

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I would like to have my letter in the Young South column. I have read about you and I told Mother I would like to write you and get a lot of new friends.

I am a Christian and go to Sunday school every Sunday I can. I have been sick most of my life, but now I am able to be up and go to school. I am seventeen years old and in the seventh grade. I am going to keep on going to school. I like to read. This is my first time to write to you. I would like to have some pen pals.

Your friend,

LAURA MILLSAPS

930 Vable Street
Loudon, Tennessee

HELLO AUNT POLLY:

I have one pen pal. His name is Robert Harper. I also would like to have more pen pals about eleven years old. I like to write . . . I read your page in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR and like it very much. I am eleven years old. My hobby is collecting buttons.

BRENDA KAYE STEPHENS

R.R. 1
Bells, Tennessee

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I am twelve years old. I am a member of the First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro. My favorite sport is basketball. This summer I went to the G.A. camp in Linden, Tennessee. I would like to have a pen pal in some foreign land and some in the States. I want to tell them about camp.

GAYE C. WHITE

1104 N. Church Street
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I am almost thirteen years old and will be in the eighth grade when school starts. I go to First Baptist Church in Portland. I am a Christian. Our pastor is Rev. Dewey Roach.

I belong to the G.A. Our leader is Mrs. Bud Baker.

My hobby is collecting pictures of actors and actresses.

I have one pen pal but would like to have more. I promise to answer all the letters I get.

Love,

DONNA JONES

Route 1
Portland, Tennessee



DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I would like to have lots of pen pals. I haven't written to you before. I read the Young South column every week. I enjoy it very much.

I am twelve years old and will be in the seventh grade when school starts.

I have brown hair and brown eyes. I am a member of the Morris Hill Baptist Church. I am secretary of my Sunday school class and a group captain in Training Union. I promise to answer every letter I get.

PATSY NORMAN

Route 6
Chattanooga, Tennessee

DEAR AUNT POLLY:

I am eleven years old. My birthday is April 24. I live on a farm and have lots of pets. I have four kittens, one dog, two little chickens, and one hen.

I would like to have pen pals who live on a farm.

I go to Orlinda Baptist Church. I am a Christian.

Yours truly,

SUE FLETCHER

R.F.D. 5
Springfield, Tennessee

What are you going to do with today's treasures? Will you try to keep at least one of them as your pen pal? A friendly letter will help you do that. Will you write one today?

Love,

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Avenue, S.
Nashville, Tennessee



LAUGHS

From

Here and There

Mrs. Brown: "Has the new florist any children?"

Florist's Neighbor: "Yes, a girl who is a budding genius, and a boy who is a blooming nuisance."

New Neighbor: "What sort of fellow is the guy across the street?"

Old Neighbor: "Well, let's put it this way: If he had his conscience taken out it would be a minor operation."

Small Boy: "My sister's always falling off but she doesn't get any thinner."

Young Gentleman Caller: "How can that be?"

Small Boy: "Oh, she's tryin' to reduce by riding a bike."

"Is it true that the wild beasts of the jungle will not harm you if you carry a torch?"

"It all depends," answered the practical explorer, "how fast you carry it."

A GI asking for a loan was asked what his business was and gave the startling answer that he was a psychiatrist in a pottery factory. Further questioning drew out the information that he took care of the cracked pots.

Just to make sure, the visiting sun-seeker asked the native Floridian whether there were any alligators around. Reassured, he dove in for a swim, only to hear the guy on the beach shout a footnote. "Alligators never come around here," the Floridian added. "The sharks scare 'em away."

"Grandpa," said little Freddie who was suffering from an aching tooth.

"I wish I had been born with teeth like yours, 'cause when they ached I could take 'em out."

Jan: "The boy I marry must be a hero."

Dora: "Oh come, dear, you're not so bad looking as all that."

Willy: "I wonder if there will ever be universal peace?"

Percy: "Sure. All they've got to do is to get all the nations to agree that in case of war—the winners pay all the pensions."

What do you think of daylight saving time, and the extra hour we get?"

"What I want," said the romantic girl, "is some more moonlight."

"With a single stroke of a brush," said the school teacher, showing his art class around the art gallery, "Joshua Reynolds could change a smiling face to a frowning one." Little Mickey spoke up, "So can my mother."

Next Sunday's Lesson

by O. L. RIVES, Professor of Religious Education, Carson-Newman College

Lessons based on International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lesson for Christian Training, copyrighted by International Council of Religious Education

TEXTS: I Kings 1:28-40; 2:1-4; 3:1-15; 6:11-14; 8 (Larger)—I Kgs. 1:38-40; 3:5-9; 8:27-30 (Printed)—Proverbs 3:5-6 (Golden).

SOLOMON BEGINS HIS REIGN

In addition to the above topic, there is another departmental one that is appealing, "Divine Wisdom for National Life." For our own nation, at this particular time, the wording opens up great possibilities for our thought and guidance. Was there ever a time in this country's history when we needed divine wisdom more than now? America is indeed at the crossroads. Those responsible for charting our course seem to be just as much at sea as are all the rest of us. Many, perhaps most, of our people are confused as never before in their lives. Surely we need to implore Almighty God for wisdom to know the right way just as we need the courage to follow in it once we have been shown. As we study the beginning of Solomon's reign, we shall discover many lessons that should be helpful.

Auspicious Anointing Accomplished (I Kgs. 1:38-40)

This anointing was with heavenly sanction. Zadok, the priest, was the Lord's agent in the ceremony. It is fitting that God's approval be recognized at the beginning of a ruler's reign or the inauguration of a leader. So far as is known, all of the presidents of the United States have sought for Divine favor in embarking upon the duties of their office. In addition, the inaugural ceremonies include prayer for His blessings as well as thanksgiving for past mercies. Solomon was of royal blood, with his devoted father's rich heritage back of him, but he never presumed to rely solely upon David's piety. Rather, he would be religious also.

This anointing was with joyous acclaim upon the part of all the people. It was a glad and glorious occasion there at Gihon, with the noise of shouting so great as "that the earth rent with the sound of them." What a day this was in the life of the great and expanded kingdom of Israel! The pageantry of the military and the sanctity of the priest and the prophet combined to set Solomon before the people and the surrounding nations. A new day of national prestige and power had dawned for the Lord's people. Does not this suggest much to us as we ponder America's strategic position now?

Divine Direction Desired (I Kgs. 3:5-9)

Solomon prayed for an understanding heart. This is referred to as wisdom or insight. It was the best request that he, or any one, could make. And the Lord was pleased with it. The ability to discern, the gift of knowing people and how to deal with them, is a priceless sort of thing. With-

out it no leader leads and no follower follows very long or far. But with it, much can be accomplished for the benefit of all concerned. The writer of these notes takes time out from his classes frequently to call attention to this fundamental principle. To know what lies between the lids of good books is exceedingly important but to know what lies in the hearts of the people is even more important. Understanding and sympathy are valuable commodities.

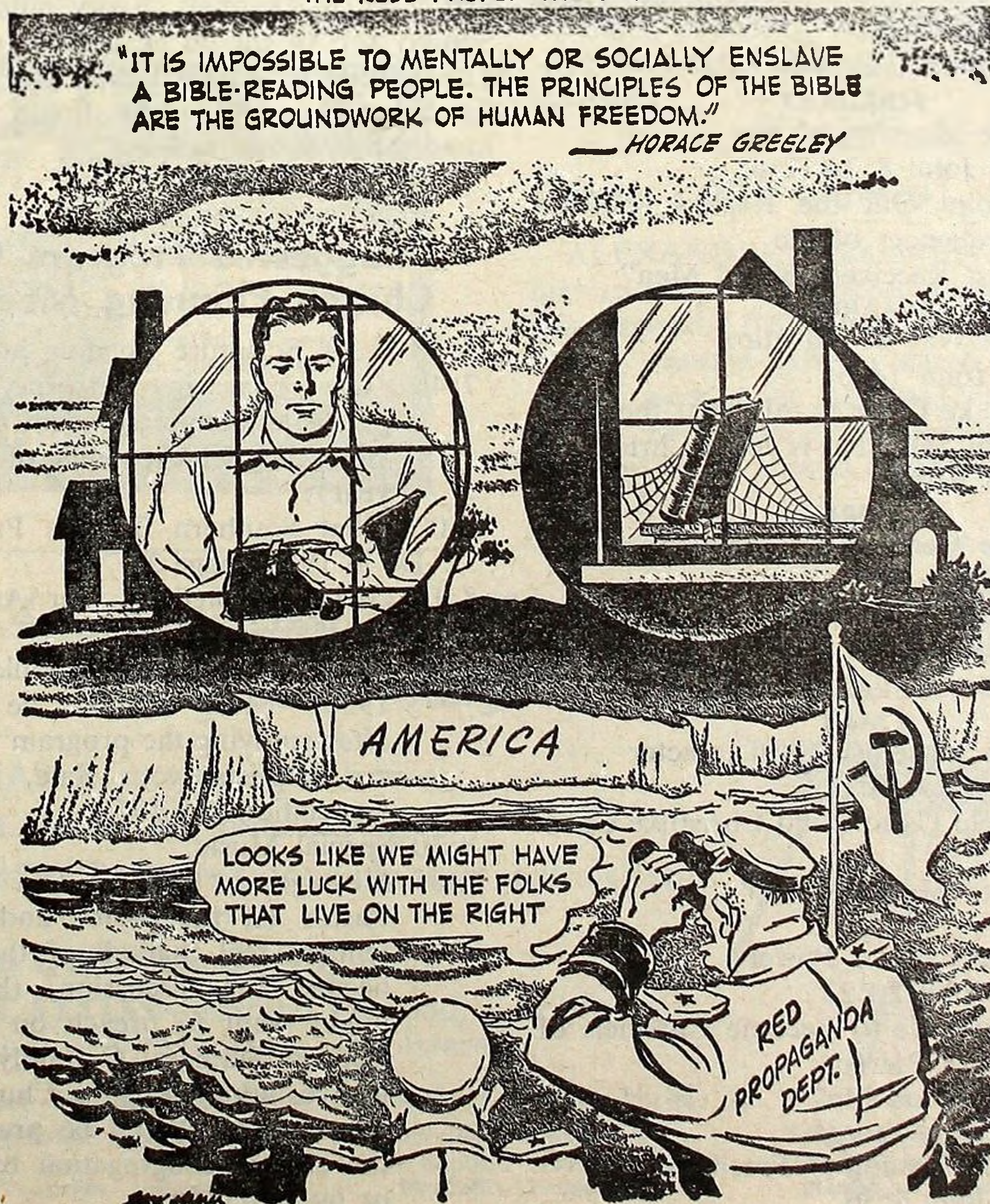
Solomon prayed for maturity of judgment. He desired to know the difference between the good and the bad. How much all of us need to know this today! The line that separates the two has become indistinct and blurred. There seem to be those who would like to erase it altogether, so that the study and application of Christian ethics needs a revival if our world is to survive. We are to know and do the right not the customary or the expedient. We measure by the perfect standard, the word of God, the Bible.

Earnest Entreaty Employed (I Kgs. 8:27-30)

The immediate time is the dedication of the Temple. This was in all probability the most awe-inspiring scene the world had ever witnessed up to that time. Solomon's Temple was the most impressive structure ever built for religious purposes. At its dedication, the sacrifices included twenty-two thousand oxen and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. Solomon prayed to God that He would keep His eyes open to those who prayed from this place. His entreaty was an earnest one. With deep sincerity, he implored God to hear and answer the prayers offered from this magnificent sanctuary. We see Solomon here in his very best light—a great king on his knees before God.

The future time includes all who turn to God in similar earnest entreaty. Solomon petitions the Lord to hear and forgive those who pray to Him even away from the Temple. In this he anticipates what Jesus had to say to the Samaritan woman, "Believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father . . ." (Jn. 4:21ff). God is an omnipresent One. He is Spirit. Each human being can approach Him through earnest prayer, regardless of place. To be sure, He has through His people set aside certain places for worship. But, while we are not to neglect assembling ourselves with other worshippers at these places, all who earnestly seek Him shall find Him in any place. He is ready to receive and bless.

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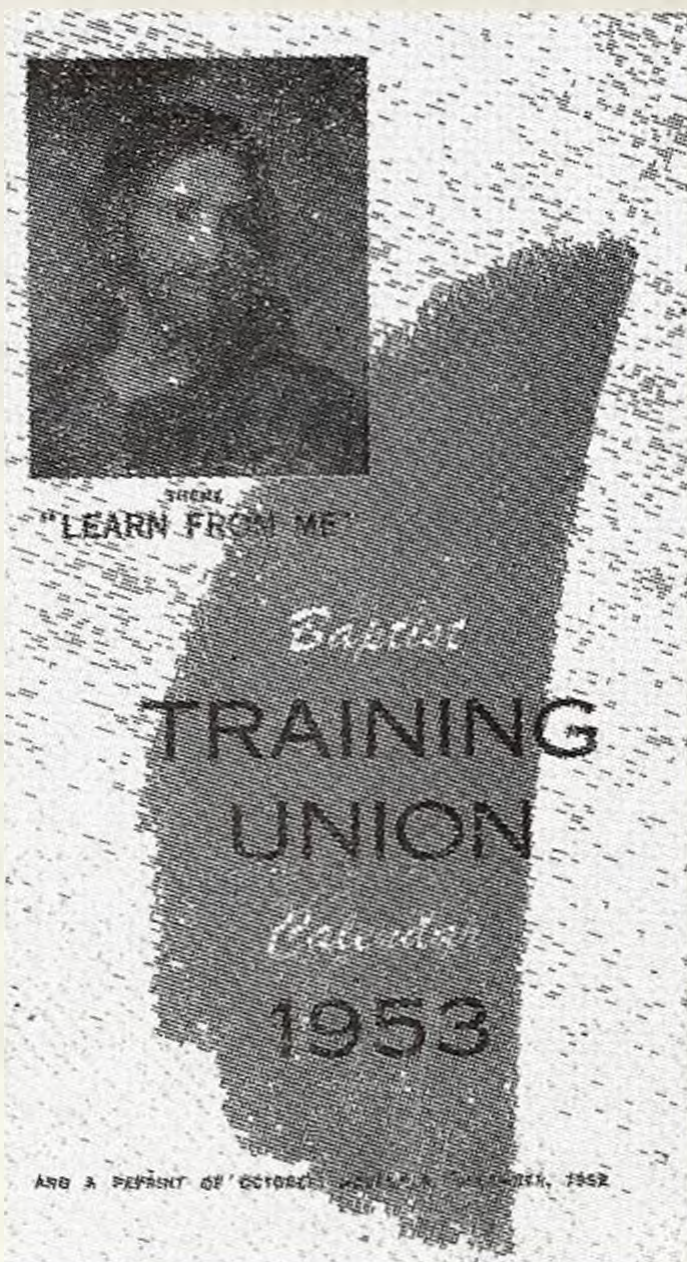




Training Union

CHARLES L. NORTON, Secretary

The Baptist Training Union Calendar 1953 Emphases—Events—Activities



THEME: "Learn from Me"

SCRIPTURE: Matt. 11:29

AIM: To help us to learn and to practice the Teachings of Jesus on the Stewardship of Life and Possessions

SONG: "Jesus Calls Us"

JANUARY

THEME: The Truth About Human Life

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:19

AIM: To Show That Life's Supreme Need Is Jesus Christ

SONG: "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me"

FEBRUARY

THEME: The Meaning of Sin

SCRIPTURES: John 8:24-12:48

AIM: To Point Out the Reality and the Consequences of Sin

SONG: "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men"

MARCH

THEME: The Way of Salvation

SCRIPTURE: John 14:6

AIM: To Make Clear to All That the Only Way of Salvation is Jesus Christ

SONG: "Jesus Saves"

APRIL

THEME: The Meaning of Discipleship

SCRIPTURE: Luke 9:23

AIM: To Lead Us To Walk in the Way of the Cross

SONG: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MAY

THEME: The Supremacy of Character

SCRIPTURE: Rev. 3:18

AIM: To Help Us to Build Christlike Character

SONG: "Take My Life . . ."

JUNE

THEME: The Path to Power

SCRIPTURE: John 20:22

AIM: To Help Us to Become Channels of God's Power

SONG: "Breathe on Me"

JULY

THEME: The Meaning of Freedom

SCRIPTURE: John 8:36

AIM: To Help Us to Understand That Only

Through Christ Can Freedom Survive

SONG: "I Surrender All"

AUGUST

THEME: The Meaning of Moral Responsibility

SCRIPTURE: Matt. 7:21

AIM: To Help Us to Develop a Sense of Moral Responsibility

SONG: "May God Depend on You?"

SEPTEMBER

THEME: The Meaning of Church Membership

SCRIPTURE: Matt. 16:18-9

AIM: To Help Us to Be Loyal Church Members

SONG: "Blest Be the Tie"



Sunday School

JESSE DANIEL, Secretary

Make Bigger Plans For Your Sunday School

Attend the Church Planning Meeting for 1953.

Contact Associational Superintendent for booklet "Planning Precedes Progress."

This meeting should be held as soon after the Associational Planning Night as possible. Probably the best time will be one night in the last week of September or the first week in October. Every officer of the Sunday school should be enlisted to attend. The pastor, educational director, and Sunday school superintendent should stress the importance of the meeting.

Suggested Program for Church Planning Meeting

7:30 Song, Scripture Reading and Prayer

7:40 "The Year in Retrospect"—(The pastor and superintendent should review the achievements of the past year).

8:00 What Southern Baptists Propose to Do in 1953 (page 2)

8:10 Goals Adopted by Our Association on Planning Night

8:20 What Our Church Should Do in 1953.—(This should be decided after studying the program of Southern Baptists, your state, and your association for 1953).

8:30 Special Music

8:35 Message: "This Is Our Task"—Pastor (if the pastor and superintendent feel that all of the time is needed for discussion, the pastor might want to preach on this subject on Sunday. Certainly the objectives adopted in the Church Planning Meeting should be presented to the church congregation by sermon or bulletin).

OCTOBER

THEME: The Meaning of Stewardship

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:13

AIM: To Help Us to Be Faithful Stewards of Christ

SONG: "Trust, Try, and Prove Me"

NOVEMBER

THEME: The Reality of God's Providence

SCRIPTURE: Matt. 28:20

AIM: To Help Us to Depend Completely Upon God's Love and Power

SONG: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

DECEMBER

THEME: The Greatness of God's Love

SCRIPTURE: John 3:16

AIM: To Help Us to Love Others as God Loves Us

SONG: "Love Divine"

These calendars are now ready and may be ordered from your nearest book store or write Mr. Charles L. Norton, Belcourt at 16th Ave. So., Nashville, Tennessee.

In Every Church in 1953

(Lead every church in your association to do these things.)

1. *Make an enrolment gain of 15 per 100 church members.*—Forty-five to fifty million people live in Southern Baptist Convention territory that are not enrolled in Sunday school.
2. *Start one or more additional units.*—Many churches should organize more departments. Others need to add more classes. We grow at the rate of ten pupils for each worker in Sunday school.
3. *Set up a systematic program of visitation*—"When we go, they come." Every church should promote regular visitation.
4. *Establish a branch Sunday school.*—Provide Bible teaching in an area not reached by a Sunday school already existing.
5. *Have a Vacation Bible school.*—Every boy and girl needs the Bible teaching provided in a Vacation Bible school, and every church needs the evangelistic results.
6. *Begin a weekly officers and teachers' meeting.*—A weekly officers and teachers' meeting will improve teaching and make possible regular promotion of Sunday school work.
7. *Promote a training program.*—A training program helps the workers to grow and insures progress in all of the Sunday school work.
8. *Become a Standard Sunday school.*—The Standard unifies effort and provides a balanced program of work. (Taken from leaflet "Reaching Every Church" issued by the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.)

See suggested program for associational planning meeting in last weeks issue of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, Sunday school section.



Woman's Missionary Union

MRS. M. K. COBBLE, President
MISS LAURA FRANCES SNOW
Young People's Secretary

MISS MARY NORTINGTON, Executive Sec'y Treas.
MRS. DOUGLAS GINN
Office Secretary

Change of Dates

Some dates have been changed for the Divisional meeting. We are sorry, but it was unavoidable.

Southwestern Division meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, all day and evening. The place—Whiteville.

Central Division will meet in Nashville, at First Baptist church the evening of October 16, and all day the 17th.

The B.W.C. banquet will be held at Belmont Heights Baptist Church at 6:15, October 16. Tickets will be \$1.00. Send reservations to Miss Nida Taylor, 5205 Idaho, Nashville. The Young People's session will be held at First Baptist Church on the same date at 7:30.

There are no other changes.

Northeastern—Kingsport First, evening of October 20, and all day the 21st.

Eastern, Sevierville, evening of the 21st, and all day the 22nd.

Southeastern, Sweetwater, all day and evening of the 23rd.

North Central, Sparta, all day and evening of the 24th.

South Central, Lawrenceburg, evening of the 27th, and all day the 28th.

Northwestern, Paris First, all day and evening of the 30th.

An Interesting Announcement

Rebecca Ann Bolton arrived in New Orleans August 20, in the home of Rev. and Mrs. John Bolton. Weight seven pounds and two ounces. Tennessee Baptists remember Mrs. Bolton as Nellie Tallant, our former Young People's leader. Nellie prophesies that Rebecca Ann will be the Young People's leader for Tennessee in 1976.

Rebecca Ann's home address is 4035 Dement Street, New Orleans, La.

Talent Search Slips

"Let someone else do it" is often heard. Why not find out what a person can do and likes to do? The talent search slips will do that if used in the right way.

Have an earnest message on stewardship of time and talent. Pass out slips. Have prayer, then quiet music while all sign. Take up the slips at that meeting.

They should be your guide for committees, leaders, etc. Let the president keep them. The price is ten cents a dozen, seventy-five cents a hundred. Order from Tennessee W.M.U. 16th Avenue, South, at Belcourt, Nashville.

If one woman is discovered it is worth the time and money. One led into service is next to leading one to Christ.

Brother Petrey Dies

Did you study "The Prophet of Little Cave Creek?" You well remember the hero, Brother A. S. Petrey of Hazard, Kentucky. The Home Mission Board announces his death August 28th, after a long illness. His wife died just twelve days to the hour before this. Nine children survive and all were present at the funeral.

A Missionary Volunteer

Mrs. George B. Jones has gone to Gatun, Panama Canal, for six weeks to aid her Missionary brother-in-law Rev. Fred L. Jones, and his wife and co-laborer, Velma Jones. Mrs. George Jones is a registered nurse, and in answer to the need there is conducting a series of classes on home nursing and first aid for the people in the Canal Zone. Neither Rev. Jones nor his wife are medically trained, and they had expressed to Mrs. George Jones the tremendous need for help in this line. She responded by volunteering her services, and is personally paying all expenses involved in this worthy effort.

We, in Calvary, Memphis, are truly proud of Mrs. Jones, and want other Tennessee Baptists to know of her service.

Mrs. W. S. Hiatt

Two Louisiana Workers Transfer to New Jobs

ALEXANDRIA, La.—(BP)—Rev. L. Mark Roberts, for 15 years Louisiana's Sunday School secretary, has resigned effective September 15. Brother Roberts came to the Sunday school work in 1937 from the position of state Brotherhood secretary. He has accepted the post of minister of education of First Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mrs. W. G. Rutledge, elementary Sunday school secretary for Louisiana Baptists since May, 1950, resigned September 1, to become teacher of elementary education at the New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Rutledge came to Louisiana from Nashville, Tennessee, where she held a similar position, elementary secretary, with Tennessee Baptists.

Kentucky Baptists Lease New Hospital

CORBIN, Kentucky—(BP)—The city of Corbin officially leased a new million dollar hospital to Southeastern Kentucky Baptists on August 22, according to a statement made by E. O. Edwards, pastor of Corbin's First Baptist Church and president of Southeastern Kentucky Baptists, Inc.

The building is rented and leased by the Baptists for 25 years with an option for an additional 25 years.

Dr. Edwards stated that Dr. Frank Tripp, superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, and Dr. W. C. Boone, executive secretary of Kentucky Baptists, were invited to participate in the opening exercises.

Drops 1,020 Names

ALEXANDRIA, La.—(BP)—The Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, La., has dropped 1,020 names from their church rolls by erasure. After a search lasting more than a year, none of the 1,020 could be found. Even with elimination of the names, the Alexandria church still has 1,800 members.



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WEST TENNESSEE NEWS

by EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington

Pastor James A. Canaday, Calvary Church, Jackson, will do the preaching in a revival at Sebree, Kentucky, beginning October 20.

First Church, Camden, Robert A. Sanders, pastor, was privileged to hear a group of missionaries to the Indians on the night of August 20. They were returning home from the Home Mission Board Conference at Ridgecrest. All of them work in Oklahoma. Those appearing on the program were Thomas J. Wade, a Choctaw, pastor of the Sallateeska Church at Shawnee; Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Paxton, of the Baptist Indian Center at Shawnee; and Fred Bloomer, pastor of the Indian Church at Fort Cobb.

On Monday night, August 11, Richard P. Oldham, Louisville, Kentucky, was ordained to the ministry by Savannah Baptist Church. Associational Missionary L. G. Whitehorn organized the council with Pastor B. B. Powers, Waynesboro, serving as moderator; Jess Hunt, of Savannah, clerk; and Pastor Robert B. Oldham, Monterey, delivering the message. The last named is a brother of the newly ordained minister. For the past year Brother Oldham has served as minister of music and education at Savannah and since the going of Carmack Penuel to Nashville he has served as supply pastor.

Charles F. Treadway, of the Sunday School Board, supplied the pulpit of First Church, Jackson, on August 24 while Pastor and Mrs. W. Fred Kendall were on vacation.

Gerald Howlett, of Jackson, supplied the pulpit of Antioch Church, near Humboldt, on the night of August 17. Pastor Walter M. Martin was beginning a meeting at Laneview Church, near Trenton, Coy Thurston, pastor.

Joe Franklin has resigned Williston Church, near Somerville, and has accepted a call to Smyrna Church near Covington.

Evangelist Pete Lunati, Memphis, did the preaching in a revival at Baptist Chapel, Humboldt, recently.

Pastor David Cooper, Pleasant Hill Church near Orlinda, did the preaching in a revival at Gravel Hill Church, near Selmer, the week of August 17.

Southside Church, Dyersburg, Thomas Drake, pastor, had a good revival this summer with a former pastor, W. B. Oakley, doing the preaching. There were 13 additions.

Prof. David E. Guyton of Blue Mountain College supplied the pulpit of Union Avenue Church, Memphis, on August 24 while Pastor and Mrs. J. G. Hughes were on vacation. Editor R. N. Owen of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR supplied on August 10, and B. L. Bridges, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, on August 17.

There were 15 additions to Curve Church, W. B. Jones, pastor, during a revival conducted recently by Pastor J. F. Rogers.

Pastor Otto Sutton, Trinity Church, Memphis, did the preaching in a meeting at Fowlkes, W. E. Lyles, pastor, a few days back. There were 20 additions. Pastor Vernon Dutton, Ardmore Church, Memphis, was the song leader.

Work is progressing nicely on the new educational building at First Church, Newbern. It is a two-story brick building with space for eight departments. Pastor V. E. Boston and his people expect to occupy it around the middle of October.

Finley Church in Dyer Association has purchased a new home for their pastor, Alfred McElfresh, who recently moved on the field. He led his people in a good meeting with 20 additions. He was the preacher for the meeting and Harry Higgins, Breckenridge, Missouri, conducted the song services.

Friends of H. B. Woodward will be interested to learn that he has resigned at Wewoka, Oklahoma, and has gone to the First Church, Woodward, Oklahoma. A native of Carroll County, Brother Woodward is a Union graduate and while in school served some West Tennessee churches.

Pastor Clyde Burke preached his farewell sermon at Medina on September 7. He will become pastor of First Church, Venice, Florida. All of Brother Burke's ministry except two years has been spent in Tennessee. We are sorry he is leaving the State. Mrs. Burke is a sister of Perry Crouch, pastor of First Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

Friends of Louis D. Ferrell, formerly of West Tennessee, will be interested to learn that he has resigned the First Church, Fulton, Kentucky, in order to accept the pastorate of the First Church, Paragould, Arkansas.

The Church at Dyer has experienced a great meeting. Pastor R. J. Cooper did the preaching and there were 53 additions to the Church.

Pastor W. A. Boston, First Church, Union City, did the preaching in a revival at Bradford, W. A. Farmer, pastor, the week of September 7. Pastor Farmer reports that several improvements have been made in the church building and that a good spirit prevails among the membership.

Work is going along nicely on the first unit of the new building at Milan. Your reporter went through it recently and it is going to be nice. Pastor Henry J. Huey and his people are hoping to occupy it by October 1.

Alfred Carpenter, of the Home Mission Board, did the preaching in a revival at North Jackson Church, Waif Hamilton, pastor, August 28-September 7. This was his second meeting with this church.

Pastor E. C. Cutlip, Fairview Church in Dyer Association, had Pastor R. H. Dills, Hillcrest Church, Dyersburg, in a meeting the week of July 27. There were 5 additions.

Pastor Henry Turner did the preaching at Latham's Chapel near Medina the first week in August. Several were added to the membership. Pastor Turner and wife are enjoying the new pastorium recently provided for them. The church is full-time.

Pastor H. R. Northcutt, Mary's Chapel Church in Dyer Association, has had a good year. He has been on the field since December 1, 1951 and since that time there have been 44 additions. Pastor W. E. Chadwick, Immanuel Church, Trenton, recently did the preaching in a revival there.

Pastor Lacy Freeman, Dresden, was with Pastor Joe Franklin and Williston Church in a revival the week of August 17.

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No Attendances 'til Report of September 21

We are omitting the attendances and additions to the churches for Sunday, September 7 and 14 which we carry as a regular feature on this page. We expect to resume this feature of the **BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR** with the report of Sunday, September 21, after the return of Mrs. Eura Lannom who is away on vacation at this time.

Dyer Association will have a School of Music November 17-21. Prof. Edwin McNeely of Southwestern Seminary will be the director.

Pastor Barclay Newman and Fruitland Church, near Humboldt, were assisted in a revival recently by Pastor Hayward Highfill, Humboldt. There were 13 additions to the church.

Coy Thurston has resigned Midway Church in Gibson Association.

With Marvin Pressley doing the preaching, Parrish Chapel Church in Dyer Association, T. S. Houston, pastor, enjoyed a good meeting. One young man volunteered for the ministry and there were 5 additions.

Pastor Joe Harris, Ridgely, did the preaching at near-by Williams Chapel and there were 11 additions. Bill Oakley is the pastor.

Zion Hill Church near Dyersburg, William Whitlow, pastor, also had a good meeting with H. W. Farris as preacher. There were 6 added to the church.

Missionary Henry Guy Jackson of Dyer Association is one of the hardest working men among us. Under his capable leadership the association set an all-time high in V.B.S. work this summer. There were 29 church schools, four mission schools and one negro school. In this accomplishment he had the valuable assistance of Pastor W. E. Lyles, Fowlkes, who is associational superintendent of V.B.S. work.

Frayser Baptist Church, 835 Millington Road, Memphis, P. O. Davidson, pastor, closed August 31, a most successful revival. It was an old-fashioned revival held in a huge tent located on their new church lot, in the heart of this thriving northside community of more than 10,000 people. Work has begun on the lot to erect a \$130,000 building for the glory of God. The Lord's blessings were upon the revival efforts of the church. With the pastor doing the preaching and songs led by Don Musser from Memphis State, large crowds attended each service of the two weeks. There were 9 decisions during the revival, 23 coming on professions and 36 by letter plus many more rededications. With these, additions total 220 since the first of October last year (or for this church year), 69 by baptism and 151 by letter.—*Hugh M. Armstrong*

Gleanings from East Tennessee

Rev. and Mrs. Tom Scarbrough and sons, David and Carlyle, have moved from Harri-man to Philadelphia, Tennessee where Brother Scarbrough is Pastor of the Philadelphia Church.

James Lyle has been elected President of the Ministerial Conference of Harrison Chilhowee Academy, Seymour. Other officers recently chosen are Paul Leptrick, vice president; Guy Milan, secretary-treasurer; Thurman Brock, chorister; and Calvin Lane, pianist.

Grove City Church, Knoxville, Willie Hubbard pastor, ordained on August 10 as deacons, Bill Hickman, Robert Underwood and Bill Hedrick. Pastor Dewey Jackson of Elm Street Church led the questioning, Pastor John Kozar of Oglewood and Lawrence Trivette, missionary of Knox Association, delivered charges to the deacons and to the church.

Visiting each home in the community, Pastor Gay Harris of Valley Grove Church on Chapman Highway, Knox County, personally completed, tabulated and filed a religious census. Mr. Harris attended the Sunday School clinic in Miami last January and has been making effective use of methods learned there.

Coal Miner Leads New Utah Church

PRICE, Utah—(BP)—Jimmie Flynn, a Baptist minister, worked as a coal miner to earn a living. But his main task was preaching. The result was a vigorous mission in this town of 5,000. In August the mission was organized into the eighth Southern Baptist church in Utah and the coal miner became pastor. The new church voted to buy a lot 113 by 163 feet. The mission had been sponsored by the Carbon Missionary Baptist Church, Dragerton, Utah.

Enlarge Baptist Academy

SAN MARCOS, Tex.—(BP)—Texas Baptists are completing a \$170,000 expansion program at the San Marcos Baptist Academy. The project includes a new \$140,000 boys' dorm and a \$30,000 renovation of other buildings. The school is operated as a military prep school and junior college.

Western Missions Conclave Switched to Glorieta Assembly

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—(BP)—The annual conference of western missionaries and mission leaders has been moved from Fresno to Glorieta in cooperation with the summer assembly program. The date is June 22-28, 1953.

Girl Whose Sight Was Restored to Become Missionary

GASTONIA, N. C. — (RNS) — Joyce Coleman, 14, has decided upon a career as a Baptist foreign missionary after regaining her sight six years ago in what she and her parents firmly believe was "a miracle inspired by faith and prayer."

Born blind in her right eye, Joyce began losing the sight of her other eye after she entered the first grade. Physicians predicted that the strain of studying would make her totally blind in a few years despite progressive substitution of more powerful lenses in the spectacles she wore.

Their forebodings were fulfilled. Before Joyce had completed the second grade, her mother, Mrs. Ed Coleman, daily had to meet the young student, who stumbled home from classes, and help her into the house.

Joyce and her parents turned to regular prayers for relief from the affliction and sought the support of a prayer group from their Baptist church, led by Rev. Albert Skipper.

Then one morning, Joyce awoke and began to cry. "I can't go to school today, Mother," she sobbed. "I can't see at all."

In an attempt to console the child, Mrs. Bernice Cagle, a friend who was visiting the Colemans, led Joyce to the living room piano and began playing the hymn, "Where the Milk and Honey Flows." The girl lifted her voice and began to sing through her sobs.

Suddenly, Mrs. Coleman says, Joyce broke off with a scream, rushed to the window and cried, "I can see, Mother. I can see with both eyes."

"It seemed as though a great sun had lit up the whole room," the mother recalls.

Doctors say that Joyce now has perfect vision, although they won't comment on what brought restoration of her sight. But the young missionary-to-be, a high school student with only a dark memory of her blindness, is confident that she knows what caused "the miracle."

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE NEWS

by W. ALVIS STRICKLAND, Rt. 5, Nashville, Tennessee

First Church, Madison, is worshipping in a new \$150,000.00 auditorium since formal opening August 31. On hand to preach the special sermon was W. F. Powell, First Church, Nashville. Pastor Oscar Nelson has served the Madison Church six and one-half years. He came from a nine-year pastorate at First Church, Sparta. A successful thanksgiving Revival continued through September 14. Dr. Harry Lintz, Redlands, California, and Singer Steve Taylor, Fresno, California, led the evangelistic services.

Friends of H. B. Cross will be glad to know that he is now associated with the United Tennessee League against beverage alcohol. Dr. Cross is available as a temperance speaker—free of charge if you have the League in your church budget.

It's debt-free Church for Calvary, Nashville, according to Pastor Carl H. Barrett. Note burning services in celebration were observed September 7.

September is Church Music Month at First Church, Nashville. W. F. Powell, pastor. Beginner, Primary, Junior, Youth, and Adult choirs will participate in the month long program of special musical activities. On Sunday, September 14, there was a talent survey made through the Sunday School. Brochures, "The Ministry of Music," were distributed to those who attended the morning worship services. A special musical program will be presented to the W.M.U. during the month and music will be emphasized in the Brotherhood meeting. Neil Darnell is the Minister of Music.

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B. B. McKinney, fatally injured in a car wreck in North Carolina, was returning from his last field trip. He was to have been relieved of some promotional work to write new hymns.

A contract has been let on the \$25,000.00 Negro Baptist Student Center in Nashville.

Five workers in the Department of Negro Work, Nashville Association, report 61 Vacation Bible Schools with 3017 enrolled and 44 professions of faith in Christ.

The Nashville Association Leadership Banquet, Eastland Church, September 30, will assemble an expected 300 local church leaders for a planning meeting. The Promotion Committee, Dan Lawler, chairman, suggests churches purchase tickets for local church leaders. An excellent program begins at 7:00 P.M.

A Family Life Clinic, September 22-23, will be conducted for pastors and other interested people of Middle Tennessee. The purpose of the meetings, which will be held at 10:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M., First Church, Nashville, is to study the pastor's function in preparing Young People for marriage and problems dealing with marriage and divorce. The Clinic will be directed by Dr. Hugh Brimm, Chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Social Service Commission. Speakers, in addition to Dr. Brimm, will be Judge D. F. Blackmon, Dr. W. F. Powell, and Mrs. Delbert Mann. Panel discussions will be directed by Pastors Allen West, H. B. Ford, Eugene Roberts, and Alvis Strickland. A Findings Committee, James Gregg, chairman, will suggest a permanent program of Family Life work at the conclusion of the Clinic. Dr. Gaye L. McGlothlen, Chairman of the Family Life Clinic Planning Committee, stresses the fact that the public is welcome. There is no registration fee.

Pastor Dale Godfrey preached in the revival services at Cedar Hill Church, Robertson County Association with 31 additions, 3 coming by letter. The Training Unions have been reorganized with six departments and a nursery. The following have been elected: Mrs. Billie Corbin, director; Ruth James, assistant; Gloria Murphy, secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones, song director and pianist; Mrs. Ralph Fike, Young People's department; Mrs. Audrey Godfrey, Intermediates; Mrs. B. B. Hornburger, Juniors; Mrs. Margie Apple, Primaries.

A Home Life Clinic, directed by Home Life Counselor Mrs. Frank H. Leavell, will be observed by Harpeth Heights, Nashville, September 22-26. The graded series of home life books will be taught in age-group classes. W. Alvis Strickland, pastor.

Strickland to Write Middle Tennessee News

W. Alvis Strickland, Route 5, Highway 100, Nashville, is our new Middle Tennessee correspondent for the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.



We have asked Brother Strickland to report for this area succeeding Rev. Homer Cate, of Shelbyville, who goes to Knoxville to become pastor of Immanuel Church, October 15.

You are invited to send your news items and church bulletins promptly to Brother Strickland at the above address.

Mr. Strickland, a native of Texas, fourth generation Baptist preacher, at an early age moved with his family to the mission fields of the Oklahoma Panhandle. He was educated in Oklahoma Baptist University, Hardin Simmons University, Union University, Southern Seminary, and is a graduate of Vanderbilt University. For the past two years he has been pastor of Harpeth Heights Church located on Highway 100, west of Nashville.

Other pastorates served are Keyes, Oklahoma; Elmdale Church, Abilene, Texas; Red Fork Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Pleasant Plains Church, Jackson.

He is married to the former Evelyn Corder of Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have two children, John age 13, and Addie Ann age 7.

Kyzar to Close 25-Year Grandview Pastorate

Following more than a quarter century of service with Grandview Church, Nashville, Pastor J. R. Kyzar resigned August 31, his resignation to take effect September 30. The church membership in August gave the Kyzars a wonderful demonstration on their 25th anniversary with the church, including a testimonial dinner at the church and a generous "offering" much of which was in silver dollars. This church has grown in a remarkable way under the leadership of Pastor Kyzar who with one exception has served longer as pastor of a Baptist church in Nashville than any other man.

Brother Kyzar has rendered a large service also to Tennessee Baptists in many capacities beyond his local church work. For a number of years he has served on the Tennessee Baptist Executive Board and its Administrative Committee. He is a trustee of Belmont College and a member of the Tennessee Baptist Press Board of Directors.

Following a vacation Brother Kyzar will be available for pulpit supply, interim pastorate, revivals or other service as the Lord may open to him through the Brethren.

Baptists Need a Commission On the Church

by DUKE K. McCALL

Since 1948 when Dr. Ellis Fuller and I, as tourists, sat in on several sessions of the organizational meeting of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, Holland, I have maintained that the rock on which the World Council of Churches would break would be the doctrine of the church. Leaders of that movement, whether harmless as doves or not, have certainly been as wise as serpents, for they are now concluding a Faith and Order Conference at Lund, Sweden, on the doctrine of the church. Thus instead of ignoring the danger to their organization, they have with some courage attacked the problem directly.

Southern Baptists may have forgotten that we were represented in the formerly independent Life and Work Conferences and Faith and Order Conferences by Drs. George Truett and John R. Sampey. We may, however, take some pride in the statement made to me in Copenhagen, Denmark, a few weeks ago by a number of European Baptist leaders that Dr. John R. Sampey particularly had made a real contribution to the understanding of the Baptist position by European Protestants. They said that while Dr. Sampey's contribution got no further than the footnotes at the Edinburg Conference on Faith and Order, at least the Baptist position was heard from his lips and recorded.

Because the Faith and Order Movement is now a part of the World Council of Churches, Southern Baptists have not been represented in the recent meeting at Lund, Sweden, nor have they generally heard much about it. We will make a great mistake however if we do not study all of the documents developed by this Lund conference.

I have just returned from spending four days in Tollose, Denmark, at the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee, serving as a member of a special committee studying the doctrine of the church. I was impressed not so much by the differences and agreements among Baptists on the doctrine of the church, as by the wide variation in the amount of serious thinking given to the subject. Representatives from some Baptist conventions were well able to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Sampey. At Lund, or anywhere else, they could have made a clear, concise, convincing statement of their position as Baptists. The minds of others were bound by cliches and confusion.

Southern Baptists are going to be left in a theological eddy unless they quickly devote themselves to a fresh study of the doctrine of the church. I think I may claim to have had some influence in the decision of Southern Baptists to attempt to indoctrinate our people in the year 1952 with our beliefs about the church. The time has



Una Church, Nashville, Breaks Ground for New Building

(Left to right) Dewey R. Roach, former pastor; A. S. Robertson, Jr., chairman of the Finance Committee; Eugene B. Roberts, pastor; Ben B. Rice, chairman of Steering Committee; and Malcolm Barrett, chairman of the Construction Committee.

It was a great day for Una Church, Nashville, Sunday, August 31, as it was the occasion of the Home-coming and celebration of the 55th anniversary of the church with a special program and dinner on the ground. Guest speakers were Donald Ackland, editor of *Open Windows*; Dewey Roach, pastor of First Church, Portland; and Robert Denny, associate secretary, Southwide Baptist Student Union Department.

Home-coming Day was characterized by three events. Pink orchids were presented to Mrs. M. T. Rader, the oldest member; and Mrs. R. C. Coe, who has been a member of the church 47 years. Mr. Era Harwood, Nashville, one of the only three living charter members was present.

A special offering was taken for the Building Fund and the total amount received was \$1,225. During the past year there has been a 100 per cent increase in these offerings.

Eugene Roberts is pastor.

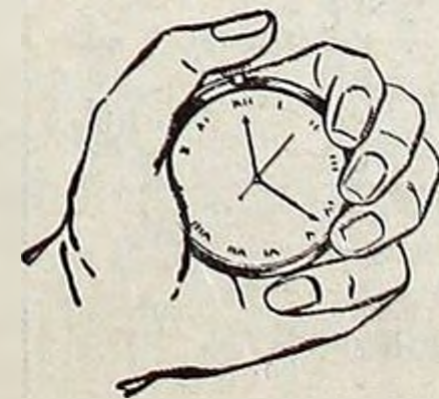
come, however, for us to go beyond that. The Southern Baptist Convention should appoint a commission of its best theologians to prepare a statement on the doctrine of the church in the light of the thinking of our day.

The statement of this commission need not have any approval or disapproval by the Convention. It will have no creedal qualities. The publication of the statement, however, will work like leaven in the theological lump. It will no doubt provoke vigorous dissent, but the carefully thought-out dissent will contribute to our thinking.

If the ecumenical movement, as now organized, does not crash on the doctrine of the church, we Southern Baptists will have to be able to maintain our position with clear statements of what we find in the Word of God. If a theological commission (with a definitely limited life) is not the answer, what do you suggest?

New Building for Missouri School

BOLIVAR, Mo.—(BP)—A new library and science building to cost \$135,000 is under construction for the Southwest Baptist College. The building will be completed in early June of 1953.



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The English—Humor and Capacity for Survival

by Joe W. Burton

London—It is a bright, brisk Sunday morning in this sprawling capital of Britain. Shortly I shall go across town, over London's little river, to attend eleven o'clock services in the basement of Spurgeon's Tabernacle—bombed in the war but still used for want of a more suitable place.

This is the last stage of our party's family life study tour of northern Europe. We have seen the welfare states at work for the family—Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark. Right at Russia's doors honest, industrious, unafraid little Finland was our greatest inspiration.

We have seen the plodding, Spartan Germans working hard for recovery. Holland's amazing battle to win new land from the sea for her overcrowded country—her population has doubled since 1930—was a miracle to behold. France is a dreary place, dreariest of all our journey—a fact attested by more studious observers who have yet to discover the moral fiber to give hope that the nation can survive.

(As an aside, I left the party for a quick trip to Switzerland and Zurich for the one purpose of seeing the new European Baptist Seminary. President Joe Nordenhaug, Norwegian born, American trained, preacher in three languages and conversationalist in one or two more, proudly showed me the magnificent mansion on the hillside overlook Lake Zurich, the library wing being added, the sturdy but artistic new building nearing completion. Then with

one sweeping gesture and glance over the eight acres dedicated to the training of Europe's spiritual leaders, he concluded: "This is the most beautiful Baptist Seminary in the world." I found myself agreeing.)

But now we are in England—and it is a heartening experience. Of course our study is superficial: less than four weeks to examine the basic social structure of eight distinct cultures.

Here we find the one factor no visitor could miss. It is the chief discovery of the whole journey. I refer to the widely heralded but always refreshing English humor.

It is a spontaneity, a quick congeniality, a brightness which we have seen nowhere else. The Germans like to give commands, the French have verve and vivacity, the Scandinavians are great planners, but the English alone can meet any situation with a quick recovery.

I saw it at Victoria Station expressed by our travel agent: "I'll say, old man, better get aboard the bus. We wouldn't want to leave you."

We were with it all afternoon yesterday displayed by a jolly guide, a retired teacher who with his ready wit made history come alive in the stern Bloody Tower where royalty awaited their fate and amid the buried great of Westminster's dark recesses. His sparkle was like a personal introduction to Christopher Wren who as a mathematician, not an architect, prepared the plans for St. Paul's Cathedral.

The humor of the British is no sissy submissiveness. It has spirit, best expressed of course a decade ago by the bulldog speech of a stout humorist who spoke about fighting on beaches and with their hands. Churchill's defiance was not only a rallying cry but a typification. He knew his people and he knew that although whipped they would never be defeated.

I encountered a degree of that spirit yesterday at the elevator where I had rung the bell without success. Finally the elevator dropped past and I quickly rang again. The lift was reversed, the door came open, and the grumbling operator barked: "You were standing at the corner where I couldn't see you. You must stand in front so you can be seen."

There is something in the spirit of these people—just what its real character is no casual visitor can of a certainty discern. I could wish and do pray, that it may root in an element of true faith—for one almost despairs of any hope for genuine spirituality in the secularistic environment of the continent. Is real faith present now in the heart of England? I hope so.

I do venture one conclusion. The Eng-

YOUR STATE ...and MINE

by AGNES GIBBS FORD

Shiloh National Military Park, second largest in the nation, is located in West Tennessee.

The best preserved earthworks of the War Between the States are to be found in Tennessee at Fort Donelson National Military Park.

The National Field Trials for bird dogs are held in Tennessee at Grand Junction every February.

Tennessee contains two mountain ranges—the Great Smokies and the Cumberlands, oldest of all mountains.

Tennessee has a native born population of 99.49 per cent. Of this, 80.23 per cent is white; 19.26 per cent, Negro.

Tennessee was the scene of 454 battles during the War Between the States.

The nickname, The Volunteer State, was given Tennessee during the Mexican War of 1847, when a call was issued for 2,800 volunteers and 30,000 men responded.

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lish, I am sure, have a greater capacity for survival than any other people of Europe.

In this connection, I cannot forget a sharp appraisal spoken to me privately at lunch table by George W. Truett a decade ago. Said Dr. Truett: "The Germans are methodical plodders. They take themselves seriously. But the English have a saving sense of humor. They will come through."

Today, as then—in international affairs and in our homes—we need an adjustment to life which will see us through. I am convinced more than ever that it can come only through personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour.



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