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## Personalities

of the Southern Baptist  
Convention and Related  
Meetings in St. Louis, Mo.,  
May 30-June 5:

Convention officers are (left to right) First Row: President, J. W. Storer, Tulsa, Okla.; Vice-president, E. H. Westmoreland, Houston, Texas; Secretary, Joe W. Burton, Nashville, Tenn.

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Third Row: President of Pastors' Conference, Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn.; Conference Speaker Allen Shivers, Governor of the State of Texas; Convention Preacher, Slater A. Murphy, Memphis, Tenn.; President of the Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va.;

Last Row: Among Others to Address the Convention in St. Louis are Sam W. Scantlan, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dale Moody, Louisville, Ky.; Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Va.; and Oliver R. Shields, St. Louis, Mo.



# Observations

By  
OWEN



## Here and There

### Disgrace to the Name of Religion

Citizens concerned over the increase in gambling are given reason to be further disturbed in New Jersey's legalization of charity bingo and raffles. Catholic diocesan newspapers and Catholic organizations can largely be credited, along with some veteran's groups, in legalization of these games of chance.

A Roman Catholic spokesman in Trenton, New Jersey predicted that nearly all Catholic churches would register with the recently appointed State Legalized Games of Chance Commission. This will give them a license to conduct bingo games and raffles. A Catholic priest in Jersey City, where bingo has been very popular, estimates that "many Catholic churches would realize \$20,000 to \$50,000 extra income yearly from the games," according to a *Religious News Service* release of April 21. There are 520 Catholic churches in the state. The games may be held on Sunday if local officials approve by ordinance.

The legalization of bingo was vigorously opposed by the New Jersey Council of Churches, a Protestant body. Some thirty communities, most of them small, rejected the legalization of bingo. But all large New Jersey cities approved the games by wide margins.

Such legalization of "charity" chance games which has been actively sought by Roman Catholics, and out of which Catholic churches expect to profit, is a disgrace to the name of religion. Encouragement of a human weakness for the sake of profit aids and abets the criminal elements now menacing the very foundations of our civilization.

### Headache? It Need Not Be Permanent!

If it fulfills its function, the religious press will give its reader headaches rather than dispense to them theological aspirins. At least that's what Dr. Walter Van Kirk advised those attending the Associated Church Press conference in New York. Unless editors of the religious press make it their business "to stir up people" so they "take action on vital issues," they are not doing their job, according to Dr. Van Kirk,

secretary of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Van Kirk was prompted to say this in thinking of a world which has the hydrogen bomb; a world in which there are fifty million refugees; a world in which men's freedoms are threatened; a world where Communism is on the march. Dare we as Christians expect any peace of mind in view of all this?

To Dr. Van Kirk's advice, one might add the following: though today's readers have no right to expect their religious papers to gloss over these and other crucial problems depriving their minds of peace, they ought, at the same time, to expect to find in religious papers the positive as well as the negative. Surely they ought to find the Good News of the Son of God. Even though there is no peace *without*, yet there can be peace *within*. Our Lord said "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." We can never be complacent about the Christless world; but we ought never to be indifferent to what God has done for us of this world through His mercy and grace in Christ.

Nor will we be left with a permanent headache over the world's plight so long as we humbly and gratefully trust the God who has shown Himself in the cross and the Resurrection and the out-poured Holy Spirit.

We have just read again M. W. Egerton's little book, *A Functioning Deacon in a New Testament Church*, published a few months ago by the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. We want to express here our hearty commendation of this treatise for serious consideration of the ministry of the deacon in the light of New Testament qualifications and service intended by this office.

Mr. Egerton's book should help to focus attention upon the higher concept of the ministry to which the Holy Spirit calls deacons, and for which they should be ordained. The views set forth against a limited tenure of service for deacons, which is now followed in many of our churches, will not be readily accepted by some; but Mr. Egerton's argument should be carefully considered. Deacon Egerton has set forth in the 87 pages of this book a sound plea for the kind of "deacon service" which can help to save our churches from the eventual

### Large Share in the Sessions

Tennesseans are scheduled for a large share in the sessions of both the Pastor's Conference and the Southern Baptist Convention itself at St. Louis, Missouri, June 1-5.

In the pre-convention conference of pastors to be held at Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Chairman Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville will preside over the gathering May 31-June 1. Dr. Charles W. Pope, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, speaks at 10:00 Tuesday morning on "The Relation of the Church and the Kingdom." At 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, "The Power of the Personal Touch" will be the subject of an address by Dr. Walter Warmath of Knoxville's Fifth Avenue Church. Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor, Bellevue Church, Memphis will bring the conference's concluding message Tuesday evening on "When Do Preachers Preach?"

Another Memphian, Dr. Slater A. Murphy, pastor of Highland Heights Church is the appointee for the annual Southern Baptist Convention sermon at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2 in Kiel auditorium. Fourteen other Tennesseans have parts on the convention program as listed by the committee. These include Dr. Porter Routh of Nashville to present, as executive secretary, the Executive Committee's administration report in the opening session Wednesday, June 2. Dr. Albert McClellan of Nashville will submit the Denominational Calendar. Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, will present the report of the Southern Baptist Foundation. Dr. Murphy's sermon will be preceded by special music given by the Bellevue Church choir of Memphis, under the direction of Mr. Tommy Lane.

Wednesday night, Director Merrill D. Moore of Nashville will submit the Executive Committee report on Promotion. Following the Sunday School Board report, Thursday morning's session will be brought to a close with an address by Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Board at Nashville.

The Baptist Brotherhood will be presented Thursday evening by George W. Schroeder, executive secretary, of Memphis.

Dr. L. S. Sedberry of Nashville will represent the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Friday morning and at noon Friday, Dr. Joe W. Burton of Nashville will lead the worship period on the Christian Home.

Friday night's session will hear three commission reports: Historical by Dr. Norman W. Cox; Christian Life by Dr. A. C. Miller; Education by Dr. Orin Cornett, all of Nashville. The Youth Service closing the Friday night session will be in charge of Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan of Nashville.

professionalism risked by churches expecting more and more of the whole realm of service to be done by paid staffs.

## In St. Louis

Messengers in St. Louis will be glad that this year's Southern Baptist Convention will provide them a breather in the afternoons. Following the pattern set at Houston no afternoon sessions have been scheduled. But with both morning and evening sessions the days will be full. The Convention also contemplates closing at Saturday noon instead of continuing through Sunday night as heretofore.

Since the sessions this year will come the first week in June, about two weeks later than usual, many pastors will be able to share in local High School commencement services and the Mother's Day observances in their own churches which attendance upon the Convention has conflicted with in many instances when it met in early May.

The central location, the easy accessibility by all modes of transportation and St. Louis' excellent hotel facilities as well as auditorium, will all contribute to the possibility of this being the best attended Southern Baptist Convention yet. The cordial invitations extended by Baptists of St. Louis and Missouri will make Baptists from all quarters of the Convention eager to come and share in the inspiration, vision and fellowship in service which such experiences as an annual Southern Baptist Convention always provide.

### Union University Alumni Dinner

Alumni of Union University will meet in a special section of Kiel Auditorium Cafeteria, Wednesday afternoon, five-thirty o'clock of Convention week in St. Louis.



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## Baptist Gets Ministerial Scholarship from Jewish Fund

MEMPHIS—(RNS)—Carrol B. Freeman, youth work director of First Baptist Church here, has received a scholarship from a Jewish trust fund which will enable him to study for the ministry.

He will use the award to obtain ministerial training at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Announcement of the award was made by Abe Waldauer, chairman of the trustees of the fund established about six years ago by the late Jacob M. Meyer to "advance education in the South and the nation" on a non-sectarian basis. The fund provides loans and salary supplementation grants in addition to scholarships.

"Religious tolerance is one of the glorious traditions of the United States," Mr. Waldauer said. "We trust this grant to enable Mr. Freeman to realize his laudable ambition may be a small but sincere gesture of interfaith goodwill."

President Duke McCall of the Louisville seminary, who came here for the award presentation, described it as "an act of genuine goodwill that evidences the basic Judeo-Christian belief in one God."

## Southern Baptist Chaplains Breakfast in St. Louis

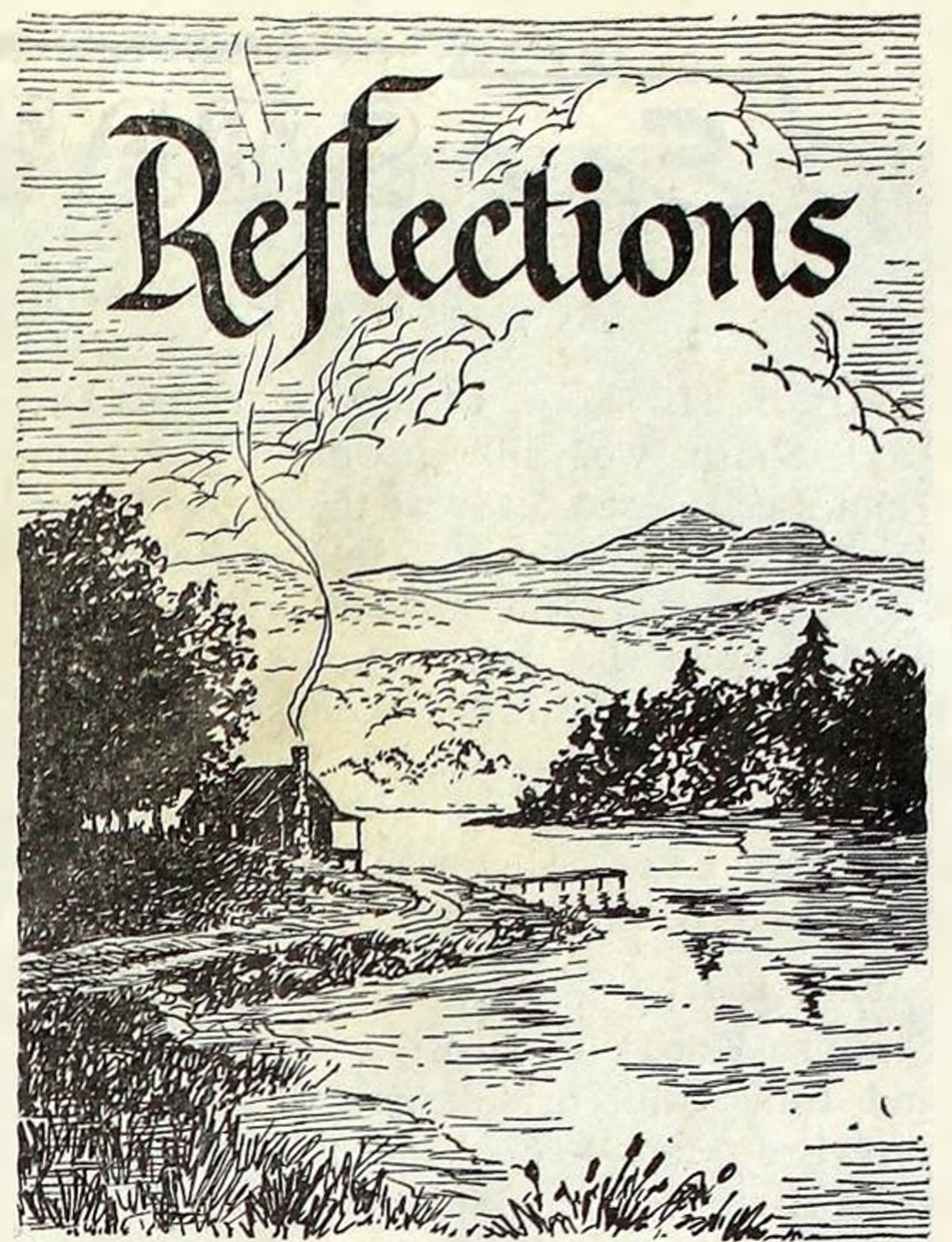
The annual business meeting and breakfast of the Southern Baptist Chaplains Association will be at 7:30 A.M., June 4, in Fellowship Hall, Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo. All duty chaplains, former chaplains, their wives, friends, and prospective chaplains are urged to attend, according to John L. Dodge, president.

## Protests Police Probe Of Baptist Pastors

ROME—(RNS)—A Baptist official here protested to Premier Mario Scelba against the action of local police authorities in several parts of Italy who allegedly are demanding that Baptist pastors submit detailed information on the size of their congregations and extent of their religious activities.

The protest was signed by the executive secretary of the Italian Baptist Church. It said that "the atmosphere of vigilance and discrimination against religious minorities created by this survey" is contrary to Article XX of the Italian Constitution.

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It is not enough for a gardener to love flowers; he must also hate weeds.  
—Minutes, Farm Bureau Ins. Cos.

Silence is one of the hardest arguments to refute.—Maurice R. Shochatt, *Trailer Talk*

A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.—Albert Einstein.

The home has been the scapegoat for juvenile delinquency too long. The standards of the community as a whole . . . are also highly important in influencing young people's behavior.—Leonard W. Mayo, chairman, National Mid-Century Committee for Youth.

In the British Museum one can see 75 drafts of Thomas Gray's poem, "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard." Gray didn't like the first way he wrote it, nor the second nor the third. He wasn't satisfied till he scribbled it over and over 75 times.—Household Magazine

A friend once put to Daniel Webster this question, "Mr. Webster, what do you consider the most important thought that ever occupied your mind?" Immediately the great statesman flashed back, "The most important thought that has ever occupied my mind was that of my individual responsibility to God."—Harold W. Ruopp.

It is of the utmost importance for free people to have access to reliable data on which their judgments are to be based. When a person or an organization can censor the areas of inquiry, rule out thinking on a subject because it is controversial, then the individuals censored are no longer free.—Harold C. Case, President, Boston University.

# East STATE Briefs

By Lloyd T. Householder, Maryville, Tennessee

Mrs. J. H. Sharp, wife of venerable Dr. J. H. Sharp, well and favorably known in Tennessee, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sam B. Holt of Jefferson City, April 12. She wielded a mighty influence upon the lives of many people as she labored so faithfully alongside Brother Sharp. She was this writer's Sunday school teacher when he was a boy. Burial was at Jefferson City. She was a member of Smithwood Church, Knoxville.

Warren Rust, pastor of McCalla Avenue Church, Knoxville, assisted H. Van Eaton and First Church, Glasgow, Kentucky in a revival May 9-16. Vincent Cervera will assist Pastor Rust at McCalla Avenue.

Russell Bradley Jones, professor of Bible at Carson-Newman College, was the evangelist at Tennessee Avenue Church, Knoxville. Elmer Bailey, educational director at Broadway Church, Knoxville, taught the "The Ministry of Visitation" during the week of April 19. This church is completing plans for a new educational building. Dillard Hagan is pastor.

Central Church, Fountain City, enjoyed a gracious revival season recently when the preaching was done by Hansel Stembridge of Forest City, North Carolina. Charles S. Bond is pastor.

Roy Easterly of Spartanburg, South Carolina, assisted Pastor James E. Harris and Deaderick Avenue Church, Knoxville, in a meeting which began April 25. Sidney Waits directed the music.

Raymond DeArmond, pastor of Sevier Heights Church, Knoxville, is leading Mount Olive Church, Knoxville, in a revival. Wyman E. Wood is pastor.

South Knoxville Church has purchased a beautiful pastor's home at 242 Druid Drive in Lindberg Forest.

Vas Henry, who has been associated with James Furman and the United Tennessee League for several years, has resigned. He is a good man and a tireless worker. He lives in Knoxville.

Pastor Henry Davidson did his own preaching at First Church, Cumberland Gap. There were 13 additions. Max Hardin of Pineville, led the music.

Broadway Church, Knoxville, has adopted plans for the erection of two balconies in the church auditorium with seating space for 256. Ramsey Pollard is pastor.

Liberty Church, Knoxville, moved into its new \$85,000 auditorium April 11. This church has operated as a branch of Broadway Church for several years. The new building seats 550. Alvin A. Harms is pastor.

Frank W. Wood, formerly pastor of Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville, and more recently pastor of Woodlawn Church, Birmingham, Alabama, has accepted a call to become pastor of First Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma, and will begin his new work May 16.

L. G. Frey, Nashville, was the speaker at a ground breaking ceremony for a missionary's home for Nolachucky Association at Morristown, April 25. W. E. McGregor, who was pastor at Bulls' Gap for 33 years and moderator of this association for six years, turned the first shovel of dirt. Brother McGregor has been in retirement since the loss of his sight six years ago. Herman King is missionary.

G. A. Leichter, executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Foundation, was the evangelist at First Church, Elizabethton, April 25-May 2. Herman W. Cobb is pastor.

Central Church, Johnson City, engaged in a series of revival services conducted by Pastor James W. Cox. Robert Renfro of First Church, Charlottesville, Virginia, directed the music.

John A. Huff, formerly pastor of First Church, Chattanooga, supplied at First Church, Clinton, April 25, while Pastor Paul Turner was in a revival with Eudora Church, Memphis.

April 11, Lincoln Park Church, Knoxville, had 1180 in Sunday school, 270 in Training Union, 24 additions to the church, and \$1980.00 offering. Pastor Charles Ausmus baptized 24 at the evening service.

Sevier Heights Church, Knoxville, observed April 4-11 as youth week. Frank W. Wood was the evangelist in a revival which began April 18. Pastor Raymond DeArmond assisted Paul Hatfield and Hillcrest Church in a revival recently.

First Church, LaFollette, had an unusual revival team for April 18-25 when Pastor B. B. Powers of First Church, Waynesboro, assisted his son, Vern B. Powers.

A similar experience when father and son united in a revival was that of Pastor Richard R. Lloyd of First Church, Jellico, when his son, Raymond, did the preaching. Raymond is pastor of Shiloh Church, Bridgeport, Illinois.

Trenton Street Church, Harriman, provided teachers for a Training Union study course at Elizabeth Street Mission, Harriman. Beecher Hammons is mission pastor.

Buckner Fanning was with Lookout Mountain Church, Chattanooga, for eight days of special services which began April 18. M. Dale Larew is pastor.

First Church, Lenoir City, has experienced a gracious revival in which the preaching was done by men of the church. There were 22 professions of faith, 4 additions by letter, and 30 rededications. Pastor J. E. Ledbetter assisted pastor Hugh Widick and First Church, Oneida, in revival services the week of April 25.

Homer Lindsey, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, Florida, was the evangelist at First Church, Cleveland, May 3-9. Pastor James Byler made splendid preparation for these services through cottage prayer meetings and visitation.

John Hipsher, formerly pastor of Tennessee Valley Church, Spring City, has resigned to become associational missionary in Tennessee Valley Association. He succeeds Elmer Thomas who accepted a similar position in Gadsden, Alabama.

First Church, Dayton, and Pastor R. E. Lee were assisted in a youth sponsored revival by Terry Davis, evangelist. The results were 27 baptized, 5 by letter, 40 rededications, and one decision for full time service.

Brooks Ramsey is doing his own preaching in a revival at First Church, Maryville.

Sunday, April 11, was one of the greatest days in the history of Broadway Church, Maryville, of which this writer is pastor. New records were set at Sunday school and Training Union, when there were 673 present at Sunday school and 306 at Training Union. Offering for the day was \$1,817.58. Average attendance at Sunday school for the month of April set a new record of 608.

Henry M. Chiles assisted Roy O. Arbuckle and Grace Church, Knoxville, in a revival April 18-25.

Earl A. Jones has resigned as pastor of Wilder Church, Knoxville, to accept a call to Richland Church in Grainger County. He has been pastor of this church since the time of its beginning as a mission of Bell Avenue Church. Sixty-one have united with the church by baptism and 112 by letter.

Henry Chiles, pastor of Central Church, Bearden, assisted Pastor W. M. Pinson and Park Lane Church, Knoxville in revival services.

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, led First Church, Knoxville, in a revival which began April 11. The week of May 2-7 Dr. Grace Sloan Overton led the church in the observance of Family and Christian Home Week. Charles A. Trentham is pastor.

## Use of Library Exceeds Hopes of Historical Commission

Use of the resources of the Dargan-Carver Library, Nashville has far surpassed the best hopes of the Historical Commission according to Norman W. Cox, executive secretary of the commission jointly operating the library with the Sunday School Board.

Ninety-six people from eighteen states worked in the library for periods of from three days to nine months during 1953. Thirty-nine of these were students, a majority of whom were doing research for Master of Arts or Doctor of Philosophy dissertations. One student handled, examined and used more than 2,000 different items. The library served six who are engaged in writing important Baptist histories. There were fifty-one additional writers who were seeking and studying materials for historical writing assignments. In addition to the above there were a larger number who used the library's resources for shorter periods, Dr. Cox stated.

## Asks Churches Take on Healing Role

RICHMOND, Va.—(RNS)—Churches must work for the day when nations will find security "not in bombs and bayonets but in mutual confidence and good will," delegates to the Virginia Convocation of Churches here were told.

Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk of New York said the time for "ecclesiastical crying" about armaments is past. The task of the church now, he said, is to "cast out the devils of recrimination and retaliation and to substitute for hate the reconciling and healing spirit of world community."

Evangelist Eddie Martin conducted revival services with Broadway Church, Knoxville, Ramsey Pollard, pastor. There were 119 additions, 89 of these on professions of faith. Dr. Pollard says that Evangelist Martin's messages were straightforward, fundamental dynamic, and evangelistic.

A report comes from Edgar M. Arendall, pastor of Dawson Memorial Church, Birmingham, Alabama of a revival in which he assisted Pastor Ray Brown and the Immanuel Church, Elizabethton. "Brother Brown, a man of consecration and ability, has led his people in a marvelous way in the seven years he has been at Immanuel in a building program and debt campaign. There were 19 additions in the revival."

First Church, Gatlinburg, in the youth week revival had 16 additions, 13 on profession of faith, 2 for full time Christian service, Carolyn Luther and Bobby Carter, and more than 100 rededications. Roger McDonald and James Trentham, both of Carson-Newman College, assisted Pastor J. O. Carter.

## Dyersburg Gymnasium Jammed in Revival



This is one of the two crowds on Sunday night April 18, the other filled First Baptist Church at the same hour, in the services led by Eddie Martin.

Led by energetic Evangelist Eddie Martin, Dyer Baptist Association launched their greatest revival effort April 11.

Dyersburg High School Gymnasium, largest available indoor auditorium in the city, was the site for the 2 weeks crusade. By the second Sunday night, two services were necessary, one at First Church and the other at the gymnasium. Both meetings were held at the same hour, with over 3500 people jamming both buildings, and hundreds turned away. Approximately 5000 people were at the two services the closing Sunday night.

The Gospel was carried to over 3500

students throughout the county in special assembly programs. Daily radio broadcasts carried the message into the homes. All the civic clubs received the Evangelist's message.

Dr. Robert L. Orr, pastor of First Church and chairman for the crusade, reports, "This is the greatest thing that has happened to Dyersburg. I have never seen such enthusiasm for religion. Thousands of people have made vital spiritual decisions that will greatly strengthen all of our churches for years to come. Over 80 per cent of the new converts have already joined the churches. We will experience great growth as a result of this powerful impact."

## Arkansas Baptist Church Becomes Interracial

PARAGOULD, Ark. — (RNS) — Oak Grove Baptist Church, a congregation of 40 members in a farming community near here, has become what is believed to be the first interracial Baptist church in Arkansas by admitting ten Negroes to membership.

The Rev. Amos Greer, missionary for the Greene County Baptist Association and a member of the church, said the congregation took the action because "we would look funny talking about foreign missions if we could not do something like this in our own community."

The Oak Grove Church opened its doors to 25 Negroes for common worship on April 4 and the ten now admitted to membership were part of that group.

Immediately afterward, the church organized a community revival service for Paragould's 500 Negroes, who previously had no facilities for worship. It was re-

ported to be the first revival meeting for Negroes to be conducted in the area by an ordained minister of any denomination in more than 65 years.

The Rev. A. Garland of Kennett, Mo., a Negro minister, was invited to the Oak Grove Church to conduct the community service for which Paragould's East Side Baptist Church provided a pulpit, pews and a piano.

Mr. Greer said that Oak Grove's new Negro members will be used as the nucleus for the formation of a Negro mission in Paragould and that an interracial committee has been formed to determine the possibility of obtaining a Negro minister to serve it. The Rev. Russell Duffer, moderator of the county Baptist association, and Mr. Greer head the committee.

Pastor of the Oak Grove Church is the Rev. A. C. Rudloff.

# Next Sunday's Lesson

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TEXTS: I Kings 21 (Larger)—I Kings 21:1-4, 16-20 (Printed)—Exodus 20:17 (Golden).

## Elijah Rebukes Ahab

The Golden Text is: "Thou shalt not covet." Ahab's transgression of this Commandment, as seen in the story of Naboth's vineyard, caused him to break not one but several of the Commandments before he had finished. For he was a participant, at least, in false witness and murder and theft. It is in nearly all instances the case. One thinks of David with his crimes connected with Bethsheba. One thinks of the account of Ananias and Sapphira. One thinks of many contemporary church members who refuse to support the Lord's work in a financial way, according to the teachings of the Word of God. Covetousness is a deadly sin, subtle and destructive. This entire chapter, chosen for the larger lesson, furnishes excellent material by way of advice and warning.

### A Sulking King (vv. 1-4)

Naboth had refused to trade or sell his vineyard to Ahab, the king. In so doing, he was merely obeying the Levitical law which regarded the land as a trust from God and therefore to be retained within one's immediate family. Ahab evidently had his heart set on acquiring the plot of ground and, when denied, he acted like a spoiled child. He sulked even to the point of not being able to eat his food. Some persons are like that even today. They are so accustomed to having their own way that they will tolerate no opposition whatsoever from any one. They seem to take a fiendish delight in having others to submit to their wills with a spirit of cringing. To oppose such persons where principles are involved is to incur their undying ill-will. Such people forget that "a man's a man for a' that" and display a pettiness or littleness that is as deplorable as it is disgusting.

### A Plotting Queen (vv. 5-16)

Jezebel, the queen, with characteristic energy and cunning, determines to secure for Ahab the desires of his heart by either fair means or foul (mostly foul, in the light of the story). She forged a letter in the name of King Ahab, attaching his seal to the same, in which Naboth would be accused of both blasphemy against God and disloyalty to the King. The rest would be easy, for Naboth would be killed with stoning and the vineyard would be stolen or seized. It was a diabolical plot indeed, concocted and brewed by this daughter of the Devil. It was carried out without a hitch, and Ahab got his vineyard. He evidently recovered from his pouting sulkiness and all was pleasant again in the palace. May the Lord deliver us from the shrewd and malicious plotting of a

strong-willed woman! May we pray that we not become the victim of such a person in whose path we happen to find ourselves! Pity the object of a woman with brains minus the spirit of Christ! As a rule, she will have her way with a vengeance. Jezebel reminds us of Lady Macbeth. Both illustrate the deadly nature of the female of the species.

### A Condemning Prophet (vv. 17-24)

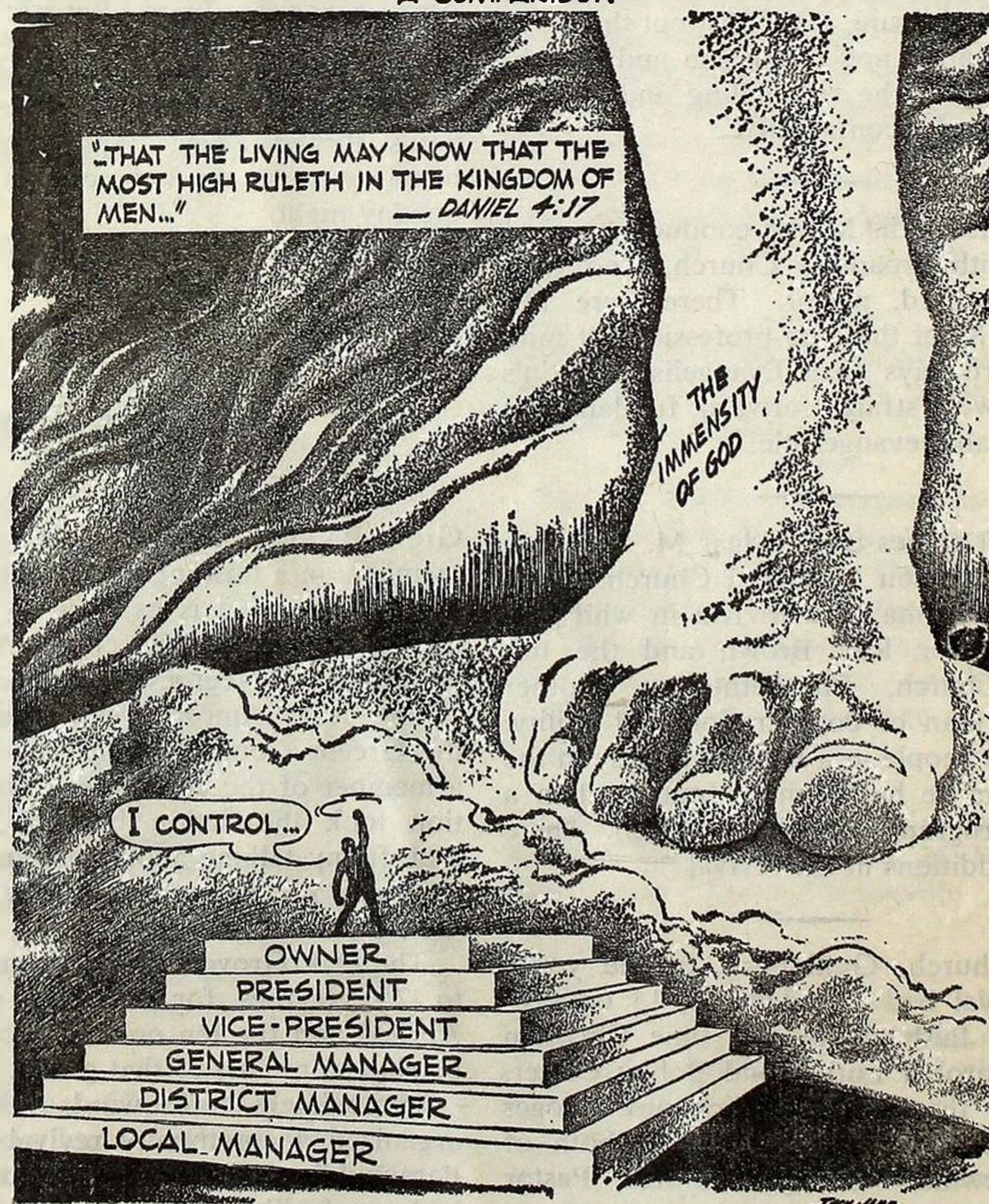
Elijah, the spokesman of the Lord, comes on the scene just at this time. Neither Ahab nor Jezebel were permitted to enjoy their ill-gotten vineyard for very long. Like a clap of thunder, he announced the condemnation of God upon the evil couple. The stern Tishbite pronounced their doom in no uncertain terms, prophesying their being eaten by the dogs in the same place where Naboth had been slain. Ahab cries out in a cowardly fashion at being apprehended by one he chose to call his enemy, Elijah the man of God. The scene is a perfect picture of: "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23b). The folk saying has

the same truth: "Chickens always come home to roost." It is the formulation of an abiding principle in human experience. For there is no escape from the consequences of wrong-doing. Sooner or later, sin discovers us and uncovers us. We are exposed in all of our nakedness and shame before the world and before God. Like a bloodhound on the trail of the criminal, so does our sinning cling doggedly on the trail of our conscience until one day we are brought to justice. There is one and only one source for relief, repentance from sins and faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour who alone is able and willing to save us. Let us thank God for His faithful and fearless spokesmen, like Elijah, who warn us of the inevitable consequences of sinning.

### A Penitent Sinner (vv. 25-29)

Ahab became penitent, but apparently not repentant, when told of his impending doom. He seems to have been genuinely sorry for his evil deeds, although not to the point of changing his life from one of sin to righteousness. Was Jezebel's destructive influence too much for him? Was he afraid of what she might say and do if he turned all the way? The record is not too clear, either explicitly or implicitly. But we give him credit for having good and reforming impulses, with which God was pleased. So Elijah was instructed to tell him that God had postponed a part of his punishment, inflicting it upon his son instead. Ahab changed at least from an attitude of haughty pride to one of penitent humility. Genuine humility is acceptable before God.

### A COMPARISON



# The Young South

Sometimes boys and girls write me saying they want pen pals with the same hobbies they have. That is a grand idea. It provides an interesting subject for letters, and it can help to develop a hobby. Read today's letters and see if you can find a pen pal whose hobby is the same as yours.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I have planned to write you several times but I never got to it. I am thirteen years old, will be fourteen May 22.

I go to Rock Springs Church and Rock Springs School. My hobby is playing the organ. I also like to play softball and basketball. I am in the eighth grade and I will go to Whitthorne Junior High School next term.

I have one sister and two brothers. I hope to get many pals and will promise to answer every letter or card I receive.

JEAN ANN LEE

Route 5  
Columbia, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl nine years old. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher is Mrs. Jean Sullivan. This is my first time to write you. I go to the Rutledge Falls Baptist Church. My hobby is reading. My Pastor is Rev. C. C. Akridge. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Cora Ingram. I would like to have some pen pals. I will answer every letter.

JANET HOLT

Route 5  
Manchester, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl twelve years old. I have blonde hair and blue eyes. I am a member of the Junior G.A. I belong to Midway Baptist Church. Brother James A. Farrar of Jackson is my pastor. My hobbies are playing basketball and making flowers. I am in the seventh grade at Whiteville High School. I am a Christian. I would like to have some faithful pen pals. I will try to answer every letter I get.

SHIRLEY JEAN MORRISON  
Whiteville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my second time to write to you. I have brown hair and blue-gray eyes. I am fifteen years old and in the tenth grade at Whiteville High School. My hobbies are reading, writing letters, and listening to the radio.

I am a Christian. I belong to the First Baptist Church of Whiteville. I am a member of the Intermediate G.A. My G.A. teacher is Mrs. Mildred Wilkes. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Marie Bryant. My pastor is Brother J. R. Sedberry, Jr.

I would like to hear from lots of boys and girls from everywhere.

SADIE IDONA MORRISON  
Whiteville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write. I hope I will get some pen pals.

I am a Christian. I'm ten years old and in the fifth grade at Springbrook school.

My hobby is collecting stamps. I'll answer any letter I get. My birthday is October 26.

SHIRLEY TEEZELL

894 Gilbert Street  
Alcoa, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write you. I will be fifteen November 23. I have black hair and brown eyes. My favorite hobby is swimming. I go to the Mine City Baptist Church. I would like for boys and girls to write me, ages fourteen to seventeen. I will answer all letters.

PATTY COUCH

Ducktown, Tenn.



Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl who would like to have some pen pals between the ages of thirteen and fifteen.

I am thirteen years old. I go to Brainerd Junior High School where I am in the eighth grade.

I am interested in sports of all kinds, but I also enjoy reading and music.

I attend Concord Baptist Church. I have been a Christian since I was six years old.

I promise to answer every card or letter I receive.

BARBARA SCOTT

7022 E. Brainerd Rd.  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

How many different hobbies did you read about in today's letters? Was there a letter from someone who shares *your* hobby?

Perhaps you have a hobby different from all those mentioned in today's letters. Will you write and tell us about it? It would be nice if you'd tell how you came to choose your hobby and maybe some of the interesting experiences you've had in connection with it. Knowing about your hobby will make it easier for Young South friends to choose you as their pen pal. How about a letter from you?

Love,

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Avenue, S,  
Nashville, Tenn.



Lad in the fourth grade who can't seem to get the hang of long division left all the answer spaces blank on a recent test paper but printed in neat, square letters across the bottom of the sheet, "I can spell chrysanthemum."

A bobby pin and gummed tape are Mother's kit of tools; intuition is her college degree; and a new hat is her Declaration of Independence.

A friend of mine has read all the books on how to deal with children. He thinks he's quite good at it. One of his techniques, borrowed from the experts, is the loaded question—one to which there is no negative answer. For example, he'd ask, "What do you want to do first, pick up your toys or hang up your clothes?" But the five-year-old soon showed how well he had learned the trick. One day in the toy store, he halted before a display, looked up and demanded of his daddy, "Which one are you going to get me, the scooter or the wagon?"

A show-off is always shown-up in a show-down.

The man who is always in a stew, generally goes to pot.

An Irishman was trying to enlist in the army. He said he was 41 whereas the age limit was 38. But the recruiting sergeant thought the Irishman would make a good soldier and told him to go out and think about the age matter and return. In an hour the Irishman was back. "Well, how old are you now?" asked the sergeant. "Sure, it's 38 I am; it's me old mither who is 41."

Pretty as a doll and just as dumb; with a fuzzy poodle under her arm, she seated herself, and as a waiter prepared to take her order, baby-talked the dog into exasperation. Trying to comfort the fidgeting animal she cooed: "There, there, now, Mama's itsy-bitsy baby—nobody's going to hurt 'oo." The poodle settled after a while and the girl turned big blue eyes to meet the icy glare of the waiter: "Your first dog, madam?"

Mr. Jones stared in a puzzled way at Mr. Clark, to whom he had just been introduced. "You look like a man I've seen somewhere, Mr. Clark," he said. "Your face seems familiar. I fancy you have a double. A funny thing about it is that I remember I formed a strong prejudice against the man who looks like you—but I'm sure we never met." Mr. Clark laughed. "I'm the man," he answered, "and I know why you formed the prejudice. I passed the contribution plate for two years in the church you attended."

# Mid STATE Briefs

R. Brown Hughes, Route No. 5, Nashville, Tenn.

As the new scribe for Mid State Briefs I would deeply appreciate your cooperation and help in the gathering of pertinent and interesting information. Please send your bulletins and news items to the address listed at the head of this column.

Every day at 2:00 P.M. the Men's Prayer Council of the First Church of Etowah has assembled for almost 27 years and has several times read the Bible through. On April 3, after reading a chapter a day for 3 years, 3 months and 3 days, another reading was completed. The Council had its beginning when two men of the church joined together in prayer for the lost child of a friend. Since that time 27 years ago this group, which has grown to quite a number, has not missed a day in meeting for prayer and scripture reading. Pastor Cowan Ellis is a native of Nashville.

Wilson County Association has two new pastors. Robert Daughterty has recently come to Ramah Church and Lawrence Byrd has come to Smith Fork Church. Brother Daughterty is a student at Belmont College.

Pastor W. L. Baker and First Church, Donelson, were assisted in revival services by Leonard Sanderson, preaching, and Genter Stephens, leading the music. There were 36 additions. Plans are underway to organize the mission which the church has been sponsoring into a full time church. Fred Dies is mission pastor.

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Under the direction of pastor Wade L. Carver the First Church of Jamestown reached a record Sunday school attendance on Easter Sunday. They had a total attendance of 419.

T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of Southern Baptist Foundation, completed fifty years in the gospel ministry Sunday, April 25—approximately thirty years in the pastorate and twenty years in denominational service. He is quite well and has filled engagements in ten states since January. He is enthusiastic over the work of the Southern Baptist Foundation. Dr. Holcomb loves Southern Baptists with a genuine devotion.

Pastor Othar Smith of First Church, Lebanon, preached for his church in their revival of April 25-May 2. Bill Pearson, Minister of Music for Trinity Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, led in the song services. An effective all-night prayer service was held previous to the beginning service.

Lockeland Church of Nashville held its revival April 19-May 22. Charles Candler was the visiting evangelist and Bob Persson led the song service. Pastor James M. Gregg was recently at the First Church, Bethany, Oklahoma, holding revival services.

For eight consecutive quarters the Wilson County Associational Training Union has been standard. They are at present one of the two standard associations in the state.

Harpeth Heights Church of Nashville is in a revival which will close May 16. Pastor R. B. Hughes is being assisted by his father J. G. Hughes, pastor of Union Avenue in Memphis, who is preaching for this meeting.

## Your Car Can Be Put to Work for Christ



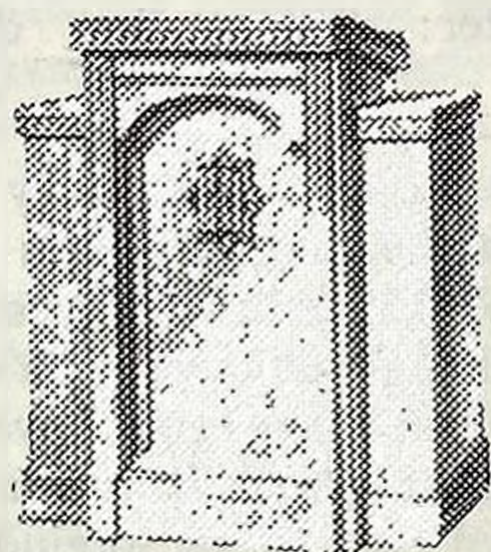
Nashville—Brotherhood of Judson Memorial Church adopted a project creating much interest, not only in their church, but in all Baptist churches in the Nashville Association. E. Dudley Cole (shown above), member of Judson's Brotherhood, suggested that since Tennessee issues only one license for automobiles the space formerly occupied on the front of the cars by a license plate could be put to work for Christ. Cole and a group of Brotherhood members together with Pastor Hobart B. Ford discussed the plan and adopted the slogan "Baptist Invite You to Worship Christ." This slogan is printed on 22 gauge steel. The plate is the same shape and size as Tennessee State license tags, with blue letters on white background. Five hundred of the plates have been distributed to various churches in the Nashville Association and another five hundred are on order. The plates cost Judson 45c each, delivered in Nashville.

May 2-9 was the date of revival for Belmont Heights of Nashville. Buckner Fanning was their evangelist and Rudolph Howard their song leader.

The Immanuel Church of Lebanon now has their building program under way with their basement excavation completed. M. L. Arbuckle is pastor.

First Church Monterey made a jubilee occasion May 2 in marking its Golden Anniversary. Starting with 24 in 1904, membership now has grown to 625 and property value with the completion of the new pastor's home approximates \$100,000. During the last five years \$12,521 has been given to mission causes. The church now has a completely graded Sunday school, Training Union and WMU, and also a Brotherhood. This church has been fortunate in its leadership both in pastors and local officers. Pastor Guard Green has just recently led in a revival that deeply moved the community especially among the young people. The Jubilee Love offering on the 50th anniversary will be used by the church to help care for crowded classes in the Sunday school. Former Pastor W. R. Allen and Editor Richard N. Owen of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR were guest speakers for the day.

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## Educator Calls H-Bomb 'Evangelistic Instrument'

BOSTON—(RNS)—A leading educator said here the hydrogen bomb has become an "evangelistic instrument" creating a new awareness of "the practical importance of religious faith."

Dr. Harold C. Case, president of Boston University, told the Religious Newswriters Association that "there is new concern, not merely within the several branches of the faith, but among people who have known only a minimum contact with religion in any form."

The religious "tide" has begun to rise as people are confronted with the crisis, confusion and fear of today's world," Dr. Case said.

"If man's discoveries threaten to annihilate mankind, unless some nonmilitary means can be found to resolve disputes, then out of the mood of self-preservation, man must look about with an inquiring eye for saving powers," he said. "And he sees that religion is older than the age of science, deeper than the drive for power and more enduring than material assets."

## Virginia Secretary Announces Resignation

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—James R. Bryant, executive secretary of Virginia Baptists for seventeen and one-half years, plans to resign at the end of this year, it was announced at the regular spring meeting of the Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education.

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## Missionary Aids Part-Time Churches and Pastors

Dyer Association's missionary, Henry Guy Jackson, has led churches in that association into a complete survey of their fields. This included a full census of each community tabulated on family cards with each house numbered and clearly identified on every road. Each community was divided into two or more zones, with a church leader given responsibility for noting all family moves and reporting to his church. This plan keeps the survey-census up-to-date.

Individual cards, for whatever purpose needed, are transcribed from these family cards. One list contains the lost people, another unaffiliated Baptists, another Sunday school prospects, etc.

With such information at his finger-tips, any pastor can know at all times where the people are with whom he should work. Most of the absentee pastors (students at Union University) keep these lists of prospects in their carpockets. Thus, as they drive into or out of the field, certain people can be visited.

Naturally, you would expect progress in that association. Well, here it is for last year:

Sunday school average attendance up	298, or 8½ %
Training Union average attendance up	407, or 30 %
Baptisms increased	130, or 27 %
Cooperative Program gifts increased	\$4,391.63, or 11 %
Pastor salaries increased	\$7,061.00, or 11 %

L. G. Frey, secretary, Department of Missions, says that many of our rural and village churches in Tennessee have only a part-time preaching program by an absentee pastor. An absentee pastor is one who does not live among the people to whom he ministers. The association's mission program is a direct approach to the individual churches in helping to strengthen and revitalize them.

"Baptists probably never do as well as they know," Secretary Frey states, "but they always do better when they know better." The mission program is helping Baptists to know more about the Kingdom's work. Church contributions to the association's mission program are a good investment in eternal securities.

## Tennesseans Among Golden Gate Graduates

Among those graduated at the spring commencement exercises of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, was Don B. McCoy. Formerly of Centerville, he has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Theology. Dr. McCoy's wife, Sterline White McCoy, received the Master of Religious Education degree. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have recently been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries to Brazil.

## Dillard West Among Chaplains Decorated

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — Awards to 12 chaplains for meritorious service in Korea were announced here by the Office of the Chief of Army Chaplains. Capt. Dillard A. West of Tennessee, formerly Pastor of the Baptist Church at Dyer was among the group.

Chaplain (Maj.) Perry T. Raley of Noodle, Tex., a Southern Baptist minister, was awarded the coveted Soldier's Medal for "fearlessly approaching a mentally disturbed soldier and persuading him to surrender a hand grenade he was threatening to detonate."

The incident occurred last Jan. 18 near Yami-Ri, Korea, the citation said, adding that the chaplain's action may have saved the lives of the soldier's tentmates.

Chaplain (Lieut. Col.) Emil A. Zund of Fort Worth, Tex. (Southern Baptist), was awarded the Legion of Merit. Commendation Ribbons were given to Chaplains (1st Lieut.) Arvid L. Anderson (American Baptist) of Maine; 1st Lieut.) Meyer Blech (Jewish) of Millville, N.J., and (1st Lieut.) Gordon E. Hutchins (American Baptist) of Brandon, Vt.

Bronze Stars were awarded Chaplains (Capt.) Viggo Oscar Aronsen (Evangelical Lutheran) of St. Paul, Minn.; (Capt.) Deane F. Babbitt (Presbyterian U.S.A.) of Hanford, Calif.; (Maj.) Holland Hope (Methodist) of San Son, N. M.; (1st Lieut.) Hugh C. McKeown, C. P. (Roman Catholic) of Springfield, Mass.; (Capt.) Wilbur M. Sheaffer (Southern Baptist) of Rochester, N. Y.; (Capt.) Charles A. Tunstall (National Baptist U.S.A.) of Mobile, Ala., and (Capt.) Dillard A. West (Southern Baptist) of Tennessee.

## J. D. Grey with Graham in London

London—J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., is spending the closing week of the current crusade in London on invitation of Billy Graham. Grey left New Orleans, May 9, to speak to various groups in London and confer about details of the proposed crusade by Graham in New Orleans in October.

Graham is scheduled to lead in a crusade in Nashville, Tenn. before the New Orleans engagement. Rev. James M. Gregg, pastor of Lockeland Baptist Church, is chairman of the crusade set for Nashville, August 22-September 9.

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# Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY MILLS, Executive Sec'y-Treas.

## Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary To SBC

St. Louis, May 30—June 1

The Statler Hotel will be W.M.U. Headquarters. The place of meeting will be the Opera House of the Municipal Auditorium. The sessions will open Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and will close with the Tuesday Evening session at 7:00 o'clock. The theme of the program will be "Come Women, Wide Proclaim."

Tennessee will have sixty delegates, six from each division and twelve officers. These people will be present for the opening session to represent our women in all matters of business.

The registration list will be at the registration desk in St. Louis prior to the opening session. Cards will NOT be mailed out from the state office but will be filled out at the registration desk. Those delegates whose cards are not claimed by the opening session may be taken by alternates immediately after the opening session.

## Carver School Alumni Luncheon

Alumni of Carver School will have lunch together, June 3 at 1:30 P.M. at the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis. Tickets will cost \$1.00 and will be available at the registration desk at W.M.U. Annual Meeting. It is hoped that every alumni will plan to be present for food, fellowship and the program which will bring us in touch with our Alma Mater and with alumni around the world.

## Book Exhibit

Delegates and visitors will want to go by the Mission Booth of the Book Exhibit while at the convention. All W.M.U. Series of Stewardship, Community Missions, all Biography Series for Junior, Intermediate G.A.s and R.A.s and some of all other Baptist Home and Foreign Mission books will be available.

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**Camp Carson Springs**  
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June 18-20 ..... B.W.C.

**Ridgecrest Glorieta**  
June 10-16 ..... Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Conference  
July 8-14 ..... Glorieta W.M.U. Conference  
Aug. 5-11 ..... Ridgecrest W.M.U. Conference  
Aug. 19-25 ..... Glorieta Y.W.A. Conference  
Aug. 23-30 ..... Young Men's Mission Conference, Ridgecrest

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Y.W.A. reservations for Ridgecrest and Glorieta are to be made through Tennessee W.M.U. Office, Belcourt at 16th Ave.,

Major crimes committed in the United States in 1953 totaled 2,159,080, the highest on record the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported. This is a 6 per cent increase over 1952.

The most dramatic population change in the U.S.A. during the next decade will be the proportionate increase in the number of teen-agers, according to census figures. By 1965 there may be 25 million of them compared with 15 million at the present time.

Approximately one million boys and girls 14 to 17 years of age have quit school to go to work. About one-third of these had not completed the eighth grade.

Hearings are now scheduled on the Bryson Bill (HR-1227) for May 19, 20, 21. The purpose of the bill is "to prohibit the transportation in interstate commerce of advertisements of alcoholic beverages, and for other purposes."

## Counselor's Corner

by Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

### Picture Shows

**Question:** I am a girl eighteen years old and a Christian. I want to know if it is wrong to go to the picture show. Will you please explain to me the 15th verse of the second chapter of First John. It confuses me and I hardly know what it means.

**Answer:** Are you trying to get me shot? Don't you know that there are people who will shed good, honest blood over this issue? No. I won't tell you.

But I will tell you the principles by which you may wisely tell yourself. First, does it harm you or someone else to go to shows? Second, would it be right if all people went? Third, what effect does it have on your Christian testimony? Fourth, what does the Bible say?

This last I would have put first, except for your second question. 1 John 2:15 says, "Love not the world." John means by the "world" those things which destroy, harm, handicap, or deter a man in following Christ. The old puritans included in worldliness such things as laughter, reading novels, dancing on the village green, whistling on the Sabbath, making money, wearing beautiful clothes, and many others.

If I were you, I would think for myself on these matters. You have judgment. Pray. Be conscientious. Read the Bible. But, for heavens sake, don't condemn picture shows and then sit by the hours and watch television.

Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Funeral services for A. J. Armstrong, Baylor University, were held April 2 in the Foyer of Meditation of the Armstrong-Browning library on the campus of Baylor University. He died March 31 at his home in Waco at the age of 81. He was widely known for his Browning collection.

The Veteran's Administration has stated that there is a waiting list of 12,000 mentally disturbed veterans seeking admission to Veterans Administration hospitals. They said they need twice as many doctors as they now have to handle the 56,000 mental patients already in its hospitals.

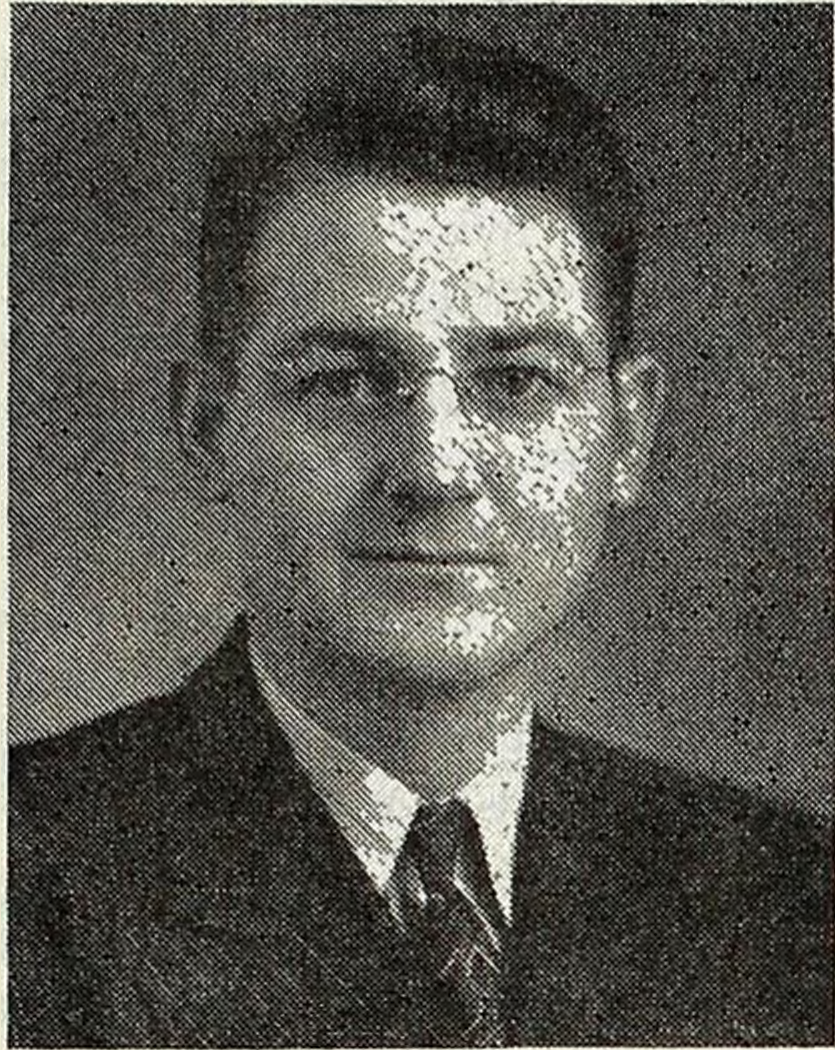
Southern Baptists now operate twenty-nine hospitals in thirteen states, with a combined property value of \$74 million, and a total bed capacity of seven thousand. In 1953 they treated 270,000 patients, of which 82,000 were Baptists. Fifty-five thousand babies were born in these hospitals. Almost \$3 million were expended on charity patients. Net earnings were \$4 million, and they received approximately \$1½ million from the denomination. All except three employ a chaplain.



## Sunday School

JESSE DANIEL, Secretary

### Tennessee and Virginia Plan For a Twin-State Bible Teaching Clinic



A. V. WASHBURN

Tennessee and Virginia are co-operating in plans for a Twin-state Bible Teaching Clinic to be held in the First Baptist Church, Bristol, Virginia, the week of October 18-22, 1954. Mr. A. V. Washburn, Secretary of Teaching and Training Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will be in charge. The churches of Bristol are graciously agreeing to entertain up to 150 clinicians for the week with room and breakfast in the homes, and noon and evening meals for the two days to be served at the church.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for Tennessee Sunday school workers to study with a capable faculty the whole field of Sunday school teaching. A general program will be provided both morning and afternoon and each evening special age group conferences will be provided where the general principals of teaching presented during the day will be applied to the particular age group, giving particular emphasis to the current quarter's Sunday school lesson in the matter of determining aims, meeting pupil needs, considering effective methods, working out lesson plans and evaluating results.

Certainly all of the churches in the surrounding area will want to take advantage of this opportunity. There will be no limitation as to attendance from those who drive in and provide their own entertainment.

Watch this page in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for other announcements.

### On to Ridgecrest

The Sunday school dates at Ridgecrest this year are June 17-23; June 24-30 and July 1-7. Don't fail to have some of your most ambitious Sunday school workers there. If you face Sunday school problems in your church, Ridgecrest Sunday School Assembly is the place to get the right solution,

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## Training Union

CHARLES L. NORTON, Secretary



MISS FAYE JENKINS

On Sunday afternoon, May 23rd, at 5 o'clock in the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, Miss Faye Jenkins will be married to Mr. Howard Isaacs with Rev. D. D. Smothers performing the ceremony.

Miss Jenkins has been the office secretary for the past two years in the Training Union Department and plans to continue in this capacity. Mr. Isaacs is connected with the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Nashville. We wish for them much happiness,

## Vacation Bible School

1. Make thorough plans for a Vacation Bible school now.
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3. Enroll all Sunday school prospects from 3-16 years of age.
4. Follow through on all boys and girls enrolled in V.B.S. but not in Sunday school.
5. Get names of fathers and mothers of boys and girls enrolled in Sunday school. Seek to enroll parents who are not in Sunday school.

## 85,000 Our Goal

Tennessee Baptists are urged to make a determined drive to reach their part of the "Million More in '54" goal. Now is an ideal time to start more classes, or departments, or schools. Don't leave one chip unturned in getting more people in your school for Bible study.

## Training Union Council Meeting

"Once upon a time not so very long ago, There was a Training Union that wanted to grow.

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To the new folks who came to visit on Sunday night

So the folks would leave the Union with their faces all bright.

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# West STATE Briefs

By Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington, Tennessee

Roderick Latta, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Latta of Jackson, will be graduated from Southwestern Seminary this month with the M.R.E. degree. He will become minister of music and education at First Church, Stamford, Texas.

Henning Church under the fine leadership of Pastor Gordon L. DePriest is exerting an increasing influence upon the community and surrounding territory. Pastor Henry J. Huey, Milan, did the preaching in a recent revival there.

Pastor P. O. Davidson has been in a revival at Airview Church, Memphis. In his absence the Frayser pulpit was supplied by J. E. Gibson.

Bonney Furguson, Union City, has accepted the care of Riceville Church near Fulton, Ky. He was formerly with Gibbs and Pleasant Hill churches in Obion County.

Hillcrest Circle Church in Jackson, Leon Corley, pastor, started a mission in a neglected section back in the winter and from a meagre beginning the work has grown in numbers and in influence. It is known as Craig Street Mission.

Pleasant Hill Church in Madison-Chester Association has begun a mission at Mifflin, a small community in Chester County. Buck Morton, the Pleasant Hill pastor, reports that the response is encouraging.

We have learned that the new church in the Pinson vicinity will be known as Antioch Baptist Church. It is an outgrowth of the Wilson School Mission. R. E. Guy is serving as interim-pastor.

Pastor Dan Cameron, First Church, Union City, was visiting evangelist at Gautier, Mississippi, recently. Visible results were 15 additions.

William Pitt has been elected associational worker for Gibson County and will assume his duties June 1.

First Church, Henderson, A. L. Bishop, pastor, engaged in a revival beginning April 25 with Pastor Jesse H. Newton, Halls, doing the preaching and J. T. Barham, Jackson, leading the singing.

Westover Church near Jackson, Bob Patterson, pastor, had a fine meeting recently with Pastor H. J. Bennett, Byram, Mississippi, doing the preaching. There were 30 baptisms.

Pastor Hayward Highfill and his people are rejoicing over the great revival experienced recently at First Church, Humboldt. The preacher was Leonard Sanderson and the song leader was Frank G. Charton, minister of music at Union Avenue Church, Memphis.

Several churches in Madison-Chester Association are improving their facilities, according to Missionary Robert L. Newman's monthly news-letter. Among these are: Englewood, George Hunter, pastor,—a re-decorated educational building; Pleasant Plains, H. D. Hudson, pastor,—new lighting fixtures and the auditorium re-decorated; Pleasant Hill, Buck Morton, pastor,—a new educational building; Madison, T. A. Thacker, pastor,—an additional parking area; Royal Street, C. O. Dinkins, pastor,—the old auditorium has been torn down and a temporary auditorium provided in the new educational building; Poplar Heights, Paul Isbell, pastor,—the new auditorium is being utilized and the old auditorium has been converted into a nursery and additional departmental space; Malesus, Paul Clark, pastor,—a new organ has been purchased.

Pastor Charles A. Wingo, Kennedy Church, Memphis, conducted a revival at Sunflower Plantation near Marigold, Mississippi, April 26-May 2.

Linden Avenue Mission, Memphis, an intensive study of the Bible which began May 5 and thereafter on each Wednesday morning. Dr. T. T. Crabtree, pastor of Leawood Church, will teach the Old Testament from 10 until 10:50 a.m. and Dr. Thomas Halsell, pastor of Poplar Avenue Church, will teach the New Testament from 11 until 11:50 a.m. The mission is sponsored by Shelby County Association.

Work is proceeding nicely on the new educational annex at Brownsville, Jim Yates, pastor. Recently, the church honored Miss Emma Fuson on her third anniversary as secretary and educational director.

While Pastor S. R. Woodson was at Lamar Heights Church, Memphis, in a revival the pulpit of First Church, Columbus, Mississippi, was supplied on April 25 by George Schroeder of the Brotherhood Department, Memphis. John W. Bass is the pastor at Lamar Heights.

Pastor T. J. Tichenor, Seventh Street Church, Memphis, was with Southmoor Church, Memphis, Clifford Noe, pastor, April 18-25. He then went to Burks Branch Church, near Shelbyville, Ky., for a revival. In his absence the Seventh Street pulpit was supplied by Norris Smith, Lowell Adams, and D. A. Ellis.

First Church, Paris, O. E. Turner, pastor, recently licensed Ted Janes to preach. He is a student at Union University.

While Pastor Robert G. Lee was engaged in a revival at Indianola, Mississippi, the Bellevue pulpit was supplied on April 25 by Pat J. Zondervan, International Vice-president of the Gideons, of Grand Rapids, Mich., at the morning hour, and by Jacob Gartenhaus at the evening hour.

Pastor L. H. Hatcher reports a good revival at First Church, McKenzie, with Pastor Jonas L. Stewart, Somerville, doing the preaching. There were seven additions.

Sympathy will be extended to Mr. Thomas P. Lane, minister of music at Bellevue Church, Memphis, because of the death of his mother at Claremore, Oklahoma.

First Church, Martin, Thomas W. Pope, pastor, has had the services of Pastor Dan B. Cameron, First Church, Union City, in a revival.

First Church, Bolivar, W. Floyd Cates, pastor, is in a revival with Pastor Hayward Highfill, Humboldt, doing the preaching.

It was the privilege of your correspondent to teach *The Ministry of Visitation* at West Jackson Church, April 27-May 1. In spite of some heavy rains, the enrolment was over 100 and the average attendance was 84. Pastor David Q. Byrd is off to a splendid start in his work there and has won a place in the hearts of his people.

Henry Inmon preached his first sermon May 2 at Wells Station Church, Memphis. Also on that day, Bill Taylor, a newly ordained minister, preached at Wells Station.

Moscow Church, Roswell Davis, pastor, ordained Harold Ashford and J. T. Harris as deacons on May 2.

April 18, Pastor G. Lee received the 19,000th person to unite with Bellevue Church since he became pastor. Present in the service was Miss Leone Grammer who was the first member received after he went there. During the past 26 years Dr. Lee has baptized more than 5,000 and the membership has grown from 1,393 to about 9,200.

Substantial gains since departmentalization of the Sunday School last October have been realized at Westover Church, Jackson. Led by Pastor Bob Patterson the goal of 50 increase in enrolment was exceeded by 34 before the year end. Offerings nearly doubled. A gain of 100 in enrolment is being sought this year. Progress has been reported toward a new proposed building.

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# ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1954

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo, First	242	67		Jacksboro, First	209	118	1
Alcoa, Calvary	280	111		Jackson, Calvary	618	234	2
Central	214	92		First	952	223	1
First	424	149		West	997	332	1
Athens, Antioch	161	37	2	Jamestown, First	290	93	
Bethsadia	50	30		Jefferson City, Northside	305	124	17
East	535	157	5	Jellico, First	255	88	
First	721	239	1	Johnson City, Central	807	155	2
West End Mission	104	66		Fall Street	124	49	
North	284	83	2	Unaka Avenue	304	134	1
Calhoun	102	46		Jonesboro, First	281	75	
Cambria	36			Kenton, Macedonia	93	87	
Clearwater	152	43		Kingsport, Cedar Grove	179	65	
Coghill	112	73		First	840	183	
Cotton Port	82	66		Glenwood	488	160	2
Double Springs	55	20		Lynn Garden	483	134	6
Eastanalle	43	25		Kingston, First	398	218	5
Englewood	300	128		Knoxville, Alice Bell	235	87	6
Etowah, East	70			Bell Avenue	913	280	
Etowah, First	406	172		Broadway	1453	485	3
Etowah, North	500	206		Central	408	143	
Etowah, West	67			First	1096	265	5
Good Field	117	48		Mt. Olive	342	108	
Good Springs	109	58		Sevier Heights	706	302	23
Idlewild	89	49		South	702	213	
Lake View	108	80		LaFollette, First	399	161	11
McMahan Calvary	87	43		Lawrenceburg, First Avenue	313	97	
Mt. Harmony No. 1	82	41		Mission	28		
Mt. Verd	38	30		Hoover Street	30		
New Bethel	109			Lebanon, Fairview	343	129	
New Zion	87	65		First	549	177	14
Niota, East	197	67		Southside	125	74	2
Niota, First	160	51		Immanuel	269	127	
Oak Grove	109			Rocky Valley	80	53	
Old Salem	48			Lenoir City, First	570	143	
Pond Hill	171	40		Kingston Pike	86	59	
Riceville	103	56		First Avenue	223	67	2
Rocky Mount	36	17		Second	132	30	1
Rodgers Creek	97			Lewisburg, First	541	171	
Sanford	32	36		Lexington, First	405		
Shiloh	115	50		Loudon, Blairland	246	95	8
Short Creek	97	55		First	317	123	
South Liberty	54	42		Mission	86	30	20
Union Grove McMinn	76	62		Prospect	162	61	8
Union McMinn	97			Martin, First	425	17	1
West View	52	39		McKenzie, First	321	77	2
Wild Wood	117	50		McMinnville, Magness Memorial	438	94	12
Zion Hill	69	41		Madisonville, Chestua	102	53	
Auburntown, Auburn	123	59		Martel, Midway	155	77	
Prosperity	195			Maryville, Broadway	531	180	2
Blaine, Block Springs	174	78		First	1282	446	37
Bolivar, First	333	126	2	Mission	80	15	
Bristol, Calvary	465	121	2	Madison Avenue	117	56	
Brownsville	458	97	5	Medina	179		
Brush Creek	77	44		Memphis, Airview	104	48	19
Carthage, First	250	141		Ardmore	489	151	
Charleston	88	38		Barlett	291	118	2
Chattanooga, Avondale	930	172	3	Barton Heights	194	93	2
Brainerd	893	314	13	Bellevue	3392	1508	24
Oakhurst Chapel	38	15		Berclair	820	312	19
Calvary	372	84	2	Beverly Hills	253	88	3
Concord	300	102		Boulevard	999	298	9
East	349	75	3	Brooks Road	93	51	
Eastdale	526	159	7	Brunswick	140	43	
East Lake	633	153	2	Calvary	266	78	
East Ridge	575	151	5	Central Avenue	1105	465	
First	1236	344		Collierville	255	96	
Northside	370	85	5	Colonial Mission	134		
North Market	142	45	3	DeSota Heights	179	105	
Red Bank	883	336		Eastland	86	55	
Ridgedale	615	187	1	Egypt	145	71	
Ridgeview	265	60	1	Ellendale	41	39	
St. Elmo	406	97	1	Eudora	360	125	2
Second	189	53		First	1194	250	7
White Oak	448	160	1	Frayser	592	182	
Woodland Park	567	170		Glenview	92	55	
Clarksville, First	611	198		Graham Heights	118	79	2
Cleveland, First	630	201	2	Hollywood	411	141	7
Galilee Chapel	35			LaBelle	752	249	20
Waterville	153	85		Mission	61	44	
Clinton, Bethel	129	61		Lamar Heights	868	265	2
First	619	200	2	Leawood	627	174	
Second	432	106	1	Linden Avenue	42	41	1
Columbus, First	488	138	45	Levi	259	56	3
Highland Park	249	151		Longview Heights	351	115	1
Cookeville, First	487	170		Mallory Heights	230	95	
Cowan, First	189	45		Malcomb Avenue	317	124	19
Crossville, First	273	113		McLean	525	155	1
Emmanuel	66			Mullins Station	96	51	
Pleasant Hill	24			Oakville	243	79	26
Dandridge, Piedmont	131	83	1	Park Avenue	598	186	3
Dyersburg, First	586	262	3	Parkway	672	250	6
Elizabethton, Doe River	191	101		Poplar Avenue	429	129	2
First	662	160	5	Prescott Memorial	727	149	27
Reservoir Mission	52			Raleigh	559	220	5
Immanuel	292	137	1	Riverside	84	45	
Siam	275	149		Southland	198	105	
Fayetteville, Park City	88	58		Southmoor	180	75	2
Fountain City, Central	1125	319	1	Speedway Terrace	892	319	45
Hines Valley Mission	69	29		Sylvan Heights	599	166	
Smithwood	823	246	5	Temple	1366	421	4
Fowlkes	77	78		Union Avenue	1151	323	2
Gallatin, First	612	102		Wells Station	308	145	4
West Eastland Mission	54	24		Whitehaven	501	92	
Gleason, First	173	29		Winchester	342	167	1
Goodlettsville, First	300	102		Milan, First	411	144	
Harriman, South	469	187	2	North Side Mission	138	72	
Trenton Street	603	176		Mitchville	73	30	
Hendersonville	121	32	25	Morrison, First	97	65	
New Hope	139	58		Morristown, First	801	170	2
Humboldt, Antioch	277	113		Hillcrest	79	33	
First	559	143		Russellville	133	42	1
Huntingdon, First	282	60		Murfreesboro, First	565	135	3

## Dr. Carver Hospitalized

Dr. W. O. Carver has been reported suffering from a 3-week's illness and was hospitalized in Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville, May 1, according to word received by Dr. Norman W. Cox, Nashville, through a member of the faculty of Southern Seminary. Dr. Carver, now retired served for many years as the professor of missions at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and pioneered in the organization of the Southern Baptist Historical Society and Historical Commission.

## Lottie Moon Offering Totals \$3,573,195.58

Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, reports that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1953 totals \$3,573,195.58, an increase of \$292,822.79 over 1952. Largest offering came from Texas and totaled \$1,280,059.02. North Carolina was second with \$310,549.16; and Virginia was third with \$228,179.08. Books are closed on May 1 each year.

Calvary Chapel	51		
Mt. View	198	57	
Powell's Chapel	97	75	
Third	245	78	
Woodbury Road	161	56	
Nashville, Belmont Heights	1105	343	7
Jordonia	29		
Madison Street Mission	92	11	
Bending Chesnut	81	56	
Calvary	225	67	4
Donelson	547	104	4
Eastland	640	91	
Edgefield	675	155	1
First	1350	368	
Franklin	201	69	1
Freeland	131	57	
Cora Tibbs	116	35	3
Galatin Road	276	95	
Glendale	169	45	
Glenwood	194	78	9
Grace	1143	384	9
Grandview	419	121	1
Grubbs Memorial	287	83	33
Fairview	72	38	
Harpeth Heights	114	48	
Harsh Chapel	174	82	
Hermitage	76	48	
Immanuel	424	107	
Inglewood	1010	277	5
State School	40		
Joelton	142	57	
Lockland	573	163	15
Madison, First	480	133	
Mill Creek	127	80	
Neelys Bend	98	62	8
North Edgefield	267	79	2
Park Avenue	837	203	10
Radnor	528	198	25
Riverside	284	70	
Seventh	310	107	2
Mission	27		
Tennessee Home	239	187	
Third	260	52	
Westwood	241	118	6
Whitsett Chapel	119	79	2
Woodbine	276	60	5
Woodmont	560	206	4
New Market, Dumplin	76		
Pleasant Grove	121	84	
Newport, Bethel	158	87	
First	448	175	1
Oak Ridge, Central	454	113	
First	806	155	4
Robertsville	714	226	3
Old Hickory, First	527	217	1
Rayon City	95	89	2
Parsons, First	203	50	
Philadelphia	209	40	
Ripley, First	332	120	
Rockford, Central Point	132	71	
Rockwood, First	535	224	1
Eureka	137	58	8
Whites Creek	103	80	
Rogersville, First	481	156	
Henard's Chapel	129	55	3
Rutledge, Helton Spring	129	55	3
Oakland	132	32	
Sevierville, First	621	131	
South Pittsburg, First	233	76	
Spring City, Tenn. Valley	129	68	
Sweetwater, First	455	114	7
Tracy City, First	39		
Westside Mission	17		
Tullahoma, Rutledge Falls	156	83	3
Union City, First	661	167	8
Watertown, First	240		
Round Lick	215	84	
Winchester, First	289	77	1
Coalmont	18		

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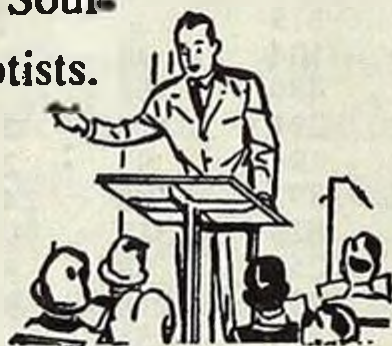
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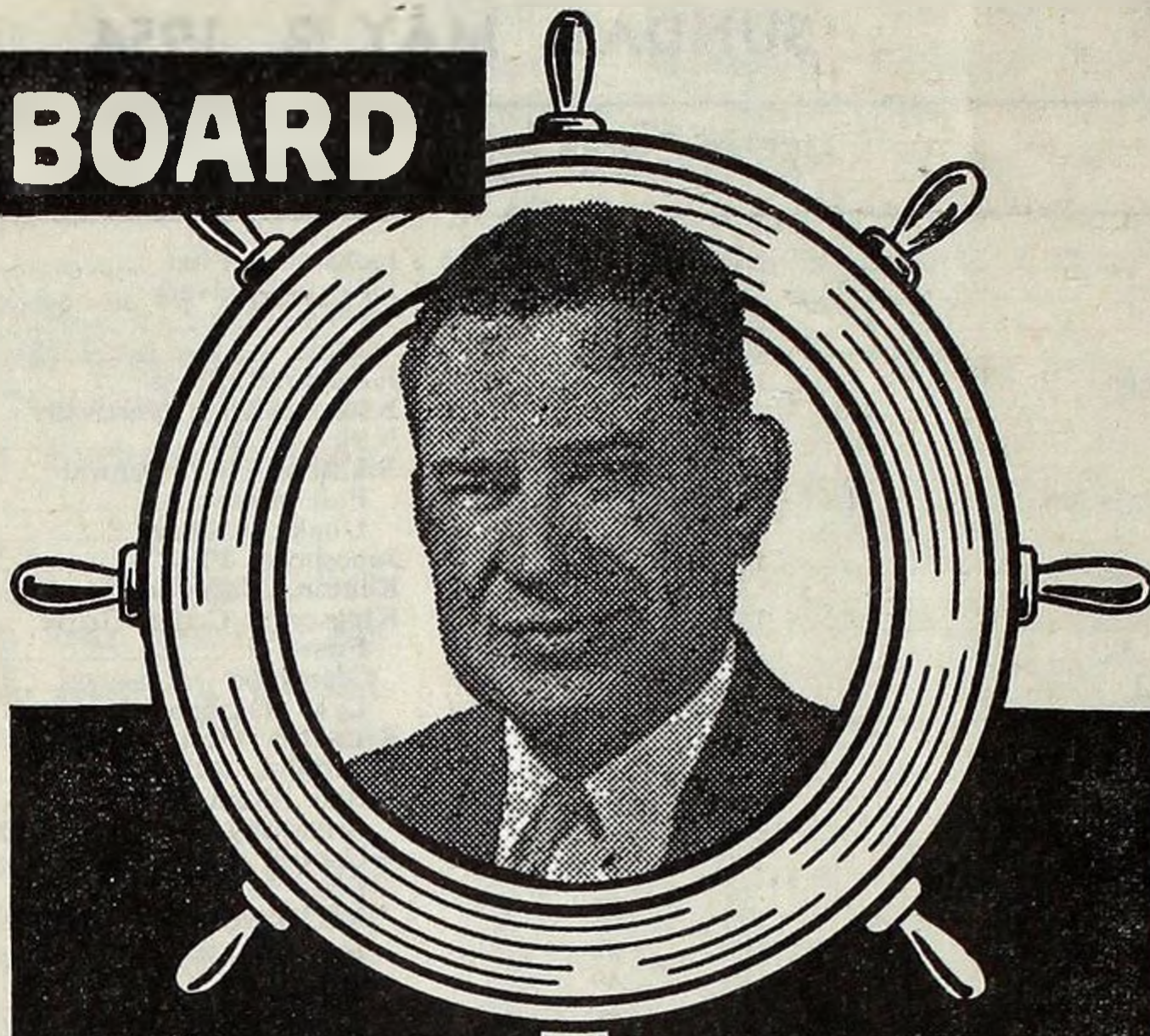
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# Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

At its semiannual full meeting in April, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 20 new missionaries, bringing the overseas staff to 932; elected Dr. J. Winston Crawley, missionary to the Philippines, secretary for the Orient; and allocated the \$998,520 in advance program funds which it received from the Cooperative Program's over-and-above the budget receipts for 1953.

## Advance Must Continue!

In his report to the Board, Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen reviewed briefly the advance in foreign missions which the Southern Baptist denomination has made in the past six years. Gifts from the churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention totaled \$8,759,948 in 1953, as compared with \$4,734,288 in 1947.

"But the full story of advance cannot be told in statistics," Dr. Cauthen said. "It must be told in terms of courageous decision, faithful service, and immeasurable patience on the part of missionaries who match conviction with life.

"As has been true through Christian history, greatest advance is often made through storm . . . Missionaries thrust out of China entered new fields."

The missions secretary said a fresh challenge to advance comes through the distress of "our fellow men in many areas of the world." He mentioned suffering in Korea; refugees in Hong Kong, Europe, and the Near East; the hunger, illiteracy, and disease of the masses of India and Pakistan; the urgent need for medical work in Indonesia where there is only one doctor for every 60,000 people, and Thailand where 100,000 mothers and babies die annually because of lack of maternal and child care.

"Among these nations there is a stirring into life with ominous overtones," he continued. "The Orient has thrown aside its attitude of inferiority in the face of the Western world's technological superiority. The Oriental now looks squarely into the

eye of the Western man, conscious of his own rich historic background, his supremacy of numbers, and his inherent potentialities."

Dr. Cauthen said the reports of hydrogen bomb tests at Bikini have emphasized the urgency of giving the gospel to the nations. "The estimate that a single bomb can now destroy the largest city on earth has special meaning for one who has stood amid the ruins of Hiroshima," he said. "The uncertainty of the world situation is no argument for a hesitant, timorous, overcautious policy of world missions."

"In pressing toward a larger number of appointments it is our conviction that standards for missionary service must remain on the present high level," he said. "Health, training, ability to live and work with others, and sterling qualities of character are essential. A genuine personal experience of grace, a profound conviction of God's call, and vital faith in the Christian message fruiting in contagious witness and loving service to others are indispensable. Missionaries are needed who will go, bear fruit, labor together in love, and hold adamantly to their purpose in spite of adversity.

"There is a spirit throughout the Southern Baptist Convention most favorable to advance," Dr. Cauthen continued. "In churches, large and small, in seminaries and colleges, and in councils of the denomination there is a strong feeling of urgency that advance be continued.

"This was reflected only recently in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It was the largest in the history of Southern Baptist life and has now attained a total of \$3,499,166 . . . Southern Baptists want and will support a program of accelerated advance.

"If from the glories of heaven, Theron Rankin could address to us his searching question of one year ago, 'Do you dare enter the door of advance?' we could answer back with renewed dedication, 'Come what may—we dare.'"

## "What, Then, Is Our Hope?"

Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., Board secretary for missionary personnel, explained some

of the procedures involved in determining a mission volunteer's fitness for overseas service and laid the responsibility of increased appointments at the "grass roots"—the home and the local church.

He said the problem of seeking to ascertain the fitness of a person for missionary service is a grave responsibility. The candidate is evaluated from the standpoint of five basic considerations, he said: (1) educational preparation, (2) the amount and quality of practical experience, (3) physical health, (4) emotional stability and maturity, and, underlying all of these, (5) his personal experience of salvation in Christ, his sense of call from God for missionary service, and his desire to co-operate in the proclamation of the gospel of Christ as believed by Southern Baptists.

Mr. West explained that this fivefold evaluation is made from three sources of information: (1) the candidate's appraisal of himself as expressed in personal interviews, autobiography, and written statements concerning belief and purpose; (2) the considered opinions of others, including members of the staff who have interviewed him and approximately 30 personal acquaintances who have given confidential information, and (3) medical reports from the physical and psychiatric examinations.

"The entire life pattern is evaluated as to the probability of successful adjustment to life on the mission field," he said. "What is the immediate hope for significant forward movement beyond the present rate of advance in personnel? Decades of experience have proven that the answer does not lie in lowering the standards for missionary appointment.

"What, then, is our hope?" he continued. "It is that vastly greater numbers of our finest young people will heed God's call for service abroad and will follow through on their decisions. The problem is not with God but with us, not with the call but with the answers. Our relationship with candidates shows . . . the foundation is in the home and local church . . . Fundamentally, enlistment of new missionaries must be accepted at the 'grass roots.' . . . As this sense of personal commitment permeates the lives of pastors, parents, and leaders in our 29,000 local Baptist churches we will see a miracle take place."

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