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Pictures—Forward in Christ Jesus, Southern Baptists' cooperative theme, constantly before messengers in St. Louis' Kiel Auditorium (front section shown above), was basis of "quicken advance" plea by Foreign Mission's Secretary Cauthen (right). Editors (below) move to microphone to report 1,117,462 subscribers to State Baptist papers. Opposite Page—Convention was thrilled by great music of 107-member choir and instrumentalists of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee who are shown on platform Wednesday morning being directed by Thomas P. Lane.

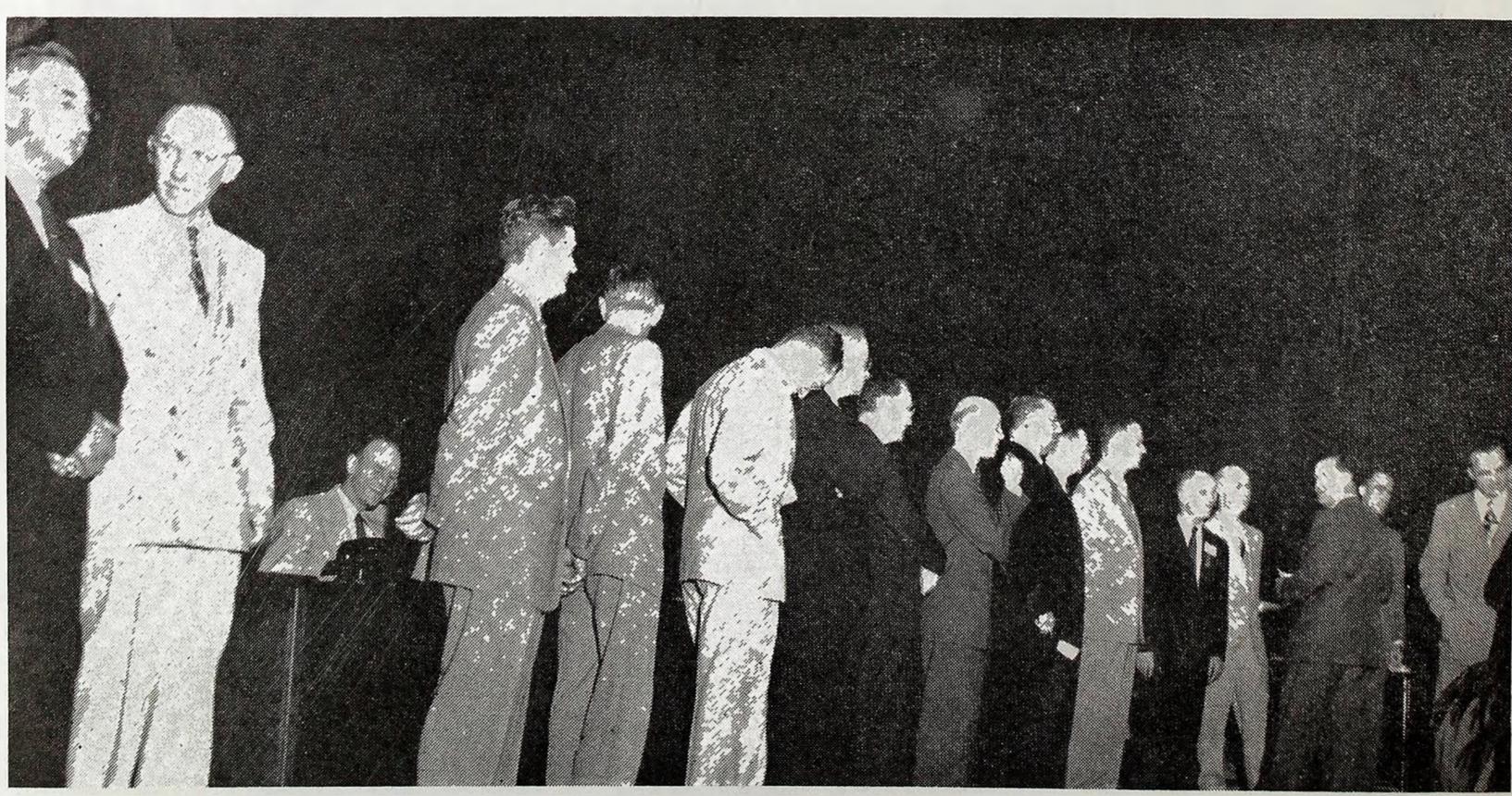
# "QUICKEN ADVANCE"

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In impassioned appeal, to a vast audience that packed and overflowed Kiel Auditorium, Dr. Baker James Cauthen urged Southern Baptists to quicken their advance which during the past six years increased their foreign mission force from 625 to 936 missionaries. "God's blessings have been upon us and there has been progress." "There is a deep conviction in the hearts

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# Forward Steps Approved

### Convention Adopts 9.2 Million Budget

To restudy Radio Commission location and church building loan proposals. Further expansion forecast in Oregon-Washington aid to Canadian churches. Urge Race Problems be met in spirit of Christ.

#### by Richard N. Owen

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" rose from hearts and lips of a vast gathering of Baptists from Maryland to California in joyous vibrant song as the 97th session of the Southern Baptist Convention opened at the stroke of President J. W. Storer's gavel. "Forward in Christ Jesus"—their cooperative theme—was emblazoned in great sparkling letters stretching above the front of Kiel Auditorium where they had assembled. In the opening devotional Charles H. Black of Oklahoma prayed, "Keep us to be soulwinners as we lift our eyes to the horizons of the earth."

#### Featured by Special Music

Each session of the Convention was featured by special music, the first being given by the Bison Glee Club of Oklahoma Baptist University. "Where the Southern Baptist Convention began in 1845 at Augusta, Ga. there was a registration of 236," Dr. Storer reminded in his Presidential Address reviewing the history and calling for Baptists to measure up to today's responsibilities. Speaking on "The Making, Meaning and Mission" of the Convention the Tulsa pastor declared, "This is a day of action—not debate" Dr. Storer declared Baptists mission

must be more than mere protest against errors, "It cannot be less than obedience to our Lord's command to seek out the lost and point to Him as the only Saviour. God keep us from becoming resolutionary sons of revolutionary fathers!"

#### The Spirit of St. Louis

The messengers were heartily welcomed to St. Louis, and on every hand it was evident that General Chairman O. R. Shields of the local committee and his splendid co-workers had left nothing undone to make the twenty odd thousand messengers and visitors glad that they had come. The great auditorium was packed to capacity with an overflow group adjacent and hundreds in the lobbies on Wednesday evening. The Convention keeps growing in size and taxes to the utmost the largest facilities provided for a meeting place. This St. Louis gathering was the 97th annual session during the 109th year of the Conventions existence, nine meetings having been omitted during the exigencies of war.

The veteran Baptist statesman Austin Crouch of Nashville was presented by Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Conventions Executive Committee. Dr. Crouch, the first secretary of the committee, attended the Convention 60 years ago. He offered

a prayer of thanksgiving for God's outpoured blessings on Southern Baptists through the years.

Chairman C. C. Warren being introduced by Dr. Porter Routh presented together with members of the Executive Committee fourteen administrative recommendations which the Convention then approved.

Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Mississippi a native of Tennessee submitted with clarity the financial proposal of the budget recommendations. His presentation and explanatory remarks brought praise from President Storer.

#### Administrative Measures Approved

No. 1 That the Bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended to make Bylaw 21 read as follows: "The charters of all agencies shall provide that the trustees or directors of such agencies be elected by the Convention, and that their charters may not be further amended without the prior consent of the Convention."

No. 2 That the present Bylaw 21 of the Southern Baptist Convention shall become Bylaw 22.

No. 3 (a) That whenever the Executive Committee shall have determined that any agency has not complied with the provisions of Bylaw 21 within twelve months after the adoption of such bylaws, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to report such fact to the Convention for such action as the Convention may see fit to take.

(b) That the Convention approve the charter of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as



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printed in the *Book of Reports*, 1954, on pages 241-244 inclusive.

No. 4 That the action taken by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1949, as found on page 36 of the 1949 Annual, with regard to the matter of interim appointments to boards, be made a part of and be included in Convention Procedure, such action by the Convention being as follows: (1) That the Convention recognize the right of agencies to make interim appointments until the next session of the Convention. (2) That all interim appointments shall be immediately reported to the Committee on Boards. (3) That all agencies shall report all vacancies to the Committee on Boards immediately upon the occurrence of such vacancies.

No. 5 Approval of the budgets of the Convention agencies, as found on pages 12 through 22 of this Book of Reports, insofar as they do not conflict with the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention.

No. 6 That distributable Cooperative Program receipts for 1955 be distributed on a single percentage basis up to the Advance Program for home and foreign missions.

No. 7 (1) The present five-year program (1952-56) for capital needs of institutions and agencies be extended two years, through 1958.

(2) The same total figure be followed for each additional year, namely, \$3,000,000.00, to be allocated on the following schedule.

(3) The Executive Committee launch another five-year program, from 1959-1964.

No. 8 We recommend that the Convention Operating Budget for 1955 be as follows:

Convention Expense	
(including Annual)	\$ 45,000.00
Special Committees	10,000.00
Executive Committee	90,000.00
Convention Reserve	15,000.00
Total	\$160,000,00

(By agreement the Sunday School Board will pay \$60,000.00 of the amount required for the operation of the Convention Budget, and the remaining \$100,000.00 will be provided out of distributable funds before further allocations are made.)

No. 9 That additional distributable Cooperative Program funds above \$9,100,000, and the Convention Operating Budget of \$100,000 be distributed through the Advance Program, with the Home Mission Board receiving 25 per cent and the Foreign Mission Board 75 per cent.

No. 10 (1) It is our conviction that request should be made to the Senate Finance Committee for a Social Security bill covering ministers which would be least objectionable to our people and presenting fewer complications in the future. It should be a bill calling for a social security contract between the Federal Government and the individual, with out in any sense involving the churches.

(2.) It is our further conviction that in the event the above is not provided we request a Social Security Bill with the provision that both the minister and the employing organization should have elected coverage in order to effect or maintain participation.

No. 11 That the Southern Baptist Convention be held in Miami, Florida, May 18-21 and that we express appreciation to the Washington, D. C. committee for the efforts made to entertain us in 1955, which invitation has been withdrawn.

No. 12 That a committee be appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, composed of the executive heads of the Foreign Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, the presidents of the five seminaries, the executive secretary of the Executive Committee, the presidents of the state secretaries and the editors of the state papers and five members at large, to consider the advisability and the practicability of producing a film or films of some Baptist personality, for

example, William Carey or Roger Williams, with the authority to approach other Baptist bodies in this and other lands regarding such an undertaking, and report back to the 1955 Convention after conference with the Sunday School Board, suggesting methods of producing such a film or films, including research and preparation of script, financing, and distribution, provided the cost of such investigation for the ensuing year shall not exceed \$1,000.00.

No. 13 That the same committee on Theological Education appointed at the Houston convention in 1953 "to make a study of our total program of theological, religious, and missionary education as it involves financial support from the Southern Baptist Convention" be continued.

No. 14 Bylaw 6—Agencies of the Convention: line 12 (c) amended to read "The Southern Baptist Commission on The American Baptist Theological Seminary" instead of The Commission on The American Baptist Theological Seminary.

#### Promotion Measures

Five recommendations by the Promotion Committee were approved, re-affirming loyalty to the Cooperative Program and measures to increase giving through this channel, with the observance of Stewardship Weeks during the next three years as follows: Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 1955; Oct. 29-Nov. 5, 1956; Oct. 27-Nov. 3, 1957. Also the same goal of 34 million dollars of this year was set up for 1955 as the overall state and Southern Baptist Cooperative Program objective. Each state is respectfully asked to give consideration to this aim for 1955.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUNDS, 1955

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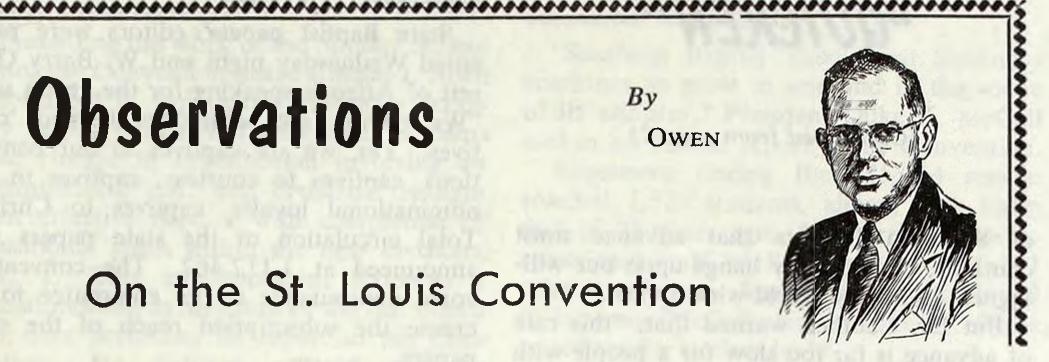
#### CAPITAL NEEDS ALLOCATIONS AGREED ON BY THE CONVENTION

For 1955 and Suggested 1956-1958, Approved by Combined Finance and Administrative Committees, March 23, 1954

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# Observations

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On the St. Louis Convention

Baptists are not likely to sit still and keep quiet. This has always been true. It was true also in St. Louis when issues came before them on which they were not fully agreed and were ready to say so. One might have known in advance that the questions of Social Security for ministers and of Segregation would be controversial. Yet neither of these matters evoked as much debate as might have been expected.

As to Social Securtiy for ministers there was no audible dissent to the vote of the convention that the Senate Finance Committee be requested for a bill "covering ministers" which would "be least objectionable" to our people and presenting "fewer complications" in the future. In the flurry of questions from the floor Chairman H. H. Hobbs of the Executive Committee's Special Committee for study this matter said, "Our intent all along has been to get a (Social Security) bill that will not involve the church at all. The minister as a citizen only should deal with the government." Pointing out that some kind of federal bill would be passed, R. S. Jones of Texas said, "We hope to get the most objectionable features eliminated."

#### With Christian Principles

The touchy subject of Segregation was dealt with by the Convention in approving the Christian Life Commissions statement that the Supreme Court's ruling is, "in harmony with the constitutional guarantee of equal freedom to all citizens, and with the Christian principles of equal justice and love for all men." There were some who thought otherwise. But in the standing vote about 98% of the 9,000 present approved the recommendation made by the Christian Life Commission calling for acceptance of the court's ruling "in the spirit of Christ."

The Commission's recommendation had commended the Supreme Court "for deferring the application of the principle both as to time and procedure until the nation shall have had time to work out methods" for the transition. It also voiced belief in the public school system "as one of the greatest factors" in American history for

the maintenance of democracy.

#### Help Not Hinder

The hope was expressed that the place of the public school would "not be impaired" in effecting necessary adjustments to the Court's ban on segregation. The recommendation also urged that "our people conduct themselves in this period of adjustment in the spirit of Christ; that we pray that God may guide us in our thinking and our attitudes to the end that we may help and not hinder the progress of justice and brotherly love; that we may exercise patience and good will in the discussions that must take place, and give a good testimony to

the meaning of Christian faith and discipleship."

We personally feel that the Convention could not do less than this, and the position taken at St. Louis on this matter was remarkable in agreement with probably not more than 70 opposing. A. C. Miller, Nashville, and J. B. Weatherspoon, Louisville, Ky. executive secretary and chairman, respectively, of the Christian Life Commission led the Convention in taking this stand for acceptance of the Court's ruling.

#### Constitutional?

Convention leadership, however, went in one direction and a majority of messengers in another on aid to churches in Canada. When a petition on their behalf was brought by R. E. Milam executive secretary for Oregon-Washington Baptists that the Home Board and Sunday School Board give aid to these Baptists in Canada at the discretion of those working with them, the question of the coustitutionality of such a move was raised by Douglas Hudgins of Miss. He challenged such aid to churches in Western Canada as being outside the area defined for work of the Home Mission Board or Sunday School Board as these were limited to the U. S. and "its territories." President Storer ruled Hudgin's point well taken. Milam strongly objected to the ruling of the chair. When President Storer put the matter to the body the majority stood with the petitioners for the Canadian churches.

To those who saw illegality in this move on constitutional limitations in the phrase "in the United States and its territories" a rejoinder from the floor was that the Southern Baptist Convention's constitution also contained the words "... and abroad."

Whatever may be the outcome of it the Convention's leadership and the Convention's majority in this instance parted com pany. They refused to sustain the ruling of the Chair and voted to extend Southern Baptist aid into Western Canada whatever the intent of the constitution which says:

"It is the purpose of the Convention to provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories for the promotion of Christian missions at home

and abroad, and any other objects such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which it may deem proper and advisable for the furtherance of the kingdom of God."

#### **Borrowing Means Debt**

When Secretary Courts Redford read the Home Mission Board's resolution asking authorization from the Convention to borrow \$3,000,000 for the purpose of making loans to churches in constructing buildings, J. H. Buchanan of Ala. expressed surprise that the request was being made and asked if there had been any publicity on it in the denominational press. He did not deny there was great need especially in the West for church-building loans. But terming the proposal to borrow \$3,000,000 "very startling," Dr. Buchanan raised the question, "Do we have the moral right without further consideration to make such a debt—for that is what it is?" The Birmingham pastor moved that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for further study. This carried.

#### **Back to the Afternoon Sessions**

Allotted time ran out debating these matters before pros and cons could be fully heard. The extension of time in some instances made it hard on the next-scheduled topics. But there was an insistent urge to further air the varied view points on matters then in discussion, whatever might be delayed as a result. This led veteran L. E. Barton of Alabama, from the first an objector to the "streamlined program," to succeed in bringing the Convention back to at least two afternoon sessions when it meets year after next.

We doubt that a return to such a crowded schedule will solve the problem. We are convinced that it cannot, if the Program is top-heavy with scheduled addresses and lengthy messages. And even three sessions daily, without any set schedule, might not exhaust the discussion potentialities of some of the brethren.

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This captivating tot enjoys the Radio Comnission's Display in the Convention Exhibit Hall, whether its balloons are "trial" or not.

#### Radio Commission's Location?

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The Radio Commission changed its preconvention proposal of moving to the Ft. Worth-Dallas, Texas area to a further study," leaving the location open. The intent of the Commission to present the results of further examination of a future site to the Executive Committee was turned into an instruction to bring the matter to the Convention itself for final approval.

#### Home Missions

Nine phases of home mission work were effectively presented at the Thursday night session with G. Frank Garrison presiding and Courts Redford delivering the main address.

Lawrence Trivette of Knoxville followed Leland Waters in telling of work with juvenile delinquents. Negro work was discussed by S. E. Grinstead, Nashville, BSU secretary, and W. C. Trotter, Chicago, secretary of evangelism. The Jack Altmans reported on Jewish evangelism M/Sgt. Grady Endsley on churches ministry to the military; Preston Denton, a Missouri pastor, spoke on the importance of church building loans to struggling congregations. Work with the Indians was discussed by Rev. and Mrs. Victor Kaneubbe. Miss Ondina Moristany B.S.U. secretary at the University of Havana told of her joy in service for Christ. The concluding message was an urgent call to soul-winning by C, E. Matthews, secretary of evangelism.

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of Southern Baptists that advance must continue. Our destiny hangs upon our willingness to see the world-wide appeal."

But Dr. Cauthen warned that, "this rate of advance is far too slow for a people with the convictions and capacities of Southern Baptists." Dr. Cauthen asked, "Is it not reasonable and right for every church, however small, to desire and pray for the going of some person from its midst as Christ's ambassador to a lost world?"

#### **Progress Amidst Persecution**

H. W. Schweinsberg, missionary to Colombia, stated evangelical mission work is growing in South America "despite violent and concerted opposition inspired by ecclesiastical leaders of the Roman Catholic Church." "In five years 42 Protestant churches have been completely destroyed by dynamite or fire." Declaring that "110 Protestant schools have been closed, 51 members have been murdered and 49 attacks have been made by National Police on worshipping congregations," Schweinsberg said "yet attendance and growth in the midst of persecution shows we are welcome by the people. Latin America presents the greatest opportunity in the world for evangelism," declared the Colombian missionary who said "twelve thousand baptisms a year is your spiritual return on your missionary investment in Latin America."

Marion Moorhead, on furlough now after five years missionary service in Japan said, God's Spirit is at work and is the hope of the Orient. The might of man has closed China, but God has opened other doors," Moorhead reminded.

#### Missionary Appointees

Thirty-seven missionary appointees from 15 states and one foreign country moved the hearts of the great congregation as they declared their fields of service overseas for Christ and stood beside six veteran servants of the cross, whose service ranged from 36 to 50 years each as a missionary, while a prayer of dedication was offered for the new missionaries among whom was Miss Carolyn Cate R. N. from Tenn., who goes to the Near East.

#### Tribute to Missionary Leaders

A deeply touching moment was that when Mrs. M. T. Rankin and Mrs. Everett Gill stood before the 12,000 messengers and visitors as President Storer led in a prayer in thanksgiving for the glorious memory of the sacrificial lives of Drs. Rankin and Gill. Tribute was paid to these great missionary leaders who have been called to their reward since the Convention last met. A huge basket with 32 red roses, representing the countries wherein our mission work has been promoted by the Foreign Mission Board was presented to Mrs. Rankin by Dr. John H. Buchanan during the Memorial Service.

#### Subscribers-1,117,462

State Baptist papers' editors were presented Wednesday night and W. Barry Garrett of Arizona speaking for the group said, "We editors are sometimes termed 'captives.' Yes, we are captives to our convictions, captives to courtesy, captives to denominational loyalty, captives to Christ!" Total circulation of the state papers was announced at 1,117,462. The convention voted continuance of its committee to increase the subscription reach of the state papers.

#### Releasing Chain-Reaction Power

A dramatic illustration of power in Baptist hands was furnished by Associate Secretary Merrill Moore of Nashville. A neutron-irradiated penny had been put in each messenger's hand. This symbol of atomic energy was used to point up the chain-reaction power which can be released through Stewardship Revivals in our churches. "When everyone participates" declared Dr. Moore, "something wonderful happens."

#### Relief and Annuity

President Wallace Bassett, Dallas, Texas, of the Relief and Annuity Board presented its new treasurer, Fred Noe. Mr. Noe has served well as business manager of our Tennessee Executive Board and Baptist and Reflector and goes into his new work with our best of wishes. He is a very capable man. R. S. Jones and Alton Reed discussed the work of the Board and stated the new security program had now been assured in all states.

#### Cooperation Evident in R.A. Transfer

Transfer of the Royal Ambassador sponsorship and promotion on a Southwide basis to the Brotherhood will cost an additional \$20,000 a year above the \$10,000 provided for this purpose by the Woman's Missionary Union. No funds are allocated in the Convention's budget for this. The matter of the additional sum required was referred to the Executive Committee. The measure to transfer this work from the W.M.U. was brought by R. E. Naylor, chairman of a committee especially charged to study the matter during the past year. A fine spirit of cooperation has been evident between leaders of the W.M.U. and the Brotherhood in the solution of this highly important matter of a virile work among the boys which will be missionary-minded and capable of. eliciting and sustaining the interest of teenage boys.



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#### **Sundoy School Board**

Presenting the work of the Sunday School Board the Convention heard Clifton J. Allen and Harold E. Ingraham. Executive Secretary James L. Sullivan announced a complete change in organization involving an administrative staff and divisional realignment effective Sept. 1 with completion of transitional plans within the new divisions, Dec. 1. This announcement followed a special meeting in St. Louis of the full Board two days preceding its report to the Convention. Dr. Sullivan pointed out the changes would allow for future growth and expansion of the work of the Board.

#### Changes in Set-Up

The administrative staff line-up continues with J. Marvin Crowe as administrative assistant, Leonard Wedel, personnel director and Clifton J. Allen as editorial secretary, a new staff position.

Directors of the four divisions for the organization and further unification of the Board's work were announced as: Service, Harold E. Ingraham; Merchandise and Sales, Keith C. Von Hagen; Business, Robert L. Middleton; Education (a merger of the existing Editorial and Education-Promotion divisions) W. L. Howse, professor and administrator of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary, elected by the Board at St. Louis who assumes his duties July 1 in the new capacity.

#### **New Convention Officers**

The Convention was of one mind and heart in choosing President J. W. Storer for another year as he was happily nominated by Wallace Rogers of S. C. to succeed himself. Homer G. Lindsay of Jacksonville, Fla. our fellow Tennessean was elected first vicepresident and O. R. Shields of Mo. as second vice-president. James W. Merritt of Ga. was named senior secretary and Joe W. Burton of Nashville re-elected registration secretary. Porter W. Routh of Nashville was chosen again unanimously as treasurer. Two Tennesseans nominated for high office requested their names be withdrawn: Judge John W. McCall of Memphis nominated by Bryce Twitty of Okla. for the second vice-presidency and J. P. Edmunds of Nashville nominated for senior secretary by Carl Giers of Chattanooga.

Pictures—Newly elected Convention officers shown above, right to left: James W. Storer, president, Homer G. Lindsey, first vice-president; Oliver R. Shields, second vice-president; Porter W. Routh, treasurer and Joe W. Burton, registration secretary. James W. Merritt, senior secretary, is not shown.

At right—Personnel of Promotion Committee, (including Secretary Merrill D. Moore, second from right and G. Allen West, fifth from right, both of Nashville,) present the recommendation on Stewardship emphasis to the Convention.

At bottom of opposite page—C. Oscar Johnson (left) chats with Convention Vice-President, E. H. Westmoreland. Johnson, a former President of the Baptist World Alliance, addressed the Convention Thursday morning and was speaker at the Carson-Newman alumni banquet Thursday evening. He is pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis where the Pastors' Conference met ahead of the Convention.

#### Seminaries' Heads Report

"Southern Baptist Theological Seminary continues to grow in size and in the scope of its ministry," President Duke K. McCall said in his annual report to the Convention.

Enrolment during the 1953-54 session reached 1,529 students, almost four times that of 25 years ago. Southern has an instructional staff of 88 members, and 172 other employees. Enrolment has continued to increase, McCall said, in spite of efforts to reduce the student body.

#### Southwestern Expansion

Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas, has announced a \$10,000,000 expansion program, half to be spent on needed buildings and half for endowment. According to the newly-elected president, Dr. J. Howard Williams, the trustees have ap-

proved a program that provides a minimum of 500 living units for students and needed buildings on the campus for administrative and teaching purposes. 1948 families, with one or more of their number attending Southwestern, lived off the campus last year because there were no facilities available and provided by the Seminary.

#### New Campus, New Orleans

"A four-million dollar campus was opened to students for matriculation on September 1, 1953, at the New Orleans Seminary," said President Roland Q. Leavell in his report. "The new 75-acre campus on Gentilly Boulevard, purchased on February 5, 1947, was formally dedicated with a day of jubilation on September 3," said he.

On May 5, degrees and diplomas were awarded to 195 students, the largest number of graduates in the history of the institution.



#### **Students Touching Thousands**

Harold K. Graves, ending his second year as president of Golden Gate Seminary, gave facts and figures to justify continued and increasing support from Southern Baptists across the nation. Significant was the report that students are effectively touching thousands of lives, personally or in the pulpit, every month with the Gospel and that nearly 1,000 have come into their churches by baptism or letter in the past school session. Regular street and rescue mission services are held in downtown Oakland and San Francisco.

#### **Our Newest Seminary**

The granting of sixty-three diplomas April 30 to the first graduating class of Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina, was a historic moment in the life and growth of Southern Baptists, according to President Stealey.

Southeastern opened its doors in the fall of 1951 with four faculty members and seventy-four students. Within three years the faculty has grown to fourteen members and the student body to 343.

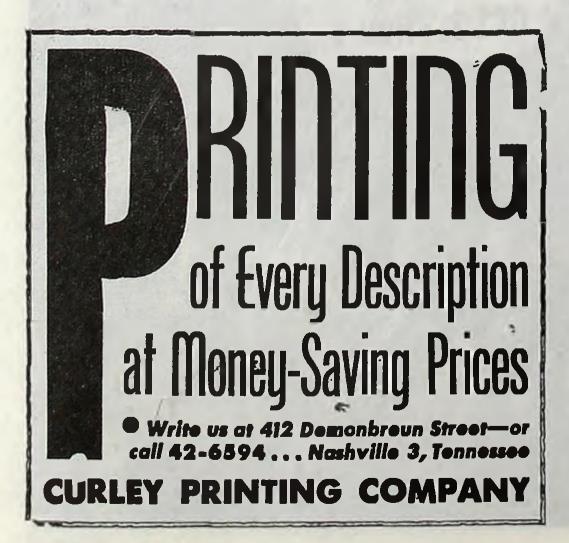
#### American-A Joint Undertaking

The American Baptist Seminary is the object of interest for fifteen million Baptists, white and colored. This joint undertaking of the Southern and the National Baptist Convention, Inc., for education of Negro Baptist ministers, was discussed by President Ralph Riley and by L. S. Sedberry, secretary of the Commission, Dean Victor T. Glass and Oscar Nelson of Nashville.

Beginning in 1924, when the school was first opened, it has gradually grown into an outstanding institution, drawing students from all the states and foreign countries. This school year it reports students from the Bahama Islands, British Guiana, Costa Rica, and Trinidad.

#### **Deal As Christians**

On the eve of the Convention, President James W. Storer when questioned at a press conference about the ban on segregation had said that implementation of the decision would take "a lot of patience and a lot of sweet oil" but that it could be done. "We should deal with the matter as Christians" he reminded.



#### Officers Elected at St. Louis Southern Baptist Convention

President—James W. Storer, Tulsa, Okla.

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St. Louis, Mo.

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Tenn.

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Tenn.

#### **Next Sessions**

1955 Convention—Miami, Fla.
Convention Preacher—Monroe Swilley,
Atlanta, Ga.
Alternate—C. Vaughn Rock, Phoenix,
Ariz.
1956 Convention—Kansas City, Mo.

# 37 Tennesseans Elected to Boards and Agencies At St. Louis Meet

To the following convention posts these Tennesseans were named, with terms expiring as indicated after each:

Executive Committee (Enlarged), Homer Waldrop, Jackson, 1957; Foreign Mission Board, W. Maxey Jarman, Nashville, 1957. Home Mission Board, M. W. Egerton, Knoxville, 1957; Sunday School Board, Paul Wieland, Trenton, 1957; (Local): Joe C. Carr, 1957; B. W. Potts, 1957; Howard Hooper, 1957; Herschell Emery, 1957; Harold J. Purdy, 1957; Howard P. Kirksey, 1957; Relief and Annuity Board, Robert L. Palmer, Murfreesboro, 1957; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Slater A. Murphy, Memphis, 1959; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, R. Paul Caudill, Memphis, 1956; Southern Baptist Foundation, Russell W. Brothers, Nashville, 1957; Ernest Moench, Nashville, 1957; Jack C. Massey, Nashville, 1957; W. Fred Kendall, Jackson, 1956; Andrew D. Tanner, Nashville, 1957; Herschell Emery, Nashville, 1957; Christian Life Commission (Local) Carl P. Daw, 1957; Fred L. Bell, 1957; J. Thomas Bryan, 1957; Howard P. Colson, 1956; Daniel R. Grant, 1956; R. K. Galloway, 1956; Mrs. A. Roy Greene, 1955; Mrs. Albert McClellan, 1955; Historical Commission (Local) J. P. Edmunds, 1957; O. W. Taylor, 1957; American Baptist Theological Seminary, Oscar T. Nelson, Madison, 1957; (Holding Board) L. B. Stevens, Nashville, 1957; Brotherhood Commission, A. Roy Greene, Nashville, 1957; (Local) C. Frank Scott, 1957; E. C. Smith, 1957; Public Affairs Committee (Elected for one year only) James L. Sullivan, A. C. Miller and Porter Routh of Nashville, George W. Schroeder, Memphis; Committee on Order of Business (Elected for one year only) James Coggins, Memphis.

#### **Voluntary Aspect of Segregation**

In the Christian Life Commission's report the voluntary aspect of separation between the races instead of compulsory segregation were referred to in this statement:

"It will be easier for us to understand the issues when we look at the problem in terms of voluntary separation instead of legal segregation. It is not that the Negro objects to being separate from white people. The facts are, it is not interracial comingling which he desires so much as it is the freedom from the legal system of segregation which denies him that freedom."

#### 20,250,000 Baptists

C. Oscar Johnson, pastor Third Church St. Louis, Mo., and a former President of the Baptist World Alliance, presented Joel Sorensen of Stockholm Sweden, youth secretary of the alliance, who reported that there are now 20,250,000 Baptists in the world. He stated Baptists have grown almost 50% in Germany during the first five years after the war with proportionately the largest share of the 30,000 baptisms in East Germany.

#### **Historical Commission Reports**

Creation of a Southern Baptist Encyclo pedia was set forth in the annual report to the Convention by its Historical Commission through executive secretary, Norman W. Cox. The report stated:

"Official representatives from practically all of the state convention boards and Southern Baptist Convention agencies have approved the project to create cooperatively such an encyclopedia. Steps to secure a final decision have been taken. The proposal contemplates that within a reasonable time an adequate, definitive, objective Southern Baptist Encyclopedia will be developed. Such a reference work containing the facts of Southern Baptist life, organization and service will be of inestimable value to our contemporary generation and all the generations that may follow. It will enable our people and others easily and quickly to find reliable information regarding ourselves."

#### Ministerial Students at All Time High

Ministerial students in the Convention's 68 educational institutions reached an all-time high of 10,007 in the 1953-54 school year, R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the education commission, reported.

"Of particular importance," Dr. Cornett told the Convention, "is the 14 per cent increase—from 4,527 to 5,153—in enrolment in our theological seminaries during a period when, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, enrolments in theological seminaries throughout the country decreased by 10.8 per cent."

#### Foundation Tops Million Dollars

Southern Baptist Foundation passed the first million dollar mark. The net increase for the year was \$506,039.98 reported by T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary. The rate of return earned on funds invested by the Foundation was 4.30. The total assets as of December 31, 1953 were \$1,254,-531.18.

#### Southern Baptist Hospital

A total of 37,076 people were admitted to Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, reported Frank Tripp, executive secretary and general superintendent of the hospital; 19,329 were in-patients, 13,960 out-patients and a record-breaking 3,787 new born infants. Tripp said, "Each of these admissions along with relatives and friends who visit the patient presented an opportunity of service and we have tried to make the best of it." Construction on the 185-bed hospital at Jacksonville, Florida is progressing satisfactorily. Operation is hoped for before the meeting of the Convention next year in Miami.

#### **Christian Homes Emphasis**

The importance of Christian homes climaxed Friday morning's session; Joe W. Burton, presiding.

#### Challenge to Reach a Lost World

Highlighting the service, a family worship period was led by Everett D. Sugarbaker and his family of Jefferson City, Missouri, and an address by Olin T. Binkley, North Carolina, Ouachita College choir, Arkadelphia, Arkansas and combined Junior choirs of St. Louis furnished music.

In the closing hour of the Convention, Forrest C. Feezor of Texas brought a ringing challenge urging sacrifice, surrender, courage and consecration that the unfinished task "be taken upon ourselves" to reach a lost world.

#### Bellevue Choir

We tip our hat to the magnificent Bellevue Baptist choir of Memphis and famed quartette. Directed by Thomas P. Lane they thrilled Wednesday's vast congregation just before the convention sermon by Memphian Slater Murphy, pastor of Highland Heights Church. How these 107 choir members reached St. Louis by two buses, one of which broke down in the over-night trip, is a story in itself. The other bus after getting to St. Louis returned to bring in the stranded group. Up all night, but they sang like larks the next day!

#### Brighton Church Establishes Mission at Munford

A mission was organized in Munford by Brighton Baptist Church, March 28. Three months later, June, the mission moved into a building purchased by the Brighton Church. The building, a nine-room dwelling located on a acre lot on East Main Street, has been converted into an auditorium and class rooms. The mission has grown from 8 to 42 members. William Cordle is pastor.

June 6 was also the third anniversary of E. A. Butler as pastor of Brighton Church. Some accomplishments during this time have been the retirement of a \$12,000 building debt, completion of work on church building, purchase of pews, church furniture, piano and carpet, 159 additions to the church, Sunday school enrolment increased from 312 to 474, Training Union from 195 to 273, and new brick pastor's home built.

# Howse to Head New Post At Sunday School Board

Dr. W. L. Howse, professor and administrator of religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, was elected director of the *Education Division* of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, in a special executive session of the Board in St. Louis.

This announcement was made by Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, as he presented the annual report of the Sunday School Board to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Howse will assume duties July 1, 1954, preliminary to other organizational changes in the Board which will take effect September 1, 1954, when a complete divisional alignment of the Board will be made.

Dr. Howse, a native of Tennessee, received his A.B. degree from Union University, Jackson, Tenn.; M.A. from Baylor University, Waco, Texas; and the Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary. In 1937 he received his Doctor of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Hardin-Simmons University conferred on him the L.H.D. degree in 1948. He has done advanced work in other leading universities and seminaries in the nation and recently visited Central and South America to study Baptist work and conditions there. He has been minister of education at three Fort Worth churches, Polytechnic, University, and Broadway. He was formerly president of the Texas Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Conventions. He is the author of two books, TEACHING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, and IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, and numerous pamphlets and articles. Dr. and Mrs. Howse have one son, William Howse, III.

To further unify the work of the Sunday School Board, Dr. Sullivan reported that four divisions will be organized:

- (1) Education Division, with Dr. Howse as director. This is a merger of the Sunday School Board's present Editorial and Education-Promotion divisions.
- (2) Service Division, with Dr. Harold E. Ingraham as director.
- (3) Merchandise and Sales Division, with Keith C. Von Hagen, as director.
- (4) Business Division, with Robert L. Middleton, as director.

Dr. Ingraham is the Board's present business manager, Von Hagen is director of the Merchandising Department, and Middleton is director of the Board's Accounting Department.

Dr. Sullivan said that the administrative staff of the Board will continue with J. Marvin Crowe as administrative assistant, and Leonard E. Wedel, personnel director.

Dr. Clifton J. Allen, present director of the Board's editorial division, will be transferred to the newly created staff position as editorial secretary. Dr. Sullivan said that the transitional plans within the new divisions will be completed by December 1, 1954.

Dr. Sullivan reviewed the action of the Board at its June, 1953, meeting when it appointed a Plans and Policies Committee, with W. A. Criswell, Dallas, chairman, and Norris Gilliam, Nashville; R. A. Young, Oklahoma; Leonard Carmack, Maryland; Frank Wood, now of Oklahoma; and the late of Dr. R. C. Campbell.

"In December, 1953, this committee. "Dr. Sullivan said, "was granted authority to direct a study of the internal organizational structure of the Board with a view of improving its efficiency and effecting a greater service to Southern Baptists.

"To get an exhaustive professional analysis," Dr. Sullivan said, "the committee, in agreement with the executive committee of the Board, employed Booz, Allen, and Hamilton, management consultants, of Chicago."

Dr. Sullivan stated that "The Plan and Policies Committee, after studying the completed organizational survey and meeting with the executive committee of the Sunday School Board proposed major readjustments within the Board's organizational structure."

Dr. Sullivan pointed out that these changes will allow for future growth and expansion of the work of the Board.

#### Gene Kerr Named Business Manager of Executive Board

Nashville—Gene Kerr, 41, of Maryville has been named Business Manager of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention upon recommendation by the Board's Personnel Committee, C. M. Pickler, chairman, according to an announcement by Executive Secretary, C. W. Pope of Nashville.

Mr. Kerr, who succeeds Fred W. Noe in this capacity, will take up his duties as Business Manager July 1. For the past several years he has served as office supervisor and purchasing agent for a division of the Aluminum Company of America at Maryville.

Mr. Kerr has been engaged in filming a movie to portrary the institutions and program of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. This 16 mm film is to have its initial showing at the next session of the Convention in Nashville, November 9-11, 1954.

Dr. Pope announced Miss Margaret Baker as the new head of the Bookkeeping Department of the Executive Board.

# Next Sunday's Lesson-

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

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TEXTS: Hosea 4:6 to 7:16 (Larger)—Hosea 6:1-11 (Printed)—Hosea 6:6 (Golden).

### Hosea Pleads with Israel

Concerning the prophet Hosea and his prophecy, Dummelow furnishes these words. "Other prophets performed various symbolical acts to explain or enforce their teaching but Hosea's domestic life was itself an acted parable. Sweet and noble as that life was, its importance, as the prophet understood it, lay not in itself, but in the religious truth which it symbolically expressed. In early life he married a woman who proved a faithless wife, and he seems to have made many fruitless efforts to reclaim her. After bearing him three children, to whom he gave symbolic names, she deserted him for her lovers. So forbearing was he, however, that he redeemed her for the price of a slave, and tried to win her back to purity and love by gentle restraint. As Hosea looked abroad on the idolatry and wickedness of his time, he realized that 'the state was the individual write large', and that here was being repeated on a larger scale his own domestic tragedy. In Gomer's unfaithfulness to him, he saw a parable of Israel's unfaithfulness to God; in his own love and tenderness, he saw the reflection of God's love to Israel; and in his own forgiveness and continued efforts for his wife's salvation, he saw a parallel to Jehovah's loving-kindness and tender mercy towards the faithless nation." The printed text of the lesson yields two thoughts.

#### The Fickleness of Men (vv. 1-6)

The people of the kingdom seemed to repent. But it was a repentance in appearance only, for their hearts were not in it. Perhaps they were trying to make a bargain with God instead of approaching Him as culprits asking for mercy. It may have been that they were willing to repent only up to a certain point rather than going all the way in the forsaking of their sinful ways. The Lord, of course, saw through their hypocricy and recognized their repentance as being shallow and superficial and meaningless, without substance and sincerity. Hosea compared it to the early-morning dew or cloud that soon passed away before the shining of the summer sun—easy come, easy go.

One cannot help but be disturbed upon witnessing many of the so-called "decisions" of the present, especially when some who so "decide" repeat the process at each recurring revival-season (the writer has seen a few, even, who do so more than once during a given revival season). One of two things is evident: either the person is insincere or has not been properly taught concerning Scriptural repentance. The repentance that the Bible talks about, that is with regard to salvation from sin, is deep

and revolutionary and abiding. It is the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the person who whole-heartedly yields himself to God's transforming and regenerating power. The person is empowered to turn away from sin and at the same time turn towards Christ in faith and trust. Upon the basis of this terrific and yet glorious experience of repentance and faith, the person is saved and saved eternally. While the lifelong attitude of the Christian should be one of continuous turning away from sin and turning toward Christ, it seems the repeated public expression of the same tends to cheapen the experience as well as (at least by implication) discount the keeping power of God. Of this we may be sure, becoming a Christian is far more than making a "decision" as such.

#### The Compassion of God (vy. 7-11)

The Lord saw through their half-hearted turning and condemned it through the message of Hosea. Such action upon the part of the people is called treachery against God. Their attitudes and conduct were reflected in Gomer's life with relation to her

husband, Hosea. It was faithlessness of the basest sort, inexcusable from man's point of view. But there is another point of view, and this is God's point of view. With this condemnation, expressed in this passage; there is the offer of loving pardon, expressed later in the prophecy. God is just, but coupled with His justice is His mercy. Hosea had learned this great and compelling truth out of the bitterness of his domestic life and through him the whole world would learn it. And the whole world is deeply indebted to Hosea and his prophecy on this score. It has been observed that the best sermons that are preached are brought out of the preacher's personal experience, painful and trying as they often prove to be. And so it was in the case of Hosea. We pity him in his suffering and shame but we rejoice in the truth that God gave him, namely, that God's love never dies.

Herein lies the profound greatness of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is formulated in such hymns that tell us that "Christ receives sinful men." That provides for all men. Jesus takes as we are and would make us to become like Himself. And so we sing in another hymn, "Just as I am, without one plea; but that Thy blood was shed for me." This is the one message we are to bring to men who are dying in sin but it is sufficient; for when they believe it and act upon it, their lives are made eternally different. We do well, then, to follow the example of Hosea in proclaiming the justice of God but at the same time tell of His mercy as Hosea did also. Our God is one of compassion.

A LONESOME VOYAGE



# The Young South.

Does your father like for you to make new friends? Would he be pleased if on Father's Day—next Sunday—you could tell him the good news that you have a new pen pal? Here are letters which will help you choose a new friend. Which of the letters will you answer before Sunday?

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eleven years old. My birthday is August 31. I go to Huntingdon High School and will be in the seventh grade when school starts again.

I belong to the first Baptist Church. My pastor is Dr. Jerry Glisson.

I would like for boys and girls to write to me. I will answer every letter I receive. PATRICIA ANN BELEW

105 High Street Huntingdon, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl eight years old. I go to Prescott Memorial Church, I am a Baptist. My pastor is Brother Morgan. My hobbies are making doll clothes and playing dolls. I will try to answer every pen-pal letter I receive.

REBECCA BEATY

630 Shotwell Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a boy fourteen years old. I go to the First Baptist Church of Huntingdon. My pastor is Brother Jerry Lee Glisson. I am in the Intermediate Department. I go to Huntingdon High School. I will be in the ninth grade when school starts.

I haven't any pen pals and would like to have some. I will answer every letter that

I receive.

LEE EDWARD BELEW

105 High Street Huntingdon, Tenn. Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl twelve years old. I am in the seventh grade at La Grange School. This is my first time to write.

I go to Hickory Grove Baptist Church. I am a member there too. Our pastor is Rev. Bobby Morris. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Clara Watkins and my Training Union teacher is Mrs. Howard Yager.

I would like to hear from girls everywhere. I will answer every letter I receive.

MARY NELL YAGER

Moscow, Tenn.

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Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl of ten, my birthday is December 19. I go to Liberty School. My teacher is Mrs. Alvin Hayes.

My hobbies are collecting pictures and playing the piano. I would like to have many pen pals. I promise to answer every letter.

MARTHA SMITH

Route 2 Liberty, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am nine years old. I am in the fourth grade. This is my first time to write you. I am a Christian. I go to Hickory Valley Baptist Church. My hobby is playing the piano. My pastor is Rev. Jack Pollard. My Sunday school teacher is Miss Bonnie Shearon. I would like to have many pen pals and promise to answer every letter I get. NANCY CAROLYN WEST

Hickory Valley Tennessee

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write. But I read letters in the Young South column every week and have picked many pen pals from it. I would like to have many more.

I am fifteen years old. I have black hair and brown eyes. I am five feet, five inches tall. My hobby is writing to pen pals. I would like for boys and girls ages fifteen to seventeen to write to me. I will answer every letter.

JOY HENDRIX

Route 3
Dyersburg, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl of thirteen. I am a Christian and a member of Alexandria Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother John Riles. I go to Watertown High School. All of my school teachers were very nice this year.

My hobbies are eating and fishing.

I would like for boys and girls to write to me. I would especially like to have a letter from Nancy Taley.

ONETAH SELLERS

Route 1 Watertown, Tenn.



Did you choose a new friend? After you have written your letter, perhaps you will plan something especially nice for your father on his day. It may be a big hug, or simple gift, or a card saying, "I love you." It may

be a sort of gift certificate, promising to help him with one of his jobs next week like cutting the grass or shining his shoes. What can you do?

Love,

**AUNT POLLY** 

Belcourt at Sixteenth Ave., S.
Nashville, Tenn.



The fellow who brags about how much sense he has wouldn't be bragging if he had any.

That visitor can take a bow, Who, seeing me about to doze, Remarks, "I must be going now"—And goes.—Stephen Schlitzer

Students in a psychology class at San Diego State College, California, were asked to name their most valuable asset. Two wrote down intelligence, and both misspelled it.

Small Indiana college announced on its bulletin board a new course in Accounting for Women. An anonymous and philosophically disposed wag added: "Ah, but there's no accounting for women!"

Her husband being slightly indisposed, a young and inexperienced wife attempted to take his temperature. In a state of great excitement, she called the doctor: "Doctor, please come at once. My husband's temperature is 136 degrees!" she explained. The doctor replied, "Madam, the case is beyond my skill. Send for the fire engine."

A boy who usually earned extra money mowing lawns was slow about leaving his house one Saturday morning, and his father asked him why. "Oh," he answered, "I'm waiting till they get started. I get most of my work from people who are already half way through."

It's bad to act like a fool, but it's worse when you're not acting.

"I want to congratulate you on your new perfume," the bus driver told the salesgirl. "I think it is marvelous." "You like it, huh?" said the clerk. "Never saw anything like it," he assured her. "I put it on and the public moves to the back of the bus without urging!"

A colored boy was asked to clean out the barn—A job he detested. He immediately became very busy feeding the hogs. Again the farmer told him: "Clean out the barn." The boy still found other chores to do. Finally the exasperated farmer demanded, "Joe, do you refuse to clean the barn?" And Joe replied, "Nah, suh. Ah don' refuse, ah jus' refrains."

A lecturer was giving a talk before a women's club on life in Egypt, past and present. He mentioned how careless some of the Egyptians were toward their wives. "Why, it is no novelty at all," he said, "To see a woman and a donkey hitched together over there." "Come to think of it," volunteered a voice from the rear, "it's no novelty in this country either."

# East STATE Briefs

By Lloyd T. Householder Maryville, Tennessee

W. R. Rigell, formerly pastor of Central Church, Johnson City, was guest preacher at First Church, Elizabethton, June 6.

James W. Cox, pastor of Central Church, Johnson City, recently led his church in a successful revival.

S. T. Tipton began his work as minister of Music and Education at Calvary Church, Bristol, May 23.

Mrs. Gladys Jones Birdwell, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Charles P. Jones of second Church, Greeneville, passed away at her home in Knox County recently. She had taught school in Greeneville, Maryville, and Knox County and had been an active worker in the church for a long time. Our sympathy to this good friend of the years.

Maxfield Bahner, son of the Head of the Chemistry Department at Carson-Newman College and a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, supplied the pulpit of First Church, Jefferson City, May 30. Dr. H. J. Miles, professor of Sociology at Carson-Newman College, was guest preacher June 6, and Dr. Harley Fite served in a similar capacity June 13.

The largest class in the history of Carson-Newman College was graduated at the 103rd Commencement, May 28. There were 230 in the class. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and the address was given by Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the SBC.

Floyd Chunn of Knoxville, who served as a chaplain in the Army during World War II, and has been quite active in the work of the chaplaincy since, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and will soon be eligible for retirement.

Charles S. Bond, pastor of Central Church, Fountain City, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon at Lake City High School.

Second Church, Clinton, recently entered its new educational plant and broke previous attendance records at Sunday school with 658 present. Eleven people united with the church on this day. George Williams is pastor.

Mrs. W. A. Atchely, widow of beloved Dr. W. A. Atchley who served as pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, for a number of years, died at her home in Knoxville recently.

A revival at Mount Olive Church, Knoxville, in which the preaching was done by Raymond DeArmond, pastor of Sevier Heights Church, Knoxville, resulted in 24 additions to the church. W. R. Grigg, director of Negro Work in the Louisiana Baptist Convention, with headquarters at Alexandria, led Immanuel Church, Knoxville, in a revival which resulted in 35 additions to the church, 26 by baptism.

The Pastors of Clinton Association have girded themselves for another fight against the liquor traffic in Anderson County. Another referendum is to be held in the near future. The Brotherhood of the State will pray for these men as they lead the fight there.

S. M. Mulkey, pastor of Central Church, Tarrant, Alabama, has accepted a call to become pastor of South Knoxville Church effective June 15. Brother Mulkey is a graduate of Louisiana College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He succeeds Nolan P. Howington who went to the pastorate of First Church, Little Rock.

While Pastor E. L. Williams was engaged in a revival at First Church, Cookeville, Dr. Fred Brown supplied the Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville, May 19.

Lawrence Trivette has completed ten years as associational missionary in Knox County Association. Ten years ago there were 94 churches in the association with a membership of 40,747. At present there are 124 churches with a membership of 60,132. During these years 23,684 have been added to the churches by baptism.

Central Church, Oak Ridge, observed its seventh anniversary May 23. From a small beginning with 59 members the church has grown in numbers and influence in the life of this interesting city. Kenneth Combs is pastor. Present membership is 800.

Lloyd T. Householder, Jr., a recent graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, has accepted a call to become assistant pastor of First Church, Clinton, and will begin his work June 9. His father went from the seminary to be pastor of this good church some years ago. Paul Turner is pastor.

Charles E. Wauford, formerly pastor of Island Home Church, Knoxville, and now retired, supplied the pulpit of First Church, Oak Ridge, May 30. O. L. Rives of the faculty of Carson-Newman College performed a similar service May 23.

Robertsville Church, Oak Ridge, observed its eighth anniversary May 30. T. G. Davis, the first pastor of the church, preached at the evening service. W. C. Summar became pastor in June, 1951. At that time the church had 536 members. Present membership is 1025. The church is in the process of building a sanctuary which will accommodate 1200 people.

May 12, South Knoxville Church ordained to the work of the ministry, Calvin Rhodes. He has been called as pastor of Candies Creek Church in Bradley County.

First Church, LaFollette, has engaged architects to prepare plans for a new educational plant and expect to have such plans ready for consideration in June. Vern B. Powers is pastor.

J. E. Ledbetter, pastor of First Church, Lenoir City, led First Church, Oneida, in a revival in which there were 45 additions to the church by baptism, and six by letter. Hugh Widick is pastor.

East LaFollette Church has just concluded a revival in which the preaching was done by George Mason, a student at Carson-Newman College. There were 14 additions to the church, 11 by baptism. This is a new church, organized in 1950 out of a mission of First Church, LaFollette. Pastor Paul Kesterson graduated from Carson-Newman College at the recent Commencement and has resigned as pastor and will enter Southeastern Seminary in the fall.

Pastor Wallace H. Carrier of First Church, Rockwood, supplied the pulpit of First Church, Chattanooga, May 30.

Homer G. Lindsey, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, Florida, led First Church, Cleveland, in a revival in which there were 23 decisions. James E. Byler is pastor.

While Pastor H. Cowan Ellis preached the Baccalaureate sermon at Englewood High School, May 16, Paul Culpepper, associational field worker for Morganton Association in Georgia, supplied at First Church, Etowah.

Merrill Aldridge, new president of Clear Creek Mountain Preachers School, Pineville, Kentucky, supplied for Pastor Ralph Norton at Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, May 30.

White Oak Church, Chattanooga, has voted to establish a mission at 343 Sweetland Drive, Chattanooga, Ray F. Dykes is pastor.

Calvary Church, Alcoa, recently had a successful revival conducted by laymen in the church. Clyde Glass is pastor.

C. B. Jackson of Dallas, Texas, led Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville, in a revival May 19-30. The music was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walsh of Atlanta, Georgia.

New Salem Church, Clinton Association, will observe its 100th anniversary in 1957, and Mrs. Joe Brock is chairman of a committee to prepare the history of the church. Albert Wright is pastor.

Pastor Livy L. Cope and East Lake Church, Chattanooga, were assisted in a revival by Bob Barker.

Dale Larew has accepted a call to become pastor of Concord Church, Chattanooga, succeeding G. W. Splawn who moved to North Carolina.

# ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1954

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Addi- tions	Church		Training Union	Add tion
Mamo, First		90		Broadway	1247	432	1
Alcoa, Calvary First	252	97 105	4.4	Deaderick AvenueFifth Avenue	882	58 245	2 7
thens, Antioch	133	28 25	200	First Lincoln Park		133 231	6
Bethsadia	463	153	3	Mt. Olive	346	86	
First West End Mission		209 63	5	Sevier Heights South		330 166	1
North	232	41		Stock Creek LaFollette, First	198	66 87	2174
Calhoun Coghill	87	34 78	==	Lawrenceburg, First	265	104	
Cotton Port Double Springs		69 38	-	First Avenue Hoover Street		****	
Eastanalle	49	20	****	Lebanon, Fairview	279	94 159	2
EnglewoodEtowah, East		59		Southside	133	90	-
Etowah, FirstEtowah, North		147 165	1	Rocky Valley Lenoir City, First		52 159	•
Etowah, West	61			Kingston Pike	79	23 64	
Good Field Good Springs		35 60		First Avenue	129	43	
Idlewild Lake View	55	55	****	Lewisburg, First		169 99	3
McMahan Calvary	88	69 69	1	First	306	85	1
Mt. Harmony No. 1 Mt. Harmony No. 2		<b>48</b> 21		Mission Prospect		25 54	*
Mt. Veid	30	25		McKenzie, First Memorial	310	84 76	3
New Zion	112 79	50		Madisonville, Chestua	107	53	
Niota, East	196	68 44	_	Martel, Midway		55 145	6
Niota, First Oak Grove	94	44		Everett Hills	404	179	3
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Riceville	127	56	****	Madison Avenue	139	60	9
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Sanford	60	28	-	Barlett Barton Heights		146 97	3
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First Northside		315 96	6	Kennedy		129 289	5
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Ridgedale Ridgeview	634 222	178 75	2	Linden Avenue	55	35	4
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White Oak	367	123	-	Malcomb Avenue	297	160	
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Oversburg, First		194 51	1	Victory Heights	308	121	
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Reservoir Hill		164	-	Winchester	331	143	
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Sycamore Mission		109	1	Third Woodbury Road	197	59	
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THOMATHE! WHICE DELL	543	160	-	Immanuel		70	-

#### Cooperation Builds Better Churches

by L. G. Frey

Attending the Baptist churches in Oak Ridge only one would not see an indication among them of the wide variety of churches which make up the Clinton Baptist Association. In Oak Ridge there are five Baptist churches and another has made application for membership. Only one of these churches has a completed building while two churches have first units of their buildings completed and in use.

Approximately 15 of the 55 churches in Clinton Association are located in the mountains. Many of these churches have only one room buildings, but they are seeing the need for larger buildings and bigger programs. In May the only church in the association without a Sunday school organized a school. In this community there are over 200 people.

At the suggestion of Missionary Raleigh Brady one church held its first study course and before the school was over they wanted another study course. The second school was conducted with increased attendance and resulted in a religious census.

Moore's Camp Church, located furthest from the center of the association and one of several churches in a coal mining town, is making much progress. They own a movie projector. Pastor Bryson Pride has led them to give generously to association, state and Foreign missions.

Two-thirds of the churches are served by absentee pastors who are doing a great work in the little time which they have to conduct the work.

The associational program helps every church in the association to be a better church. The more your church supports your association the more it can strengthen your church and other churches, too.

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Joelton	131		
Ivy Chapel	328	89	4
New Hope	107	59	
North End	118	53	13.0
Park Avenue	763	179	
Richland	188	64	
Riverside	264	56	1
Seventh	301	117	5
Oak Street	26	-	
Trinity	36	35	
Una	163	74	
Westwood	247	130	
Whitsett's Chapel	148	80	1
Woodmont	452	186	6
New Market, Flat Gap	82	61	- man
Nance Grove	73	36	
Newport, First	409	132	1
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	573	199	
Old Hickory, First	503	184	
Rayon City	96	54	-
Oliver Springs	182	75	***
Parsons, First	218	60	5
Paris, First	488	70	7
Portland, First	272	76	
Philadelphia	180	60	
South First	15		-
Ripley, First	360	118	5
Rockford, Central Point	120	60	× 44.
Rockwood, Eureka	124	64	
Rogersville	393	107	****
Rutledge, Helton Spring	120	57	
Oakland	108	89	-
Sevierville, First	560	123	2
Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	297	141	-
Sweetwater, First	427	121	-
Tracy City, First	39		-
West Side Mission	30		****
Tullahoma, Highland	119	49	****
Rutledge Falls	186	68	1
Union City, First	705	143	1
Watertown, Round Lick	193	93	5
Winchester, First	286	78	-
Coalmont	12		-





Miss Betty Jo Corum

Miss Betty Jo Corum has been elected as the new Junior and Intermediate Leader for Tennessee. She comes to us from Central Church, Fountain City with words like this from Brother A. F. Mahan, her pastor for many years: "I am glad to commend her to the Training Union Department as a good selection for that position. I baptized Betty Jo and was her pastor for several years. She was the daughter of a Baptist deacon and was always devoted and active in her church work."

Miss Corum, after graduating from Carson-Newman College, did educational work for a few years and then entered the Southwestern Seminary from which she graduated this year with M.R.E. degree. During her work at the Seminary she served as a field worker in the State Training Union Department during the summer.

This word of commendation comes from one of her professors. "Miss Betty Jo Corum begins her work in Tennessee with the esteem and appreciation of the entire faculty of the School of Religious Education of Southwestern Seminary. She is a worthy successor to Miss Roxie Jacobs and will continue the same quality of Christian service to which Tennesee Baptists have been accustomed."





MISS ROXIE JACOBS

Miss Roxie Jacobs, after 35 years of serving Tennessee Baptists, has asked retirement on December 31st of this year. Miss Roxie started her work with the Baptist and Reflector in September of 1920 and in June of 1923 was elected as Junior and Intermediate Leader in the Training Union Department where she has served faithfully.

Words could not be found to express the deep appreciation of Tennessee Baptists for what she has meant during these years.

# 214 Baptisms Reported in Campbell Association Revivals

Two hundred forty-two professions of faith were reported by the churches of Campbell Association in their simultaneous evangelistic campaign. A total of 214 were baptized into fellowship of the 17 Baptist churches participating. Sixty-two were added by letter, and numerous rededications were reported. Two individuals surrendered their lives to full-time Christian service according to Missionary John Brown.

West LaFollette Church in Campbell Association dedicated their sanctuary during this revival period with Dr. Chas. W. Pope, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, bringing the message. Brother Brown says plans are being made to promote a Vacation Bible school in every church in the association.

There is a growing awareness in the United States, that due to rapid birth rate changes, churches and schools are facing unprecedented problems. During the past six years, there have been approximately one million more births each year than the average during the preceding ten years. The increases are cumulative. In a few years each grade in the schools in the United States will be increased by approximately one million children. If we are to be ready for them in our churches and Sunday schools, plans must be made now.



# Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY MILLS, Executive Sec'y-Treas.

# CORRECTION B.W.C.S TAKE NOTICE

A mistake has been made in some correspondence that has gone out to the B.W.C.'s regarding the date of the camp at Linden. The correct date is July 23-25 and NOT July 16-18. Please make your plans accordingly.

# Young Men's Mission Conference

Ridgecrest, August 23-30, 1954

Date: The Conference will open with the vesper session on Monday, August 23, and close after breakfast on Monday, August 30.

Conference Site: Boys' Camp at Ridgecrest. This is across the road and beyond the large lake from the assembly.

Cost: \$3.25 per day per person, plus \$2.00 registration fee and \$1.25 Mount Mitchell trip. The total for the seven full days will be \$26.00. The \$26.00 covers:

Meals for seven full days, room rent with sheets, towels, blankets, pillows, all registration fees and the trip to Mount Mitchell.

What Will We Do: Worship on the mountain side at morning watch and at the chapel periods, attend mission conference led by people who know, learn to carry on Royal Ambassador work more effectively in your church, work on higher rank projects, play basketball, softball, tennis, horseshoes, ping pong, badminton, swim, go hiking, eat three hefty meals a day, sleep under two blankets at night, and meet more genuine Christian young men and leaders than you will find in one crowd in a long time.

Watch Ambassador Life for notices of people who will be there.

All Applications must go through the state Royal Ambassador office, accompanied by \$5.00 reservation fee (to be applied on the total conference fee of \$26.00). Boys 15 years of age and up who want to go or who desire additional information write Royal Ambassadors, Belcourt at 16th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee, or Divisional Young People's leader. Additional information will be supplied by the state leaders.



#### Resolution

The Sunday School Secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, in their annual session at Harrison, Arkansas, (May 27-30), according to the announcement of Reverend Wheeler Thompson, president, and Sunday school secretary of Illinois, passed unanimously the following Resolution presented by Dr. T. W. Tippett, Atlanta, Georgia, pledging fullest cooperation with the 1955 Southwide simultaneous evangelistic Crusade:

"Believing that Evangelism is the first and primal task of Southern Baptists, and—

Believing that the Sunday schools provide for the churches their greatest Evangelistic field and opportunity and—

Believing that experience confirms the report of the Department of Statistics that the churches win year by year one out of three of the lost people enrolled in the Sunday schools as against only one out of two hundred forty not enrolled in Sunday schools or approximately 90% of the total baptisms in the churches come from the Sunday schools and—

Believing that the great South-Wide Crusade to enroll a million more in Sunday school in 1954 will contribute greatly to the success of the South-Wide Evangelistic Crusade in 1955,

Be it Resolved:

First: that we urge the Baptist Sunday schools of the South to intensify their efforts during the remaining months of this Crusade, to bring this Crusade for a million more in '54 to a successful conclusion.

Second: that the Sunday School Secretaries Conference pledge their fullest cooperation in the South-Wide Evangelistic Crusade in 1955 and that we call upon the Baptist Sunday Schools of the South to enlist and train their million teachers and officers to teach with an evangelistic objective and to accept and challenge that Every One Win One in the Crusade of 1955, and thus making possible in a single year a million Baptisms in Southern Baptist Churches. Dr. Jasper N. Barnette, secretary of the Department of Sunday schools, Baptist Sunday School Board, who was present in the Secretaries Conference, heartily and enthusiastically approved this resolution."

President Thompson announced the election of the following officers for the coming year:

President, Dr. E. C. Williams, Sunday School Secretary of Mississippi.

Vice President, Reverend W. J. Lites, Sunday School Secretary of New Mexico.

Secretary, Miss Mary Ella Davis, Louisville, Kentucky.

THURSDAY JUNE 17, 1954

#### Reach the Prospects Revealed by Your Vacation Bible School

There were 13,054 boys and girls attending Vacation Bible school in 1953 who were not enrolled in Sunday school. It should be an easy matter to enrol these boys and girls in the Sunday school since they have gotten acquainted with other boys and girls of their age and the workers in their department.

There were also 12,147 boys and girls attending Vacation Bible school only one day. Make every possible effort to enrol every boy and girl from 3-16 years of age for the full length of school. Most of these boys and girls are from unchurched homes.

This Summer—1954. It is estimated that 40,000 parents and other members of the family can be enrolled in Sunday school as a result of a follow-up of the Vacation Bible school.

Use your V.B.S. to help your school reach its part of the "Million More in '54" Goal.

A panel of 2,200 marketing executives reported that of the eight TV commercials they found "most objectionable or irritating," seven were for cigarettes. And in Washington, Representative John D. Dingell, Democrat from Michigan, announced he would introduce a bill to outlaw all tobacco advertising in media that cross state lines.

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#### Counselor's Corner

by Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Are Baptists Protestants?

Question: There seems to be some different interpretations as to the meaning of the term "Protestantism." What different denominations belong to it? Is the Missionary Baptist Church thought of as being Protestant?

Answer: It depends partly on who is doing the thinking. Generally, Protestant is a term including "all Christian groups immediately or remotely related to the Reformation" (An Encyclopedia of Religion, ed. by Ferm). It is a word that includes all Christian groups except Roman and Greek Catholics. This is the way historians, newspaper men, novelists, government officials, and many others use the term.

But Protestant is used in another sense. When a minister says, "Baptists are not Protestants," he means this: There are many Baptists who do not wish to be classified with the other non-Catholics groups as originating during the Reformation period of history. These claim to be able to trace their lineage back through the dissenters of the Middle Ages, who never were Catholics.

You see, words mean what people say they mean. Some use the word Protestant to include Baptists. Some do not.

Well, are we Protestants? In the sense that we assumed our present name during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, yes! In the sense that we as a body came out of the Catholic Church, no!

Thus we suffer from "the tyranny of words."

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

# Reflections

It has been said that the main vice of many people consist not in doing evil but in permitting it.—Roy M. Pearson. This Do—and Live

There is many a man who, when he has invented a phrase, thinks he has solved a problem.—Sir Herbert Williams, member, British Parliament.

We don't get what we want every time we pick up the spiritual telephone (in prayer), any more than we get what we want every time we pick up the phone in our office. But if we telephone J. B. and he says he won't sign the contract we don't hurl our office phone out the Window. No more should we throw out our spiritual telephone just because we don't get what we want—or think we want.—Howard Whitman, A Reporter in Search of God.



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