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Observations

By
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Our Aging Population

Through the combined efforts of many agencies the health of the American people is such that now we are living twenty years longer than did our grandparents. The improvement in child welfare is strikingly seen in the following statement by William B. Kountz, M.D., assistant professor of clinical medicine and director of clinical research of the division of gerontology in Washington University School of Medicine.

"In this country in the year 1852 a family had to have twelve children in order to raise six, that is, fifty per cent died before maturity. In 1872, to raise six children, the family had to have ten. In other words, there had been some improvement in child welfare which was reflected in the death rate. In 1900, to raise six children the family had to have eight. The expectation was that a quarter of the child population would die before maturity. In 1940, in order to raise six children, it was necessary to have only six children, provided they were normal at birth and under the care of a pediatrician."

The simple fact that more than one-half of the population of the United States lives past the age of sixty-five presents an important problem of concern. Our changing society has intensified many problems. The extension of life expectancy comes at a time of industrialization and urbanization, both of which have the effect of decreasing the opportunity of the older person to find employment, and lessening his opportunity for satisfactory living during the older years. Living arrangements for older people must become a matter of national concern. Thrift and self-reliance are cherished elements in our system of values. But they are not equal to the job of guaranteeing sufficient income for the remainder of lifetime of those who are unable to work or of those who must retire during their sixties. Current retirement ages frequently run from 60 to 65 or 69 years. At the age of 65, the average person can expect to live another fourteen years. Fourteen years is the equivalent of one-third of the normal working span. Half of those retired will live longer, up to thirty or thirty-five years. Is this period of time to be lost to the individual and the community?

Some of the nation's top-flight authorities on the problems and needs of an aging population shared in writing *Growing in the Older Years*, edited by Wilma Donahue and Clark Tibbitts; University of Michigan Press; \$2.50; 204 pp. This is the third book

in a series growing out of the annual conferences on aging held at the University of Michigan in three successive years.

Evidences are ever present that our modern culture is not adjusted to the realities nor the best interest of people once they have reached or passed middle age. Ours has been a culture that has been adjusted to the interests, the abilities and the needs of children, youth, and young adults. It used to be that not enough people survived to middle age and old age to make a place for themselves in the developing culture. But all of that has changed. Life expectancy has been pushed dramatically forward into the uncharted later years during the past century.

There has been a marvelous advance in pediatrics. We have lengthened the life span by decreasing infant mortality. But are we to live longer only to face chronically ill old age? Only in the last few years has the medical profession shown worthy interest in geriatrics, that is the medical art concerned with the ailments of the aging. Medical science which has, to a great extent, been responsible for adding years to life now must face responsibility of adding life to these years.

The problems of an aging population will be met only if the local aspects, state and regional aspects, and national aspects are recognized. There must be team work. And the problem must be faced that the aging of the American population is a continuing process. We need to bring about a society of opportunity in which all people can live as functional, self-subsistent, satisfied members.

The Challenge to Enlist and Develop

"Perhaps too many of our churches are majoring in people-reaching and minoring in Christian developing," states Mr. Martin B. Bradley, associated with Mr. J. P. Edmunds in the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mr. Bradley in "Pretty Is as Pretty Does" calls us to look beneath the surface of our denominational life and to take note of the composition of our church membership. Mr. Bradley points out that since 1947 non-resident members in Southern Baptist churches have increased

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Short Memories

We have short memories at the peril of making again the mistakes of the past. Those who recall the difficult days of denominational debt are wary of heavy borrowing again in the name of Southern Baptists.

One of our pastors recalling those days when it was so difficult to pay off borrowed money has written the following: "There are many of us who feel that it is unwise and unsafe for any agency of the Convention to expend more money than our people are providing annually." This is his observation concerning the Home Mission Board's request to the Executive Committee to be permitted to borrow 3 million dollars to aid in the building of new church structures largely in the western section of the Convention.

These are times when debts can be easily made. Tomorrow they may be extremely hard to repay. We do not believe that any agency of the Convention should contract debts when the security for the borrowing must anticipate the support of other agencies of the Convention.

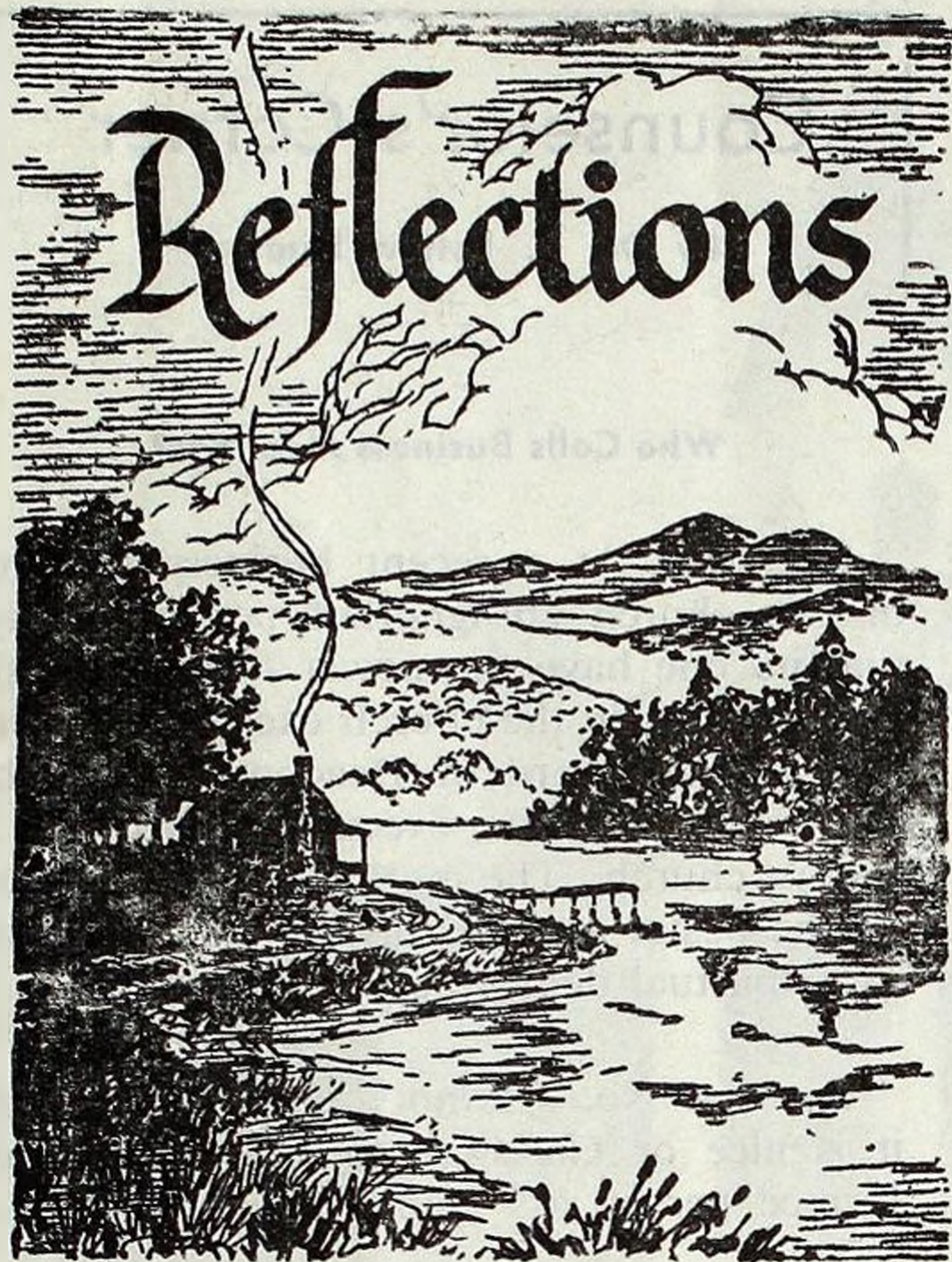
from 22% of the total to 31.2%. A sizable number of resident members also, for all practical purposes, are dead weight so far as our positive task is concerned for promoting the cause of God through the church. These inactive members added to the non-resident percentage constitute a serious challenge to the task of developing Christians and conserving those evangelized. We believe Mr. Bradley is right in stating that we must not only have a continued vision of reaching more and more people but we must also strengthen and deepen our efforts toward enlistment of new Christians and inactive church members.

"PRETTY IS AS PRETTY DOES"

Martin B. Bradley

Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information

Baptist Sunday School Board



A sourpuss is made, not born. God gives us our faces, we give ourselves expressions.

Leisure implies life. We talk of a machine being idle, but not of a machine at leisure, and therein perhaps lies the key to the meaning and importance of leisure. I have a body and a brain, and they are still in reasonable working order, whilst the motor cars that started at the same time are on the scrap heap. The essential property of living things is that they find their own fuel and do their own repairs; but as every part is in need of periodic rest and overhaul, every part must be given time off from activity.—Sir Heneage Ogilvie, British surgeon and editor, *"The Importance of Leisure."*

One important technique (for self-improvement) is to change your mental attitudes. William James, father of American psychology, said, "Human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind." If you have an attitude of disbelief in yourself, fear, hesitancy, inner conflict, then life will give you back disbelief, fear, hesitancy, conflict. But if you draw your attitudes from the certainties of faith, life will give you wholesome self-respect, courage, and attainment.—Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, *"Self-Improvement Vital"*.

If every Communist in America were to be converted or liquidated or otherwise disposed of tomorrow, the bigger part of our problem would still remain.—Granville Hicks, *Where We Came Out*.

Forgetfulness is a virtue only when you can remember the right things to forget.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

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"Beauty is only skin deep." My mother often repeated those words to me as I was growing up and would have my eyes on some "sweet young thing." This counsel given by her always conveyed a warning to look beneath the surface, to determine a girl's personality and character masked by her beauty. And, of course, I learned Mother's words to be wise counsel—appearance does not always denote performance and quality.

We Southern Baptists have been blessed in our evangelistic efforts, especially in the recent years of our history. Our membership has grown from 5,493,027 in 1943 to 7,886,016 in 1953. There were 202,301 baptisms in 1943, but 361,835 in 1953. Fine progress in ten years. However, let us never believe that our increasing numbers are a *sure* sign of equally encouraging growth in strength and stature within!

Can we sometimes be deceived unknowingly? Picture yourself arriving at a service station to buy gas with your car's tank having a large hole rusted in it. As the attendant opens the valve allowing gas to spurt into the tank, the gas merely flows unimpeded through the rusty hole onto the ground beneath. When the attendant closes the valve, how much gas have you really obtained? How much has been contributed to the trouble-free operation of your car? Certainly, a conclusion can't be based on the quantity of gas that first spurted into the tank!

Take a look with me at the composition of our church membership. A trend seems to have developed that warrants inspection. Of our membership of 6,270,819 in 1947, resident members totaled 4,891,239. This means there were 1,379,580 non-resident members, or 22 per cent of the total. Of 7,886,016 members in 1953, 2,460,437 were non-resident—31.2 per cent. Such an increase in the proportion of non-resident members—from 22 per cent to 31.2 per cent—should not go unnoticed. The amount

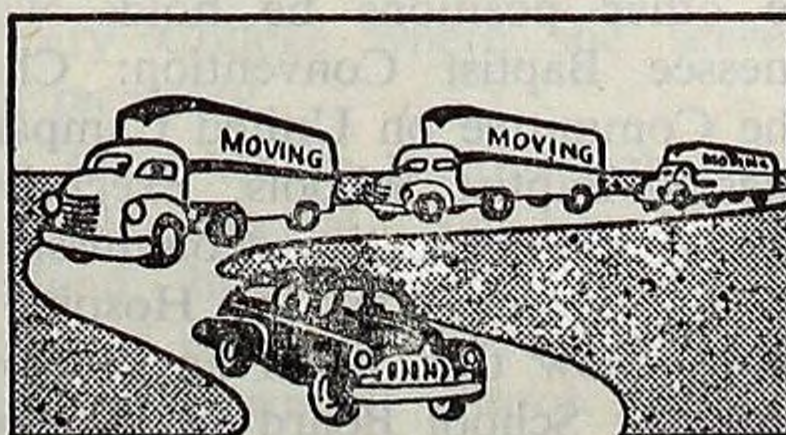
of increase is not necessarily important as such, since campaigns of "purging the rolls" may have taken place. Nevertheless, the condition that 31.2 per cent non-residency or inactivity represents *is* important.

All of us desire to avoid a condition of status quo or stunted growth. We eagerly prefer the pains of progress to the stinks of stagnation. One of Southern Baptists' growing pains is the increasing tendency toward inactivity on the part of many members. In addition to the large percentage of non-resident members, we are cognizant of a sizable number of resident members who are inactive and for all practical purposes useless to God in promoting his cause through the church. Not only are these people relatively dead weight to our positive task but they are actually pulling against us. Jesus once stated axiomatically, "he that is not with me is against me." I fear the church member who lends no weight to his one-time profession acts as a deterrent to the cause of Christ, not just as a neutral force. How well would a football team do if some of its players would line up with the opposing team? Although their uniform would be right, their actual performance, or lack of it, would determine the success of the team whose uniform they wore. Many one-time Southern Baptists have either quit playing the game entirely or have joined some other team. Is this most unfortunate situation due entirely to those individuals? Could it be partly because we, in our denomination and in our churches, have fallen short in our challenge, development, and conservation of people?

Perhaps too many of our churches are majoring in people-reaching and minoring in Christian developing. Of necessity, we *must* major in reaching people with the gospel because people must be reached before they can be taught and strengthened and permanently conserved. Still, our minor must become major in proportion and minor only in sense of being second temporally in the cycle of kingdom work.

May God give us continuing vision of reaching more and more people through our Sunday schools and other arms of our churches. May he also impress us with the urgency of strengthening and deepening and enlarging our efforts together toward enlisting new Christians and inactive church members in the ever-expanding task for him!

He then shall cause there to be fewer mission fields within and more missionaries from our churches.



JUST MOVING TO TOWN ?

Then you'll be looking for a new church home.

Dr. Norris Gilliam Accepts Sunday School Board Position



Dr. Norris Gilliam has accepted the position of Contracts and Investments Counselor to the Baptist Sunday School Board. Dr. James L. Sullivan, Executive-Treasurer of the Baptist Board, released the announcement July 31, after Dr. Gilliam had turned in to Tennessee Baptists his resignation as Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

The new counseling position was offered to Dr. Gilliam at the semi-annual meeting of the Sunday School Board on June 23, but he had not accepted it until now.

His duties will begin September 1. He will serve on the staff of the Executive Secretary and advise Dr. Sullivan concerning major contracts and the investment of the Board's reserve funds.

Already the new advisor is experienced and fully familiar with his new duties. As a member of the local Executive Committee of the Sunday School Board, he has been serving as chairman of the Printing Committee and as a member of the Plans and Policies Committee. Reports are that he gave outstanding service in both offices.

When Dr. Gilliam became Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation in 1946, the Foundation had a balance of \$74,277.84. The July 31, 1954 report showed that these funds of the organization Dr. Gilliam is leaving have increased to \$1,072,778.03.

Although his major duties are in the field of finance, one of Dr. Gilliam's chief emphases is evangelism. States Dr. Leonard Sanderson, Secretary of Evangelism for the Tennessee Baptist Convention: "He is the best personal soul winner I have ever known. He is well-known in Tennessee as an evangelist. Dr. Gilliam has held many

SBC Executive Committee Meeting Called for September 8

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has been called by President C. C. Warren for September 8, to consider a resolution granting permission to the Home Mission Board, Atlanta to borrow \$3,000,000 for relending to churches for building purposes. The money is to be repaid in ten years.

The resolution was framed in late July by a joint meeting of a special subcommittee of the Executive Committee and representatives of the Home Mission Board. The money if borrowed will be repaid in nine payments as follows:

December 31, 1956	-----	\$300,000
December 31, 1957	-----	300,000
December 31, 1958	-----	300,000
December 31, 1959	-----	300,000
December 31, 1960	-----	300,000
December 31, 1961	-----	375,000
December 31, 1962	-----	375,000
December 31, 1963	-----	375,000
December 31, 1964	-----	375,000

The Home Mission Board has given a pledge of repayment from the following sources:

1. From the monthly repayment of the church loans with interest thereon received from the churches.
2. From the money received by the Home Mission Board from the Advance section of the Cooperative Program, 1953—\$332,840.
3. From the Capital Needs funds received by the Home Mission Board estimated at \$439,800.
4. From the Contingent Fund of the Home Mission Board, estimated at \$200,000.
5. From the Reserve Fund of the Home Mission Board, estimated at \$800,000.
6. From the Capital Assets of the Home Mission Board, exclusive of its mission properties, estimated at \$1,500,000.

revivals in which there have been more than 100 conversions and baptisms in each."

Preliminary to assuming his new duties on September 1, Dr. Gilliam is resigning three other positions he holds with the Tennessee Baptist Convention: Chairman of the Committee on United Campaign for Tennessee Baptist Schools, Executive Secretary of the Education Commission, and Executive Secretary of the Hospital Commission. Now that he is an employee of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, he will no longer serve on its board.

A Texan by birth, Dr. Gilliam finished high school at Bells, Tennessee, and was graduated from Union University in 1923.

Counselor's Corner

by Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Who Calls Business Meetings?

Question: At a recent business meeting of our church an ignorant person moved that no one have the power to call a business meeting in the church except the chairman of the Board of Deacons. I thought the pastor was the executive officer of a Baptist church. The motion carried and that let the pastor out. Is this the way we work in a spiritual democracy?

Answer: No, it is not! But do you think it is nice or Christian to label the misinformed person as "ignorant"?

There is just as much Scripture for a chairman's calling a business meeting as there is for "a board" of deacons. Deacons are not a ruling board in a New Testament church but a committee of "servers" who take orders from the church.

The pastor or the pastors are the overseers, directors, superintendents or shepherds of the church (translation of words for "pastor" or "bishop"). The church is the controlling body. It could authorize the chairman of the deacons, the Sunday school superintendent, or anyone else to have the power to call a business meeting. The better way, however, is to have regular business meetings, or to have meetings called only by advance notice given to all of the members. The pastor is the logical one to call special meetings.

I have never seen a church prosper which did not honor and respect the pastoral office.

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

He received his Th.M degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, in 1927, and was awarded the D. D. degree by Union University in 1937.

For nineteen years he was pastor of churches in Oklahoma, West Virginia, and Tennessee, including the Lockeland Baptist Church, Nashville. Dr. Gilliam has served his denomination in many positions as president, director, or member of boards of trustees of colleges, mission boards, assemblies, and promotional organizations.

Dr. and Mrs. Gilliam live in Goodlettsville. Their two sons are Norris, Jr., 29, with the Monsanto Chemical Company, St. Louis, and Robert, 25, with the Chamber of Commerce, Memphis.



Dedication services for the newly constructed Bradshaw Sanctuary, Giles County, were held July 25. The building was made possible by a \$20,000 fund left to the church by the late Mrs. Flornoy Holley Reed, who was a member of the church in her youth, and by an additional \$5,000 by the church. Pastor Lloyd L. Hickman was assisted in the services by L. M. Laten of Columbia. The building, located across the road from the former church, is of colonial design, brick veneer, with the auditorium finished in rose and white with dark oak trim. The basement provides space for seven classes, modern kitchen and dining room. Bradshaw Church is experiencing a steady growth in Sunday school and Training Union attendance and is looking forward to the greatest year in soul-winning.

Why Our Church Will Participate in the 1955 Evangelistic Crusade

First, because our church is a cooperating Missionary Southern Baptist Church. Our church is convinced we can accomplish more for God in Evangelism by working with our sister churches than we can by working against them or independently of them.

Second, because of the good fellowship this Crusade will offer the evangelistic help, as well as the local pastors and ministers of music.

Third, the Breakfast Fellowship Meetings are wonderful; the messages at these breakfasts are inspiring—but when souls are not being saved in some of the churches, we share this burden together in prayer. This fellowship "is like to that above."

W. L. Stigler, Pastor
Grace Baptist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Mission School Adds New Faculty Members

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (BP) — Carver School of Missions and Social Work will have two new faculty members when the forty-eighth session of the school opens September 20.

Miss Mary Lee Rankin, Williamsburg, Va., daughter of the late M. Theron Rankin, has been named counselor to students. She comes to Louisville from William and Mary College where she served as student secretary.

John Allen Moore, on furlough from the Baptist Theological Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, has been appointed visiting professor of missions. He served as registrar and professor of church history and missions while at the seminary.

Charles Ed Howell, educational director, First Church, Birmingham, Ala., will become educational director at Citadel Square Church, Charleston, S. C.

The Peace Question

by A. C. Miller

"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war." This is an old saying, but it states the need for a modern application. The world is still waiting for someone to make plain the law of the spirit and to show that force is an instrument of coercion; that coercion creates fear and that fear begets hatred. Jesus made this clear in his teachings nearly 2,000 years ago. His followers have been unable, and oftentimes unwilling, to pass on these teachings with conviction, and to follow them with devotion.

The Christian knows that the very nature of war is "a defiance of the righteousness of God as revealed in Jesus Christ." At the same time, he finds it hard to believe that he should be inactive in the face of danger and the threats of war. In view of the hard realities of the world situation as he finds it in his generation, he knows that his nation cannot be left defenseless. He finds himself on the horns of a dilemma—he is unwilling to accept "peace at any price," and at the same time, he is unwilling to agree that war offers a justifiable solution.

Peace is an end to be achieved. The processes of growth and development toward this achievement extend over many generations. The prophets Isaiah and Micah were looking far ahead when they said, "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." This states the ultimate objective of the almighty God through his sovereign power. His followers in every generation should strive to create the conditions and lay the foundations which will become the instruments by which he can exercise his power and finally reach this glorious objective.

The Christian Life Commission in its conferences at Ridgecrest August 19-25 will discuss this vital question of World Peace in daily addresses and open forums. The Program is shown elsewhere in this paper. Everyone is invited.

Kentuckian To Lead Music at Miami SBC

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Forrest Herren, dean of the School of Sacred Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will lead the music at the 1955 Southern Baptist Convention to be held in Miami, Fla., May 18-21, according to J. W. Storer, president.

Prior to going to Southern, Herren was professor at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: Matthew 16:24, 25; I Corinthians 9:24-27; II Timothy 2:3-5; Hebrews 12:1-4 (Larger)—Mt. 16:24, 25; I Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 12:1-4 (Printed)—Mt. 16:24 (Golden).

Self-Discipline for Growth

If we are to grow as Christians we must exercise some amount of self-discipline. This should not prove to be too difficult when we recall that we have been saved by One who denied Himself and suffered untold agony in order to make our salvation possible. No price, then, can be too great for us to pay in order that we may grow and thus be of more service to Him and His cause. The printed passages furnish us guidance in this regard.

The Loss for Christ (Mt. 16:24, 25)

First, there is to be denial of self. Such denial, however, looks to the enthronement of Christ in the person's living. For self-denial, as such, has no religious value. Indeed, it can conceal a deep-seated selfishness. It is possible for one to become proud of his self-denial even to the point of boasting about it, and imagine that God will accept this instead of one's dependence upon Christ. But in order for Him to reign within, self must go.

Second, there is to be following of Christ. Such following will soon discover a cross and assume it, cheerfully and joyously. Like Christ's cross, it could be avoided entirely. It involves a suffering upon our part that is due to our being a Christian with a determination to live as nearly as possible like He lived while on the earth. Christian standards are high.

Third, there is to be a finding of life. When we lose our lives for His sake, whether in an instant or over a long period of years in faithful service, we find them. Herein is seen the royal road to life. Herein life, in its finest and holiest sense, consists. Herein lies its essential glory.

The Race of Faith (Heb. 12:1-4)

First, there is the cloud of witnesses. They are to encourage us to be patiently persistent in the running of this race. The verses that precede these mention only a few that compose this great cloud. If the writer were penning the admonition today he would no doubt add still other names to the list. All of these witnesses run along by our sides, in spirit, rather than watch us from afar as in a great amphitheater; many commentators agree.

Second, there is the besetting sin or the "sin of good standing" that is calculated to interfere with our running the race. It must be put aside. A runner on the race-course who would win the race would appear ridiculous if he tried to run with weights attached to his feet. The Christian is just as ridiculous who tries to win the race of faith with weights of sin about his life. Since sins have a way of achieving

"good standing" over a period of time and by wide participation, they become all the more hindering to us who earnestly desire to win the race of faith. Anything and everything that really hinders the cause of Christ must be avoided by those called Christians.

Third, there is to be fixity of purpose or concentration of attention upon the part of the runner if the race is to be won. It is difficult to imagine the serious-minded runner on the race-course who fails to keep his eye on the goal. The race of faith involves the "author and finisher of our faith." Jesus is the "file-leader" of the great marching column of the faithful, to change the figure. If we keep our eyes centered upon Him, we shall be able to "keep step" with our fellow-marchers as well as arrive safely at our destination.

The Crown at Victory (I Cor. 9:24-27)

First, there is the reminder that living the Christian life demands strenuous effort upon our part. While it is easy to become a Christian it is difficult to live as Christ lived. Indeed, it is so difficult as to dis-

courage even the attempt if we did not recall that we have an all-powerful helper and friend in the Holy Spirit who abides within the life of every Christian. These verses envision the athletic contests common to the day and place. At Corinth the great Isthmian games attracted multitudes every other year. Those who participated in these games did so with vigor and enthusiasm. It is with this sort of background that Paul writes these lines to the Christians at Corinth, urging them to put all they have into living for Christ.

Second, there is the call to self-control. What chance for success does the athlete have who is not willing to abide with and conform to the rules of training? Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians that he himself brought his body "into subjection." Weymouth translates verses twenty-six and twenty-seven: "I am a boxer who does not inflict blows on the air, but I hit hard and straight at my own body and lead it off into slavery."

Third, there ought to be continuous usefulness upon the part of every Christian. Paul fears that his usefulness might be destroyed if he failed to practice self-restraint. Do we? He desires an incorruptible crown at the winning of the victory. He knows that such a crown will not be his if he "breaks training" along the way. All of the seeming sacrifice that he made will prove to be inconsequential when the crown of victory is awarded. What Paul wanted we should want. It is an honor and a privilege to be a Christian.

MORE THAN A PAPER BOOK



The Young South

Almost every letter in today's column has the same sentence in it—can you find that sentence?

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl twelve years old. This is my first time to write. I am in the sixth grade. I go to the Baptist Church. I would like to have some pen pals. I will answer every letter I receive.

LOU JANE LEEPER

Route 1
Pope, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I am a Christian. I go to Lockeland Baptist Church. Our pastor is Brother James M. Gregg.

I am seventeen years old. I'm a Junior in Hume-Fogg Technical School. I like all sports, especially basketball. I have six pen pals, but would like to have many more. Hope you can find room in the Young South column for my letter.

BARBARA BOYD

1701 Woodland Street
Nashville 6, Tennessee
Dyersburg, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl twelve years old. My birthday is August 22. I would like to have many pen pals. I am a Christian and go to Oak Street Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother John D. Bolton.

FAYE BRADLEY

Box 184
Soddy, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write you. I am seven years old. I go to Ethridge School. I will be in the third grade.

I go to Brace Baptist Church where my daddy is the pastor.

I would like to have some pen pals.

SUE DICKEY

Ethridge, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write you. I am eight years old. I have blonde hair and blue eyes.

I go to Brace Baptist Church where my daddy, Brother Reuben Dickey, is the pastor.

My hobbies are singing and sewing. I would like to have many pen pals.

PAULINE DICKEY

Ethridge, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write. I am boy seven years old. I will be 8 on August 24.

I go to the First Baptist Church in Pulaski, Tennessee. Our pastor is Brother J. Clark Hensley.

I sing in the little children's choir. I go to Sunday school and church too.

WILLIAM EUGENE DePRIEST

129 Ingram
Pulaski, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am ten years old. This is my first time to write to you. I have blue eyes and brown hair. I go to Gladeville School and will be in the fifth grade this fall. My teacher is Mrs. E. J. Bilbro.

I would like to have some pen pals and will try to answer every letter.

SHIRLENE HUNT

Route 5
Lebanon, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a boy thirteen years old. I go to the First Baptist Church, Dyersburg, Tennessee. Dr. Robert L. Orr is our pastor. I will be in the eighth grade when school starts. I haven't any pen pals yet, but would like to. I will try to answer every letter I get.

BILL JONES

1301 Speedway
Dyersburg, Tenn.



Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl thirteen years old. I have blue eyes and light brown hair. My favorite sport is basketball.

I go to Eureka Baptist Church. I would like to have a lot of pen pals and will try to answer every letter I get.

MARY McNELLY

Route 2
Rockwood, Tenn.

Did you find almost the same sentence in six of the nine letters you just read? The other three letters didn't tell about this. That means that we have at least six brand-new friends today, doesn't it? I hope this will be the beginning of many happy letter-visits with each of these new friends. I hope each friend in today's column will find some interesting, faithful pen pals.

Wonder how many other boys and girls have never written letters to the Young South column? This would be a good time to begin! Those who *have* written, know the pleasure of meeting new friends through the column, and the fun of exchanging news and experiences week by week. How about a letter from you?

Hopefully,

AUNT POLLY

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



LAUGHS

From
Here and There

A minister, making a call, was sitting in the parlor with his hostess when her small son came running in carrying a dead rat.

"Don't worry, Mother, it's dead. We bashed him and beat him until—" and, noticing the minister for the first time, he added in a lowered voice, "until God called him home."

The employer asked his secretary to look at a letter addressed to him. "I can't make out whether it's from my tailor or my lawyer," he worried. "They're both named Smith."

And this is what his secretary read: "I have begun your suit. Ready to be tried on Thursday. Smith."

A woman was napping one afternoon when the doorbell rang. She put on an old housecoat and tied a bandanna around her head before she went to the door. Thru the window, to her dismay, she saw the rector, so she ducked out of sight. When his car drove off, she picked up the card he had dropped through the letter slot. Under his name he had written, "You didn't duck soon enough."

After failing for the second time to pass her road test required for an operator's license, the tearful young woman admitted traffic bothered her.

"Well," questioned the sympathetic officer, "why not wait a year or so and try again?"

"But I can't," sobbed the disappointed lady. "You see, I just have to get back and forth to the air field—I'm a pilot!"

First-grader to his 4-year-old brother: "The smart thing for you to do is not to learn to spell your first word. The minute you learn to spell cat you're trapped; from then on the words get longer and harder."

Tommy: "I think he's more dumb than me."

Teacher, correcting his grammar: "More dumb than I."

Tommy: "All right then, he's more dumb than both of us!"

"Who has done the most to rouse the working classes?" inquired the union organizer. Came the reply, "The inventor of the alarm clock."

In the window of a beauty parlor is this sign: "Don't whistle at a girl leaving here, she may be your grandmother."

Sunday school teacher: "What are the things that count most in this life?"

Small boy (fresh from a visit to his dad's store) "Adding machines."

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The purpose of these planning meetings is to inform the people and to inspire all Sunday school workers to put forth their best effort during the coming year to reach every available person for Bible study.

We are deeply grateful to all agencies that help make it possible to carry this worthy Sunday school program to every church, even in the most remote sections of the association.

These State Planning Meetings are in reality the kick-off of next year's Sunday school program. All associational officers, pastors, educational directors, Sunday school officers and teachers of the individual churches are urged to attend the meeting in their region, and let us study the new year's program together.

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"We of the First Baptist Church of Dayton are looking forward to having you with us for one of the State Sunday School Planning Meetings. Our hearts and doors are open to you with our pledge of full cooperation."

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Beginner—Mrs. C. R. Miller
Primary—Mrs. Raymond Var
Junior—Miss Mary Johnson
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Leonard Sander
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5:45 Supper—Those in attend

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8:00 Song, Scripture and Pray
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8:50 "Let Us Go On"—Messag
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9:30 Adjourn—Back to the Task
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"Let Us Go On . . ."

Suggested Sunday School Objectives and Direction for
the Sunday School Year, October, 1954—October, 1955

1. Objective: One Baptism for Every Eight Church Members
2. Enrolment: A Goal of 125 Enrolled in Sunday School for
each 100 Church Members
3. Expansion: One or More New Sunday Schools
Organized by Each Church
4. Bible-Teaching Program: (See page two of Mr. J. N.
Barnette's new leaflet, "Let Us Go On")
5. Christian Homes: Provision for Every Member of Every
Family
6. Stewardship: Every Member in Our Sunday Schools
Giving Every Week to the Financial Program of the
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Other Dates to Remember

1. The Associational Planning Meetings September 14.
2. The Church Planning Meetings. Victory Week, September
19-26. Study J. N. Barnette's book, "One to Eight."
3. "The Twin State Bible Teaching Clinic" First Baptist Church,
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Circle Leaders

Has your circle had a Community Mission Study this summer? The book "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility" by Clifford Earle, price 65¢ is, available through the Baptist Book Stores.

Now is an excellent time to major on each woman making a gift of \$1.00 to the support of United Tennessee League Against Beverage Alcohol. This recommendation was the action of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union Convention at the annual session in Chattanooga. Will you urge your women to meet this moral responsibility in our state?

Baptist Folks and Facts

Lewis Moore, Nashville, Tennessee postmaster and Baptist layman, has been elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Joseph McClain, Oklahoma, was elected head of the Department of Religion of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., recently.

Ralph A. Herring, Winston-Salem, N. C., has been seriously but not critically ill and is now convalescing at home.

Ivan L. Bennett, retired Army Chief of Chaplains, has been appointed a secretary of the American Bible Society and the executive secretary of the Washington City Bible Society with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Adiel J. Moncrief, St. Joseph, Mo., conducted retreats and Bible conferences for chaplains of the Armed Forces in the Alaska military area for two weeks in June.

James Stoudenmier, Jr., administrator of the Nan Travis Memorial Hospital, Jacksonsville, Tex., is the new business office manager of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans. He served in the same position from July, 1947 to April, 1949.

Homer G. Lindsay, Jacksonville, Fla., delivered the baccalaureate address at the summer school commencement, Southwestern Seminary.

Louise Foreman Blount, formerly dean of women at Mary-Hardin Baylor College in Texas, has accepted the position of director of women's activities at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Joseph Clapp, formerly with William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., is now director of public relations for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Cummins Heads Western Missions Work



George W. Cummins, elected Superintendent of Western Missions by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, began his duties August 1.

His field includes 15 western states and Alaska. In this new position he serves as coordinator of the Home Mission Board work in these fields in all mission and evangelistic work. He is located at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. Cummins, native of Kentucky, received his education in the University of Louisville, Georgetown College, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has held pastorates in Simpsonville, Oklahoma, and Louisville, Kentucky.

He entered the Navy in 1942 and served as chaplain until December 1945; he was recalled to Navy duty in 1948 and served during the Korean conflict being released to inactive duty in March, 1954. He holds 13 campaign ribbons and decorations including the Presidential Unit Citation, two Korean Presidential Unit Citations and the Bronze Star, and the United Nations Ribbon with Silver Star. Mr. Cummins served with the Marines in Korea.

Since March he has been serving as general missionary in San Diego and Imperial Counties, California under the General Baptist Convention of California.

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Director of Beginner Work Training Union Department Baptist Sunday School Board

On May 24, 1954, Miss Nora Padgett began her work as director of Beginner work in the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The Board elected her to this position in its May meeting upon the recommendation of the secretary of the Training Union Department. Miss Ann Hughley had been serving as director of Nursery and Beginner work, but it has been clear for some time that the development of this work in the children's field was making it imperative that we have a worker for each age group. Miss Huguley will devote her entire time to the Nursery work in the future.

Miss Padgett comes well equipped for this work in the Training Union Department. She was graduated from the Ashville Teachers College with a B.S. in Education and from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master's in Religious Education. In the Seminary she took a special course in Nursery and Beginner work.

Miss Padgett has had wide experience as a teacher of first grade pupils in the public schools of North Carolina. She served

nine years in this work at Smithfield, North Carolina, but felt that the Lord was leading into full-time Christian service. In June, 1949, she left the field of teaching and became director of education in the First Baptist Church of Salisbury, North Carolina, which position she held until 1952. Previously she worked with the state Training Union department of North Carolina as a special field worker during the summer seasons. She had five years of experience in this field. While serving as a teacher in Smithfield, she served four summers as director of education and music in the First Baptist Church there.

Miss Padgett comes highly recommended for this work by all of the people with whom she has worked and by the faculty of the Southwestern Seminary. She was widely sought by state Training Union departments and by churches before being graduated from the Seminary.

We feel that we are very fortunate in securing the services of this fine worker. She will be in the Assemblies at Glorieta and also at Ridgecrest during the summer.

We welcome Miss Padgett to the fellowship of Training Union work at the Sunday School Board and in the states.

—J. E. LAMBDIN

SBC's First Dramatic Film To Be Released in September

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—“This My Son,” Southern Baptists' first dramatic film prepared for use on television, will be released for premier showing shortly after its completion in September, it was announced by the Radio Commission.

The drama is termed by religious movie-making professionals as “the outstanding religious television film of the past three years.” The film will first be seen in Southern Baptist churches and released by Baptist book stores.

Italian Baptist Church Protests to Interior Ministry

ROME—(RNS)—The Italian Baptist Church has filed a protest with the Interior Ministry here charging that police failed to intervene when a group of about 20 persons broke up a Baptist church service at a small town near Naples recently.

The church body's protest said “the episode is part of a general offensive against the peace and religious freedom of minority groups” in Italy.

Wayland College Announces Scholarship Available to High Ranking Boy or Girl

PLAINVIEW, Texas—Wayland College is announcing sponsored scholarships in the amount of \$288 to the highest ranked Baptist boy and girl in each 1954 high school graduating class, according to President A. Hope Owen.

Conditions of the sponsored scholarship grants include: certification by high school official that student is in upper quarter of class and is highest ranking Baptist boy or girl; and student must meet all admission requirements of Wayland College.

The sponsored scholarship of \$288 will take care of average tuition cost and fees. These are made possible by a special fund.

Application for admission and scholarship should be made at once to President Owen as fall registration for all new students begins September 13.

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary announces that application for admission for the first term of the 1954-55 session will close August 15, 1954. Students desiring to enroll for the first term should write or wire immediately for application blanks. Address Dr. James C. Taylor, Registrar, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans 22, Louisiana.

Livingston Church Calls William Luther Carden



William Luther Carden became pastor of First Church, Livingston, July 18. A native of Florida he is a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He has held pastorates in Alabama and Indiana.

Mrs. Carden, a registered nurse, with a degree from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, attended the Training School while her husband was in the seminary.

Writers' Conference Set For Glorieta, August 26

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP)—Writing nonfiction, writing fiction, and a roundtable discussion are some of the main subjects up for discussion at the annual Writers' Conference to be held at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. Mex., August 26-31.

Floyd Baskette, professor of the Department of Journalism, University of Colorado, will discuss writing nonfiction, and Wilfred McCormick, author of short stories and lecturer on creative writing, University of New Mexico, will use as his subject “Writing Fiction.”

Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Albert McClellan, director of publications of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville; Floyd Baskette, and Wilfred McCormick will lead a roundtable discussion on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday evenings. Points for discussion are “Opportunities in Christian Journalism,” “Points and Viewpoints for Successful Writers,” and “Religion in the Newspaper.”

The Conference is open each year to all people interested in religious journalism throughout the Convention.

“Frontiers of Faith,” weekly religious television program sponsored by the National Broadcasting Company, will feature Southern Baptists in a modified church service, Sunday, August 29.

West STATE Briefs

by Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington, Tenn.

Pastor Bob Morris is being assisted in a revival at Gallaway Church, Fayette Association, August 8-14. Brother Whitlow served as pastor of the Gallaway Church prior to his call to Hornsby. During his two years as pastor he led the church in an extensive building program.

Dillard A. West has been called to the pastorate of Audubon Church, Henderson, Ky. He will move on the field in time for his first service August 22. Brother West recently was with the army chaplaincy and was discharged with the rank of captain. He saw service in Korea and was decorated with the Bronze Star. The son of the late Rev. W. Alvin West, he has been making his home temporarily with his mother at Medina.

Charles Robert Beard was ordained to the ministry by Temple Church, Memphis, August 1. He is the son of a Temple deacon, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Beard, a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Southwestern Seminary. Union Church, Allen, Alabama, has called him as pastor. Pastor A. D. Foreman, Jr., says this is Temple's first ordination of a minister in several years.

After several weeks of consideration and re-consideration, H. Lowery Haynie has accepted a call to become minister of music and education at West Jackson Church, Jackson, David Q. Byrd, pastor. Mr. Haynie comes to Jackson from a similar position with Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, Mississippi. He will move to Jackson around September 1.

During Pastor Waif Hamilton's five years at North Jackson Church, Jackson, there have been many advances. Among the accomplishments are 399 additions and an increased budget from \$16,705 to \$30,399. The Sunday school has been A-1 Standard for four successive years. Pastor Hamilton has recently been on duty at Fort Jackson, S. C., and in his absence the pulpit was supplied by J. H. Turner and R. H. Ward. Upon his return he assisted nearby Cotton Grove Church in a revival.

Friends of Prince Edward Claybrook, a former pastor of West Shiloh Church near Stantonville, will be interested to learn that he has accepted a call from First Church, Cynthiana, Ky.

Pastor Bernard Scates, Ripley, has been in a revival with Macedonia Church, Edith, Tennessee, Parker Hay, pastor.

Rev. Perry Parker and Miss Betty Ingram were united in marriage at Camden, July 25. Brother Parker is pastor of Big Sandy Church in Western District Association.

Pastor Robert A. Sanders, Camden, has been at Huntland, Tennessee, in a revival.

Dr. R. E. Guy, Jackson, is recuperating after surgery at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

Ray Simpson became music director at First Church, Somerville, August 1. Formerly he was with Ararat Church near Jackson. Jonas L. Stewart is the Somerville pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Low, missionaries to Nigeria, were with First Church, Bolivar, W. Floyd Cates, pastor, July 25. Dr. Low is associated with our hospital in Ogbomosh.

In one of our recent columns we reported that West Jackson Church had purchased the Harris property adjacent to their building. Now comes news of the purchase of the Mageveney property, a lot 100' x 310', also near the church. It will be used for the further expansion of the work.

Pastor Slater A. Murphy, Highland Heights Church, Memphis, will be guest preacher in the autumn revival at Calvary Church, Jackson, beginning September 19. The Calvary pastor, James A. Canaday, has been preaching in a tent revival in the Holland sub-division of Jackson.

While Pastor Hayward Highfill was away in a revival the pulpit of First Church, Humboldt, was supplied, August 1, by Dr. Foy Valentine, director of the Christian Life Commission in Texas.

Paul Robertson has declined a call to become music director at First Church, Dyersburg, Robert L. Orr, pastor.

Emanuel Church in Dyer Association has called Jerry Horner, a Union student, as full-time pastor and he has accepted. Pastor Herbert Higdon of Calvary Church, Dyersburg, was with Emanuel in a recent revival and there were eight additions by baptism.

The Church at Miston has called Walker D. Leach as pastor. He will enter school in September.

Pastor S. S. Borum, Red Star Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo., has been with Pastor Thomas Drake and Southside Church, Dyersburg, in a revival. There were 16 additions.

At this writing your reporter is preaching in a revival at Wildersville, H. B. Burress, pastor.

While Pastor Jim Yates was in a revival at Stanton, R. K. Bennett, pastor, the pulpit of Brownsville Church was filled July 25 by Tom Logue, BSU worker of Memphis.

A ground-breaking service for a new building was held by Glenview Church, Memphis, on the afternoon of August 1. Pastor B. J. Turner and his people have projected a seven-year building program and this is the first unit of the long range plan. The cost for this unit will be about \$80,000 and the overall plan will cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000. The work had its beginning in 1946 as a mission of Boulevard Church, C. M. Pickler, pastor.

While Pastor Henry J. Huey was in a revival at Woodland Mills, Morris Prince, pastor, the pulpit of First Church, Milan, was supplied August 1 by Dr. C. W. Pope.

Pastor C. M. Pickler, Boulevard Church, Memphis, has been in a revival at Eagleville, Tenn.

Bethel Church, Yorkville, closed their revival July 31. Walter M. Martin, pastor of Antioch Church, Humboldt, did the preaching. Pastor Joe Acuff baptized 10 candidates in the Newbern baptistry the following Sunday afternoon. There were three other additions by letter.

T. T. Crabtree, Leawood Church, Memphis, was the evangelist in a revival July 18-24 with pastor D. F. Wigginton at the Locust Grove Church, Murray, Ky. There were 10 additions by baptism and two by letter.

Pastor and Mrs. L. H. Hatcher, First Church, McKenzie, were in Tallahassee August 8 for the graduation of their daughter, Winnie, from Florida State University. Pastor James Currin, Northside Church, Mayfield, Ky., supplied the McKenzie pulpit in his absence.

L. R. Riley, Mayfield, Ky., was the guest preacher in a revival at Fowlkes, Marvin Hines, pastor, with 10 additions by baptism.

Robert E. Walker, a senior at Whitehaven High School, was ordained to the Gospel ministry, July 25, by Eastland Church, Memphis. Those assisting in the service were C. C. Maples, J. Carl McCoy and J. E. Daughtry. Special music was rendered by Miss Dottie Nelson. Robert is the son of Mrs. J. F. Watwood and the late Sterlin G. Walker. He will serve as associate pastor at Eastland and continue his studies at Union University.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1954

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo, First	286	99	---
Alcoa, Calvary	259	75	---
First	311	113	---
Athens, Antioch	123	29	1
Bethsadia	40	28	---
East	472	137	---
First	626	200	6
West End Mission	108	71	---
North	221	49	---
Calhoun	115	45	---
Clearwater	186	71	30
Coghill	95	71	---
Cotton Port	99	70	---
Double Springs	57	51	---
Eastanalle	55	27	---
Englewood	191	60	---
Etowah, East	57	---	---
Etowah, First	331	116	---
Etowah, North	418	188	---
Etowah, West	42	25	---
Fine Points	58	58	---
Good Springs	116	59	3
Idlewild	78	45	---
Lake View	94	66	---
McMahan Calvary	83	39	---
Mt. Harmony No. 1	106	50	---
Mt. Harmony No. 2	61	25	---
Mt. Verd	30	22	---
New Bethel	119	---	---
New Zion	96	---	---
Niota, East	227	73	---
Niota, First	170	54	---
Oak Grove	95	---	---
Old Salem	52	---	---
Pond Hill	173	59	---
Riceville	106	39	---
Rocky Mount	48	26	---
Rodgers Creek	100	---	---
Sanford	43	29	---
Shiloh	86	66	---
Short Creek	103	67	---
South Liberty	42	34	---
Union Grove McMinn	115	80	---
Union McMinn	121	---	---
Walnut Grove	56	24	---
West View	49	28	---
Wild Wood	100	52	3
Zion Hill	68	34	---
Auburntown, Auburn	145	60	---
Prosperity	193	125	---
Blaine, Mouth of Richland	91	51	---
Bolivar, First	302	103	---
Brownsville	470	111	---
Brush Creek	110	12	---
Charleston	88	58	---
Chattanooga, Avondale	816	146	1
Chamberlain Avenue	232	83	---
Concord	291	140	1
First	1027	264	7
Northside	332	70	---
Red Bank	822	258	---
Ridgedale	595	168	1
Ridgeview	215	60	---
Second	142	54	---
Clarksville, First	556	188	1
Mission	42	---	---
Gracey Avenue	202	102	16
Cleveland, Big Spring	278	144	---
Calvary	161	71	---
First	569	197	3
Galilee	25	---	---
North	200	144	---
Waterville	136	89	---
Clinton, First	619	179	8
Second	461	110	---
Columbia, First	423	141	---
Godwin Chapel	60	---	---
Cookeville, West View	226	101	11
Crossville, First	252	104	---
Antioch	32	---	---
Emmanuel	99	---	2
Pleasant Hill	25	---	---
Dandridge, Antioch	38	22	---
Piedmont	153	95	---
Dyersburg, First	635	230	2
Elizabethton, First	541	117	1
Reservoir Hill	25	---	---
Immanuel	257	92	---
Siam	262	158	1
Fountain City, Central	1034	274	---
Hines Valley Mission	61	14	---
Smithwood	686	237	1
Gallatin, First	508	104	---
Cedar Grove	12	---	---
West Eastland	34	18	---
Gladeville	34	18	---
Gleason, First	203	64	---
Harriman, South	388	158	---
Trenton Street	506	118	---
Hendersonville, New Hope	110	67	---
Humboldt, First	534	141	---
Huntingdon, First	281	71	---

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Jackson, Calvary	624	279	1
First	773	150	---
Parkview	403	90	---
West	928	329	2
Jefferson City, Buffalo Grove	63	31	---
Mountain View	72	---	---
Northside	189	65	---
Jellico, First	252	50	---
Johnson City, Central	678	105	2
Fall Street	148	49	---
Kenton, Macedonia	103	86	---
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	184	99	---
First	687	135	---
Lynn Garden	388	126	---
Kingsport, First	351	139	3
Knoxville, Alice Bell	262	65	4
Bell Avenue	842	225	---
Broadway	1198	418	1
Central (Bearden)	348	108	2
Deaderick Avenue	261	70	---
Fifth Avenue	813	209	---
Inskip	566	185	---
Lincoln Park	912	186	3
Mt. Olive	380	79	---
South	593	201	1
LaFollette, First	275	87	---
Lawrenceburg, First	306	121	---
First Avenue	31	---	---
Hoover Street	41	---	---
Lebanon, Fairview	281	82	---
First	459	154	3
Southside	118	79	1
Rocky Valley	94	79	4
Lenoir City, First Avenue	196	55	---
Lewisburg, First	501	171	---
Lexington, First	393	40	2
Loudon, First	300	87	---
Mission	95	11	---
Prospect	124	42	---
Manchester, First	211	72	2
Mission	52	34	---
First	367	75	2
McKenzie, First	307	85	---
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	375	95	---
Madisonville, Chestnut	122	70	2
Martel, Dixie Lee	140	93	---
Maryville, Broadway	436	130	---
First	957	339	3
Mission	101	27	---
Madison Avenue	132	58	1
Medina	178	53	---
Memphis, Barlett	234	104	---
Barton Heights	179	98	---
Bellevue	2734	1080	22
Berclair	590	208	---
Beverly Hills	265	113	1
Boulevard	832	207	4
Graceland Chapel	88	70	---
Brooks Road	83	43	---
Brunswick	143	44	1
Calvary	249	70	---
Central Avenue	998	358	6
Cherokee	511	306	34
Colonial Mission	141	26	---
De Sota Heights	147	66	1
Eastland	75	41	---
Egypt	180	---	---
Ellendale	43	---	---
Emmanuel	122	68	5
Fairlawn Mission	224	75	3
First	1074	203	10
Frayser	535	188	1
Germantown	70	45	---
Graham Heights	127	70	1
Greenlaw	247	135	4
Highland Heights	1312	640	1
Kennedy	330	122	2
LaBelle	678	239	3
LaBelle Mission	42	30	---
Lamar Heights	785	230	2
Lamar Terrace	36	---	---
Leawood	593	185	7
Linden Avenue	30	27	3
Lucy	67	57	---
McLean	425	149	---
Merton Avenue	431	87	6
Park Avenue	483	175	3
Parkway	595	172	---
Poplar Avenue	402	144	4
Raleigh	526	208	1
Rugby Hills	158	79	4
Southmoor	228	76	6
Speedway Terrace	808	235	1
Sylvan Heights	521	184	3
Temple	1274	380	---
Thrifhaven	191	60	6
Trinity	499	233	1
Union Avenue	990	307	---
Whitten Memorial	71	---	---
Milan, First	450	112	---
North Side Mission	105	63	---
Monteagle, First	22	15	---

Morrison, First	127	5
Morristown, First	718	168
Hillcrest	106	34
Murfreesboro, First	533	99
Calvary	50	---
Mt. View	206	76
Powell's Chapel	137	114
Wards Grove	106	55
Woodbury Road	167	79
Nashville, Belmont Heights	1011	290
Brookside	23	---
Madison Street Mission	78	26
Berryville	97	71
Calvary	178	56
Eastland	579	100
Edgefield	582	164
Fairview	65	30
Glendale	173	65
Grace	1003	345
Grandview	407	118
Immanuel	316	82
Inglewood	882	267
Madison First	59	107
Riverside	287	67
Seventh	253	96
Shelby Avenue	404	---
Woodbine	248	38
New Market, Flat Gap	67	38
Nance Grove	66	41
Pleasant Grove	114	78
Rocky Valley	82	42
Newport, English Creek	72	37
First	409	128
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	608	191
Old Hickory, Rayon City	96	61
Oliver Springs, First	237	76
Paris, West	247	67
Parsons, First	200	54
Ripley, First	363	105
Rockwood, Eureka	106	46
First	479	172
Rogersville, Henard's Chapel	217	135
Rutledge, Helton Spring	137	60
Oakland	173	52
Sevierville, First	553	120
Somerville, First	246	130
Spring City, Central	100	62
Sweetwater, First	400	108
Talbott	79	49
Trenton, Poplar Grove	145	122
Tullahoma, Rutledge Falls	215	6
Union City, First	540	183
Watertown, Round Lick	232	168
White Pine	218	110
Nina	30	---
Winchester, First	287	105
Coalmont	9	---

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Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

Hospital in Mexico

At its July meeting, the Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$22,000 from current funds to supplement funds on hand for the purchase of an entire piece of property in Guadalajara, Mexico, for the site of a Baptist hospital. The entire piece of land is being purchased in order to take advantage of a lower price per square meter of land. From one-third to one-half of the property will be sold and the proceeds will be returned to the treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. E. Lamar Cole, Southern Baptist medical missionary, labored patiently and persistently for five years in order to obtain his license to practice medicine in Mexico. Mexican law prohibits foreign doctors from practicing in the country; therefore, Dr. Cole had to live in the country five years to obtain a residence permit, write a medical thesis in Spanish, and pass all medical examinations in Spanish. While waiting to begin his own practice, Dr. Cole ministered to the sick in the name of a Mexican doctor.

Flood Relief

Because of the flood disaster on the Rio Grande, the Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$6,000 from current funds for emergency relief and repairs for Ciudad Acuna and Piedras Negras, Mexico.

Possible Expansion in Africa

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, reports that two missionaries of the Nigerian staff have visited Uganda, Kenya, and Tanganyika for the purpose of studying the possibilities of extending mission work to those countries. Despite the wishes of the Governor and his colleagues, Dr. Sadler said Church of England officials blocked Southern Baptist entry into Uganda.

In Tanganyika, a country as big as Texas and Oklahoma combined, three possible areas of opportunity were suggested to the representatives.

In Kenya, it was recommended that if Southern Baptists should undertake work there, they might participate in a program of rehabilitating the Kiyukus, the tribe of which the terrible Mau-Mau Movement is a part. A spokesman said, "We have a whole tribe of 1,300,000 people who are suffering from a neurosis, and we shall never have peace in Kenya until it is cured."

Guatemala Promising

Southern Baptist missionaries in Guatemala and Honduras are rejoicing over the recent anti-Communist victory in Guatemala and report that the future looks promising.

The two missionary couples in Honduras crossed the border into Guatemala on June 15 to be with the two couples in Guatemala City for the annual meeting of the Guatemala-Honduras Mission. The revolution

broke out and they were unable to leave Guatemala until it was over.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen was to have attended the Mission meeting; but a great bank of clouds over Guatemala City and especially at the airport prevented his landing there June 18, as he was scheduled to do. Had he landed he would not have been able to leave the country until July 5 when planes were again permitted to leave the country.

During the Guatemala revolution, the Foreign Mission Board contacted the State Department in Washington and was assured that the American Embassy in Guatemala City was standing by to protect the American citizens in the country and would bring them out if such should become necessary. Also a message from Senior Missionary W. J. Webb gave further assurance that all were safe and well—"just a little crowded."

Mission Study Books Now Available

The 1954 mission study books on the theme, "Brazil—Half a Continent," are now available in the Baptist Book Stores. They are as follows:

ADULT: *Pilgrimage to Brazil*, by the late Everett Gill, Jr. In this book, which is almost his final word to Southern Baptists, the author takes his readers on a

mission tour that covers each of Brazil's twenty states and the Federal District. (60 cents)

YOUNG PEOPLE: *Land of Many Worlds*, by Robert G. Bratcher, follows the experiences of a young missionary couple through their call, their orientation, and their decision on a place of service in Brazil. (60 cents)

INTERMEDIATE: *Flying Missionaries*, by Robert Standley, is a missionary pilot's story of his ministry in Equatorial Brazil. (35 cents)

JUNIOR: *Adventures in Brazil*, by Aleene Wise, helps children understand what it is like to live in Brazil. (35 cents)

PRIMARY: *Little Missionary*, by Joan Riffey Sutton, is the story of the small daughter of missionaries. (35 cents)

Brazil Featured

The September issue of *The Commission*, dedicated to the late Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., is a special Brazil number. A large map of Brazil locates the major cities where Baptists work; smaller maps outline clearly the three Mission areas of the country.

A missionary pours out his heart in an appeal to Southern Baptists to answer God's call to Brazil.

A theological professor discusses the Roman Catholic Church in Brazil and concludes, "We have seen how Rome has done her best—and her best is hardly enough."

The thrilling account of a mission field's own mission undertaking is the story of how "The Man and the Hour Met."



About eight years ago when the members of Pleasant Hill Church, Robertson Association, decided to move their pastor on the field a suitable home, conveniently located, could not be rented or purchased. With Braxton Sams as pastor, the church started a movement to build a home. Some months were spent praying and planning, along with paying for the new Sunday school annex. It was during the pastorate of David Cooper that the desired goal was attained. Pastor and Mrs. Paul Cantrell are now enjoying the benefits of the pastorium. The church family is very happy with their achievement and are experiencing many benefits of having their pastor live in the community with them. Soon the last note against the home will be burned. Total cost of the lot and building was \$11,000. Missionary J. T. Carter and workers with some of the R.A.s are shown in the picture.

1955 SIMULTANEOUS CRUSADE

The following churches are committed to participate in the 1955 Convention-wide Simultaneous Revival Crusade. Tennessee Baptists are cooperating with Baptists in twenty-two other states in the largest organized evangelistic effort in Christian history. It is sincerely hoped that every church in Tennessee will take advantage of this tremendous opportunity in soul-winning and revival. Watch BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for the names of other churches participating in this Crusade.

CHURCH	ASSOCIATION	PASTOR	EVANGELIST
Belle Aire	Concord	J. V. Braswell	— —
Cowan, First	Duck River	W. A. Foote	Alfred Royer
Petersburg	William-Carey	Carlton Bell	— —
North Springfield	Robertson County	Herman J. Ellis	Carl Allen
Collinwood, First	Indian Creek	J. W. Northcutt	J. W. Northcutt
Estill Springs	— —	— —	— —
Cross Roads	Duck River	O. P. Ethridge	— —
Clear Creek	Riverside	D. W. Grubbs	— —
East Athens	McMinn	J. T. Cline	— —
Fairview Tabernacle	Sweetwater	David N. Livingstone	— —
McCalla Avenue	Knox County	E. Warren Rust	Dr. V. L. Stanfield
Wallace Memorial	Knox County	A. W. Parker	— —
Fort Hill	Knox County	Louis O. Ball	— —
Camden, First	Carroll-Benton	Robert A. Sanders	— —
Southmoor	Shelby	Clifford A. Noe	— —
Bethel	Chilhowee	Clyle F. Whitehead	— —
Celina, First	Riverside	Earl R. Whaley	— —
Clarkrange	Riverside	Oliver Cooper	— —
Riverside	Nashville	Ernest B. Myers	— —
Lenoir City, First	Providence	J. E. Ledbetter	Carl Giers
Piedmont	Jefferson County	Fred O. Ponton	— —
Seventh Street	Shelby	Thos. J. Tichenor	George W. Phillips
Airview	Shelby	Thomas S. Moncrief	— —
Frayser	Shelby	P. O. Davidson	— —
Glenview	Shelby	B. J. Turner	— —
Hollywood	Shelby	Lawrence C. Riley	— —
Berclair	Shelby	E. B. Bowen	Hayward Highfill
Liberty	Knox County	Alvin A. Harris	— —
Mt. Harmony	Knox County	B. M. Weaver	— —
Berryville	Nashville	P. E. Maples	— —
Lockeland	Nashville	James M. Gregg	Hyman J. Appelman
Glenwood	Holston	Freeman Wright	— —
East Ridge	Hamilton County	C. Henry Preston	L. Clifford Wells
Dayton, First	Tennessee Valley	R. E. Lee	Terry Davis
Whitman	Campbell County	Troy A. Christopher	— —
Erwin, Central	Holston	B. M. Canup	— —
Niles Ferry	Chilhowee	E. T. Williamson	— —
Kagleys Chapel	Chilhowee	Sidney Staley, Jr.	— —
Willingham "Memo"	Beulah	T. C. Thurman	— —
Trimble	Dyer	T. L. Alexander	— —
Newbern	Dyer	V. E. Boston	— —
Mt. Tirzah	Dyer	Riley M. Jones	— —
Halls, First	Dyer	Jesse H. Newton	Carl Duck
Park Avenue	Shelby	J. E. Williams	— —
Barton Heights	Shelby	Wm. C. Henley, Jr.	Gerald Martin
Calvary Hill	Dyer	Herbert R. Higdon	— —
Happy Valley	Chilhowee	Frank James	— —
Northside, Chattanooga	Hamilton County	Charles C. Lemons	— —
Spring City, First	Tennessee Valley	Herman E. Callahan	— —
East Lake, Chattanooga	Hamilton County	Livy L. Cope	Joe Parsons
Memorial Chapel	Hamilton County	C. L. Mosher	— —
Sweetwater, First	Sweetwater	D. E. Parsons	J. D. Wagnon
Little Flat Creek	Knox County	James C. Davis	— —
East Side	Watauga	D. W. Pickelsimer	— —
Jolley Springs	Weakley	— —	— —
Nash Grove	New Salem	D. H. Sowards	— —
Brainerd Hills	Hamilton County	L. Leon Riddle	— —

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Has Active B.S.U. Program in Nursing School



Chaplain Loman, Miss Reaves, and Dr. Groner (left to right) plan B.S.U. Calendar.

Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis has long supported a strong B.S.U. program for its nursing students. It was the first hospital in the Southern Baptist Convention to have a Baptist Student Director. Dr. Frank Groner, Administrator; Rev. Frederick P. Loman, Chaplain; and other staff members associated with the hospital give their wholehearted support to the Baptist student program.

Miss Margaret Reaves has been serving as Director of Baptist Student Work since April, 1951. She will terminate her work September 1, and plans to continue her education at Southwestern Baptists Theological Seminary. Miss Reaves is a graduate of the Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and of Memphis State College. The B.S.U. under her leadership has shown real progress.

Baptist Memorial Hospital has a large nursing school. Many denominations are included in the student body but there are always approximately 200 Baptist students. During the past school year, 40 of the Baptist students were mission volunteers.

The B.S.U. sponsors an aggressive program of enlistment in the local churches. During the past school year the Baptist girls participated in 16 different churches in Memphis. All but 14 of the 200 Baptist girls were enlisted in some Baptist church. In addition, the B.S.U. sponsors an active program on the campus. Chapel services are held each Monday at 7:15 in the hospital chapel under the direction of the Chaplain. Vesper services are held Tuesday through Friday in the chapel. It has an active Grace McBride Y.W.A. that meets twice a month. The B.S.U. sponsors seasonal events such as banquets, picnics, and Student Retreats. Each year a special Religious Emphasis Week is held for the students. Extension activities include Sunday school in the Pediatric Ward, Sunday school lessons for patients in the hospital, and work at the Negro college, services at the Mary Gallaway Nursing Home.

B.S.U. at Baptist Memorial Hospital has long been an active part of the total B.S.U. program of Tennessee.

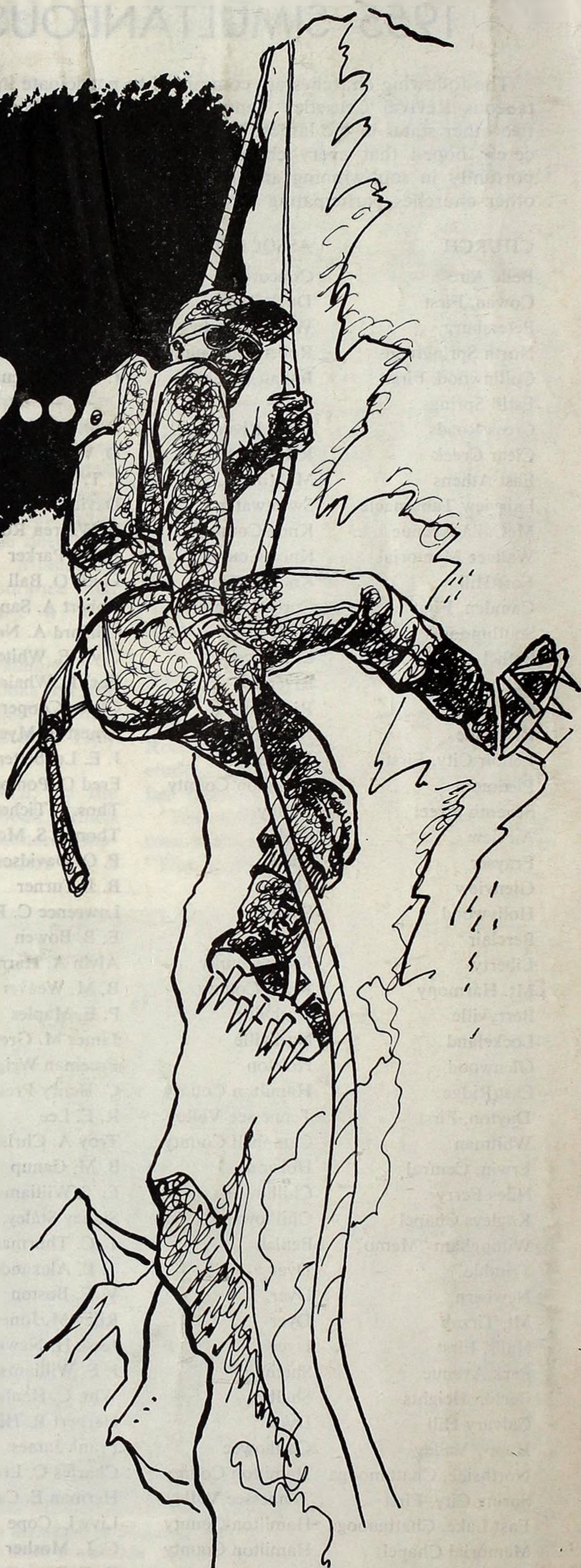
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... this choice for the Christian college. It must be made against the pull of the crowd toward the "big name" university ... past the impression of lower costs and the strong attraction of social freedoms on the campus of the secular school. For want of a skillful guide, many never make it. Those who *do*, distinguish themselves for their high motivation and for their dominant desire: to prepare for ALL the tomorrows *where the Master's voice can be most easily heard.*

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