

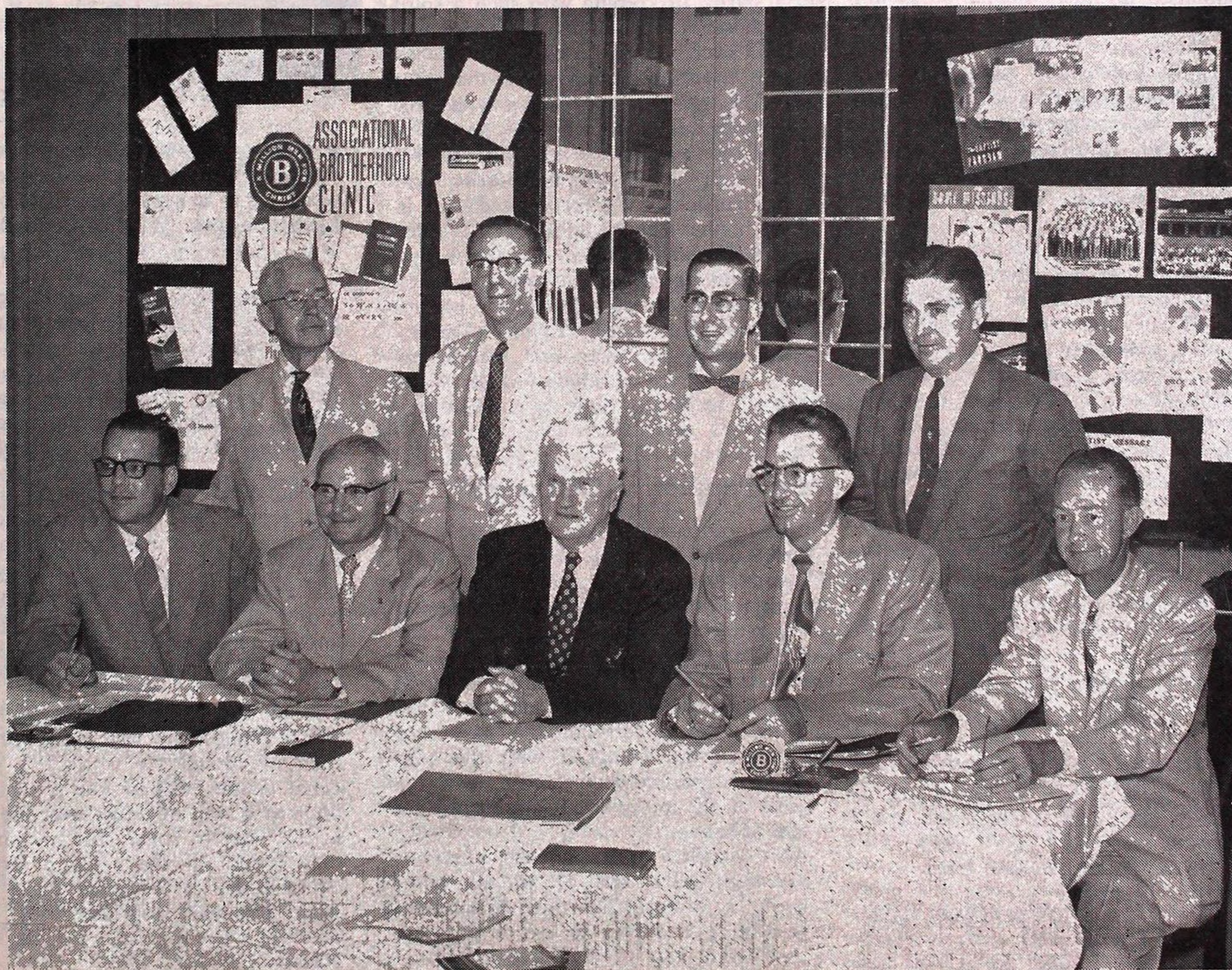
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SOUTHERN BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR 1954-1955

Shown at a recent meeting in Memphis are Seated, left to right: George W. Schroeder, Memphis, Executive Secretary; Dr. K. J. O'Banion, Missouri, Chairman; John W. McCall, Memphis, Vice-Chairman; Vernon E. Shipp, Arizona, Assistant Recording Secretary; W. H. Wood, Jr., Memphis, Recording Secretary.

Standing, left to right: Dr. C. H. Heacock, Treasurer; James M. Sapp, Associate Secretary; David T. Mashburn, Associate Secretary, and E. M. Coleman, Office Manager, all of Memphis.

Observations

By
OWEN



Success Depends . . .

Success in our denominational program depends upon understanding, cooperation and faithfulness to responsibility. Much of the work in our conventions has to be carried forward by institutions and agencies. With this in view the convention elects boards of trustees and directors, to whom it commits the affairs of these institutions and agencies, who act for the convention. By its very nature a great deal of Baptist work must of necessity be done by the proper functioning of trustees, directors and committees.

It is obvious that all trustees, directors and committee members should be qualified, competent, responsible people. The rotation system now in effect in our Tennessee Baptist Convention aims at getting the best available people for its boards, etc. It seeks to make representation on all boards as widely distributed over the convention area as possible. It is meant as a democratic device to distribute authority and responsibility.

The convention elects trustees, directors and committee members, then holds them responsible to itself for the business entrusted. We cannot accept the idea that the convention names men simply as a token of honor to them. If this be so then let the gesture cease. Trustees and directors are not mere paper groups divested of all authority while actual control of affairs resides in other hands not answerable to them. It cannot be an honor to any group of men nor a service to the denomination to name them to supposed places of service then take from them power which should be in keeping with the assignment.

Democracy is more than a form. It is in

fact a spirit. In keeping with such a spirit those chosen for positions of service and trust will ever be mindful of their responsibility to the body which chose them for a task. Neither *autocracy* which is the rule of one, nor *oligarchy* which is power of the few, nor *aristocracy* which is control vested in a privileged class, nor *bureaucracy*, which is officialism gone to seed, are in line with the Baptist spirit. That spirit means *Christian democracy* for the highest development of all, to the glory of Christ through the churches. Democracy obtains through enlightened responsibility. Democracy prevails when men and women accept places of responsibility to serve the advancement of the Body as a whole.

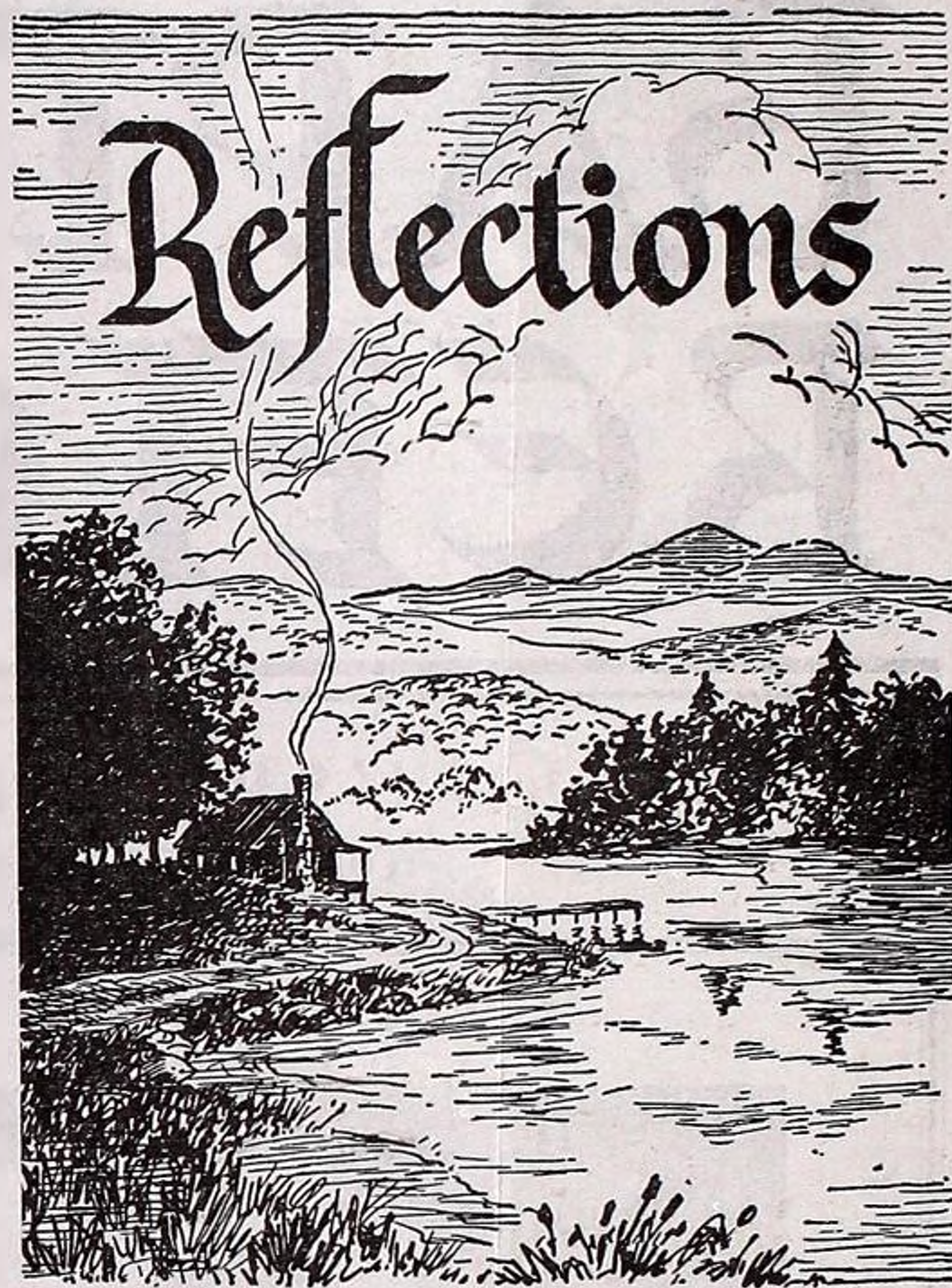
Must Popularity Determine?

The most popular sermon topic in a poll taken of members of an Oak Park, Ill. church was found to be a sermon on 'serenity!' That is what these churchgoers would rather hear than anything else. They wanted least of all to hear a sermon on how to meet death, the second coming of Christ, miracles, the devil, and the liquor problem. We understand the pastor of this church has complied with the congregations expressed choice and is delivering a series on the topics listed as most popular in the balloting.

All of which brings up the question: What right have any of us to expect 'serenity' in a world like this? What right have church members to ask a preacher to lull them into a Buddha-like calm in view of the rampant evils let loose in the world? What right have any of us who share the spirit of the cross to ask that we be given most of all a message of peace, unless we work for the righteousness which alone can be the ground for peace?

We suppose that a series of sermons on topics voted most popular by a congregation could prove to be a very interesting and instructive process. But it is not always what we would like most to hear that we stand most in need of hearing. It is not always the best-tasting medicine that does the patient the most good.

Reflections



The key to what the teacher makes of the character of his pupils is often that which the teacher himself is.—Sister Mary Amatora, "Teacher-Pupil Relationship," *Education*, 9-'54.

If we noticed little pleasures as we notice little pains—if we quite forgot our losses, and remembered all our gains—if we looked for people's virtues, and their faults refused to see—what a comfortable, happy, cheerful place this world would be.—*Tampa Sun Dial*.

Dr. John A. Hutton, noted British minister and editor, once asked an audience of ministers why so many sermons are dull. When no one answered, he supplied this reason himself: "They are dull because those preachers are trying to answer questions that nobody is asking." —John M. Rast, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

In Berlin the "soft answer turneth away wrath" philosophy was used with materials substituted for words. A garbage detail in the Eastern zone mischievously dumped a load of refuse over the border in the Western zone. The next morning they found on their side a large box of fresh butter deposited there by the West Berliners, together with a note reading: "Each gives what he has." —Nashua Cavalier.

I have heard of a minister who keeps on his desk a stone with the word "First" painted on it. It is the "first stone" that he refuses to throw . . . Throwing stones becomes a habit. Somebody says something we do not like, or somebody makes us jealous, and before we think, we heave that stone. We may regret having done so the minute we have spoken, but we have reacted automatically according to our habit pattern. Roy A. Burkhart, "The First Stone," *Christian Herald*, 9-'54

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EDITORIAL DIGEST

Counselor's Corner

by Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Respect in Democracy

A government by democracy means that there is going to be a minority party and a majority one. The minority party is just as important as the majority one, and vice versa. There must be a cultivated respect in each group for the institutions they stand for. Baptists have a democratic form of church government and for this reason we should never despise the minority nor should the minority pick up its playthings and go home when it doesn't have its way. It is the presence, not the absence, of this minority group which holds democracy in its course.

No debate or differences in our meetings may mean creeping totalitarianism. Instead of discouraging the voice of the minority we should encourage it. Without this minority voice there would be no democracy but dictatorship.

It is good to have an unanimous reaction but it would not be good for any democracy to have such results all the time. A dictatorship, called a democracy, like the government in Russia, always has unanimous elections. The reason for this is that minorities are not permitted, neither are opposing candidates permitted to appear on the ballot. Everybody simply acts unanimously for a single candidate. The result is dictatorship. The other side needs to be kept alive for balance and the thwarting of dictatorship.

It is true that our Baptist assemblies are meeting with more success in getting programs adopted without too much opposition. Unanimous action does not necessarily mean trends toward totalitarianism but the continued expectation of these things will lead us under the influence of men with bishoplike influence. We have heard people groan when individuals rise to speak contrary to some suggested program. To us it is just one exercising his democratic rights and the indication is that democracy is still alive as long as people speak honest convictions which differ with the majority present.—Editor Leon Macon, *The Alabama Baptist*

Lead or Control

The basic difference between democracy and dictatorship is revealed in the function of leadership. In a democracy, leaders must appear to free people to follow them voluntarily on the basis of the worthiness of the cause and the character of the leader. In a dictatorship, the leader seeks to control his following by the exercise of invested authority and limiting the liberty of his followers. This poses a question for all leaders, in state or church: Is it one's purpose to lead or to control? A corollary

question is, How careful are we to distinguish between leading and controlling?

Applying this thought to Baptist church and denominational affairs, one can readily see the importance of leadership and the dangers involved in any desire and effort to exercise control. People must be free to choose their leaders, and they must be free to criticize, and disagree with, the leaders they choose. The leader should be able and worthy to achieve and maintain his place of leadership among free people; and he should exercise his leadership toward helping free people to reach their best possibilities and make their largest possible contribution to the cause of Christ. If that should mean that some of them might surpass the leader, the leader should be the first to congratulate them, and he should feel no jealousy and exercise no effort to control them.

It is entirely possible that some Baptists might be somewhat confused as to the meaning of leadership; in such a case, they might be trying to control people rather than lead them. The use of various kinds of pressure, appeals to prejudice, political scheming to "put over" a plan, harsh criticism and denunciation of those who disagree with him, and any effort to limit full discussion and information, are a few of the devices of one who seeks to lead by controlling. That such an approach to leadership should be shunned by all free people need hardly be stated. The purpose of Christian leadership is not to control people and thus enlist them in support of a cause, even though the cause be good; it is, rather, to teach and inspire free people to make the highest possible use of their God-given right to decide for themselves what course they should pursue and what causes they should support. Baptist people, guided by Baptist principles, thrive and prosper with good leadership; but they miss the road and get lost in the by-paths of confusion when they submit to any control other than the mind of Christ which all may discern for themselves.—Editor S. H. Jones, *The Baptist Courier*

The Giveaway Craze

It's becoming more and more evident that the giveaway craze on television and radio is approaching the ridiculous stage.

We admit that some of the cases which appear on such programs are needy and legitimate ones. They stir the emotions—much to the satisfaction of the soap makers or cigarette manufacturers who sponsor the programs. But sometimes we wonder if the basic idea behind such programs is healthy.

Few families and individuals escape hard-

EXCLUDING OR ERASING

Question: What is the difference between removing names from a church roll by "exclusion" or by "erasure"? I was led to believe that there is a difference namely, that "excluding" meant removing from roll because of immorality or other misbehavior, and "erasure" meant that the member had left the Baptist faith and joined another faith.

Answer: There are few Baptist churches that exclude members any more, even if they commit murder. Formerly, they were excluded for heresy if they joined another denomination. Some churches still do that.

Most churches that I know about vote to erase the name of members who have joined some other church. This is a fairly "nice" way of handling the matter. If we withdraw fellowship from them or exclude them for heresy, it often seems to create confusion. It seems to some to be an act of revenge or resentment.

I wonder if we wouldn't be better off if we quit talking about other denominations as "another faith"?

My feeling is that Baptists ought to hold to the truth—in deed and word, in faith practice—as we understand it, but be very humble about what others believe. We just might be wrong on some point!

Exclusion is a dangerous church policy. There seems to be no place to stop. The "covetous" are included in the Bible lists. That might even get some of us church leaders.

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ships and troubles in this life. There are financial crises. Health fails and major operations come to thousands. Young couples are married every day who have a hard time furnishing their homes. Children become crippled for life through attacks of disease while others are born severely handicapped.

How much is to be gained by parading these difficulties before millions of people? What goes on in that child's mind when its handicap is exploited before millions? Is self-respect to be sold for \$100 or \$500—or a big box of soap powder? Of course, many of the so-called "needs" are absurd. Anybody can think of something they need—like a new bed or a soft chair for father to sit in when he comes home from work.

Getting something for nothing is the basic idea behind the whole business. This is a dangerous philosophy and thoroughly un-American. It is being carried too far.—Editor Marse Grant, *Charity and Children*.

GROWING SUPPORT FOR UNITED CAMPAIGN

NASHVILLE—One hundred and eighty-five workers representing every association in Middle Tennessee, an overflow crowd in Chattanooga, and unusually well attended regional meetings in other areas of East and West Tennessee gave evidence of mounting interest, support, and concern for the success of the United Campaign for Tennessee Baptist Schools at the six meetings held throughout the state October 22-29.

The first of these meetings was held in the Town and Country Restaurant, Chattanooga, October 22, where seventy-one appeared to claim the places prepared for fifty-five. James Byler, pastor of the First Church, Cleveland, presided. W. A. Redford, layman chairman for the Southeast Region spoke on the merits of the Campaign; Dr. Harley Fite presented the needs of the schools; Mr. Dwight Fickes, Campaign counsellor, presented the plan of the Campaign; Mrs. Fred Sterchi, Sr., spoke in behalf of the women, and Herman Cobb, pastor of First Church, Elizabethton, delivered the major address on "The Indispensable Christian College."

All regions of Middle Tennessee met for an inspiring session in the Hotel Hermitage, Nashville, October 25. George W. Logan, sectional layman chairman, presided in the morning. Contributing to the program were Rev. James Gregg, Dr. Harold J. Purdy, Dr. R. Kelly White, and Mr. C. C. Lane. Miss Mary Northington, statewide woman chairman, presided over the noon session. Following her remarks on "The Campaign as a Woman Sees It," the address of the day was delivered by Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of First Church, Nashville.

The meeting for workers in the Northeast Region was held in Central Church, Johnson City, October 28, with James Cox, pastor of the church, presiding in the morning and Mrs. Robert Bales, Sr., regional woman's chairman at the noon session. Contributing to the program were Mr. Harry McNeely, regional layman chairman, Harley Fite and Stuart Rule who spoke in behalf of the Colleges and Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, and Walter W. Warmath, associate statewide pastor chairman for the Campaign, whose address was entitled "A Challenge We Will Meet!"

On the same day, a meeting for the Northwestern and Southwestern regions was held on the campus of Union University, Jackson, with Homer H. Waldrop, sectional layman chairman, presiding at the opening and Mrs. W. A. Farmer, sectional woman chairman, at the dinner session. Contributing to the occasion were James Canaday, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson; Warren

F. Jones, president of Union University; Marvin Snell, Campaign counsellor; Henry J. Huey, pastor of First Church, Milan; R. Paul Caudill, pastor, First, Memphis, who gave the principal address, and Robert Orr, pastor of First Church, Dyersburg.

Regional meetings for the Shelby Association in West Tennessee and the Eastern Region of East Tennessee were held at the Hotel Memphis and the First Church of Knoxville, October 29. Presiding at the Memphis meeting was Homer H. Waldrop, sectional layman chairman, who shared the program of the morning session with T. E. Halsell, pastor of the Popular Avenue Church, Memphis, and with D. M. Renick, pastor of the LaBelle Church. Warren F. Jones again presented the needs of the four schools, and the organization and plan of the Campaign was explained by Marvin Snell. Mrs. W. A. Farmer, sectional woman chairman, again presided at the noon session. Slater A. Murphy delivered the principal address. Others on the afternoon program were Irwin Hayes, pastor of Bartlett Church, Memphis, and J. E. Williams, pastor of Park Avenue Church, Memphis.

The final East Tennessee regional meeting was led by pastor of the host church, Charles Trentham of First Church, Knoxville. Harley Fite presented the needs of the schools, D. A. Cooper spoke for the laymen, and Dwight Fickes explained the organization and plan of the Campaign. The inspirational address was delivered by the Dr. Herman Cobb, pastor of First Church, Elizabethton.

"Either the Christian College is a vital necessity or it is a luxury," said Mr. Cobb, and supported his claims of the indispensability of the Christian school (1) in our denominational life (2) to the welfare of our national life and (3) in the changing of mankind.

"I would rather have my daughter go through a Christian College without the benefits of the secular school than to pay the price those 'benefits' would inevitably demand," Mr. Cobb said. "The only way we can pay our debt to the past is to make so great a contribution to the present that the future will be indebted to us."

The closing words of Carl Giers in the Chattanooga meeting were of significance for all Tennessee Baptists. Said Dr. Giers, "In meetings like these we talk and learn and get a clearer vision of the good cause we serve. What we need to do now is to go to work! And remember: our real contribution is never determined by the size of the gift, but always by how much we have left."



Huey Elected State Foundation Secretary

Dr. Henry J. Huey of Milan, Tennessee, was elected by the Foundation Trustees as executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation at a meeting October 30 in Nashville. Dr. Huey was nominated to the trustees by the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He succeeds Dr. Norris Gilliam in this capacity as Foundation secretary. Dr. Gilliam assumed his duties in a staff position with the Baptist Sunday School Board September 1.

Dr. Huey began his duties in his new capacity November 2. Until December 31st he continues his work in Milan on weekends with the First Baptist Church. Dr. and Mrs. Huey celebrated their 25th anniversary in the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Milan, last January.

Dr. Huey is a native of Bardwell, Kentucky, and son of the late Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Huey.

A graduate of Hall Moody Junior College, Union University, and Southwestern Seminary, Dr. Huey served the First Baptist Churches at Newbern and Bolivar in Tennessee before becoming pastor at Milan in 1929. He has for many years served in denominational places of trust; as a trustee of Union University for 27 years, on the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for 26 years, on Belmont Trustees for two years. He was first president of the Belmont College Board under the auspices of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He has been moderator of Gibson County Association in 1939-1940 and 1947. He was president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1951, and has been president of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention the past eight years and a member of its Administrative Committee. He is also a member of the Convention Committee on Committees.

Dr. and Mrs. Huey (Jonnie Brooks of Grand Saline, Texas) have three sons; Henry J., Brooks T., and Edwin E. Dr. and Mrs. Huey expect to move to Nashville in the near future.

KEEP THE OLD LANDMARKS

Lesson: Genesis 26:17-22; Text: Proverbs 22:28

A few decades ago such a subject as we have would have had a connotation which we do not at all have in mind today. The landmarks we have in mind go back far beyond the time of our age or of that of our immediate predecessors.

The preaching of our forefathers had an appeal that much preaching today has lost. We seem to be about to lose some of the things that make religion valuable. If people are to be loyal to Christian principles, there must be something to these principles that merits this loyalty. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is not merely another philosophy. God gave us the landmarks of our religion. These were emphasized from pulpits in other days, and they should not be removed by neglect today. These old landmarks are many, but only a few can be mentioned in one sermon.

The Bible Is God's Revealed Truth

All of it is the truth of God, and it is His only revealed truth. It is no man of God who claims further revelation, and these contrary to His Holy Word; let them be in the form of writings, dreams, trances, or direct revelation. Discover every fact about the Bible possible. If there be an added insertion or a single omission in any translation, try to know it and correct it; but remember when God gave it He gave it as He wanted it, and let man be careful not to change it even in one little word.

The people today who are attempting to gain control of the American public school system claim it is because they desire to teach the will and way of God to the youth of our land. If this were their real intention, you may be assured they would not have the book of God's only earthly revealed truth outlawed in their school curriculum.

If the Bible is not God's revealed truth to man, then we are hopelessly lost. It gives man the only plan of salvation that satisfies his soul. In all the ages, man has never been able to find or formulate a substitute, though he has tried desperately. It is man's only safe compass to God's other world.

It is this revealed truth of God that tells us Jesus is the Saviour. Without it, man long ago would have lost the truth of His virgin birth, His deity, and His wonderful resurrection. Profane history and the Bible tell us that God made the earth, but only the Bible reveals that He is also preparing Heaven. History and the Bible say that man sinned but only the Bible gives a



remedy for sin. History and the Bible teach that man lives, but only God's word says, "whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." History and the Bible tell that Jesus came to earth, but only the Bible says, "this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Salvation Is By Grace

The Bible most certainly teaches this, but the world has not yet learned it. The Lord needs a people to proclaim this fact from the housetops. This doctrine is almost as strange today as it was when Jesus taught it. It has always been God's plan for man, but people in Jesus' time thought it something new. God has never had any other plan by which man could be saved. This plan has never changed; it never will.

Grace is the unmerited favor of God. It prohibits man from being saved by any human merit. With all man's learning and all his boasting he still needs to learn that he is totally depraved, and it takes this grace of God to save the most cultured man or woman, as well as every accountable person whether he is moral or immoral. Lost man needs to know that ordinances, human endeavors, churches and councils, separately or collectively, cannot save a soul, for "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

Grace guarantees eternal security. One cannot consistently believe in the doctrine of grace and at the same time believe in apostasy. Grace does not require worth

on the part of man to be saved; nor does it require worth for him to be kept. The world needs a new emphasis on grace from the pulpits of our land and the world.

Jesus Instituted His Church, and Promised
It a Continued Existence Until He Returns

He said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Whatever else Jesus meant by this statement He must have meant that the New Testament church would be instituted by Jesus Himself, and that there would be a continuance of such churches until His return. These churches would be distinguished primarily by their doctrine.

A New Testament church is a congregation of baptized believers voluntarily joined together to do the work of the Great Commission as Christ directs. A church is not an entire denomination. The Bible knows nothing about any national, universal, Catholic or invisible church; nor does it authorize the branch theory.

Jesus said He would build His church. It was too late to begin after He left the earth. A church beginning on the day of Pentecost or any time later could not qualify as the one Jesus built; nor would such a church have any valid commission, for the Great Commission had already been given and was not repeated then or later. Before this day the first church assembled (Acts 1:4); sang (Matt. 26:30); prayed (Acts 11:4); had an ordained ministry (Mark 3:14); preached (Luke 9:6); was authorized to baptize (Matt. 28:19); did baptize (John 4:1-2); took the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26-27); was given the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20); and transacted business (Acts 1:26).

No people today claim this church that existed before Pentecost except Baptists. Since Baptists claim this kinship, since we are not Protestants, as history shows we were already here working when Catholics began, and since no other people claim such kinship, then why not allow this Baptist claim, especially as our doctrine today is still the same as that taught by this first church? No one has been able to set the date of the beginning of Baptist people this side of Christ and the apostles. We are the people Jesus mentioned when He said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

10,500 Baptists Attend Texas State Convention

DALLAS, Tex.—(BP)—Ten thousand five hundred Baptists were on hand at the Will Roger Coliseum, Fort Worth, Tex., for the 69th annual session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas recently.

Action taken by the Baptists included approval of an \$8,500,000 total Cooperative Program goal for 1955. The budget will be divided 50 per cent or \$4,250,000 to state Baptist causes and 50 per cent or \$4,250,000 to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Next Sunday's Lesson

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TEXTS: Proverbs 11:24-28; 13:7; 15:13-17; 16:8, 16; 20:11-12; 22:1-4 (Larger)—Prov. 11:27, 28; 13:7; 15:13-17; 20:11, 12; 22:1-4 (Printed)—Prov. 22:1 (Golden).

A STUDY IN VALUES

What are the things most valuable in life? To what should we give our first attention? Does the Bible assist us in arranging a scale of values? The verses chosen from the book of Proverbs, as listed above, shed much light in answer to these and related questions. Space limitations of these notes compel a consideration of only the printed passages chosen. A person who derived most from and contributed most to life would be characterized in these seven respects that follow.

Luminous in Living (Prov. 11:27, 28)

This means that few if any dark spots could be discovered in his living. All that he does is open for inspection by his fellows. He has nothing to hide or conceal. He is at peace with those about him because he is at peace within himself. He looks for good instead of mischief, as the verses indicate. He enjoys the esteem and confidence of his associates and thus flourishes as a branch. He faces the light rather than walking away from it and so makes no ugly shadows to frighten himself. The Light of his life is the Light of the World, even Jesus Christ. He reflects that Light because his own life is clean and free from defects, made and kept so by faith in Him.

Generous in Giving (Prov. 13:7)

There is nothing of the miser in the person who follows the teachings of the Bible. His attitude towards wealth is one of trusteeship. Thus he gathers all that he can without hindering others in their gatherings. He gives gladly and generously to those in need and are unable to help themselves. He does not waste what has been committed to him either by his own efforts or the efforts of others. He knows that his gifts will be current in the other world.

Optimistic in Outlook (Prov. 15:13-15)

Note the expression, "merry heart," used twice in these verses. Such a heart manifests itself both internally and externally, according to the teaching here: in the facial expression and in the "feast" within. One who is a Christian should be ever optimistic in outlook. He possesses the key to every apparent dismal situation, namely, an implicit faith in the strange and mysterious workings of providence (Romans 8:28). He can sing with deep satisfaction the words of the hymn, "In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the vale." He understands that life is like a play enacted on the stage, that while some of the acts are filled with tragedy

we must wait for the final act to see the completed story and that for one who trusts God that final act (whether here or hereafter) is filled with the glory of God and the eternal benefit of man.

Happy in Humility (Prov. 15:16, 17)

Two elements constitute the warp and woof of the fabric of life for the person who arranges his scale of values according to the Word of God. One of these is the fear of the Lord and the other is genuine love within the family circle. Such a person is contented in disposition and humble in attitude. The happiness that he enjoys is the by-product of a life that is dedicated to the things of the spirit. The material aspect of life takes its place as a servant instead of a master. That person comes increasingly to understand what Jesus had in mind when He said, "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Lu. 12:15b).

Circumspect in Conduct (Prov. 20:11, 12)

This concept is suggested by the words, "the hearing ear, and the seeing eye."

One who is circumspect in conduct will show that he is careful in what he does. He learns this even in early childhood. The concept appears in our church covenant, a part of which reads, "to walk circumspectly in the world." The member of the church is to live differently.

Reliable in Reputation (Prov. 22:1, 2)

What is the value of a good name? The banker has an approximate answer. He knows that he cannot afford to loan the bank's money to one whose reputation is bad, to one who will not do what he says he will do. Character, from which reputation reflects, cannot be quoted on the stock exchange but it is priceless nevertheless. Persons who are reliable in reputation give substance and stability to the community of which they are a part. Too, they bring glory and honor to the God whom they serve and worship.

Foreseeing in Frugality (Prov. 22:3, 4)

To exercise the gift of foresight is becoming of a good man. He sees ahead and knows that life is made up of a mixture of plenty and scarcity, and makes his plans accordingly. He definitely lays aside for the "rainy day," sure that it will come sooner or later. He is careful to the extent of frugality. He wisely builds his own security instead of depending upon a paternalistic government. He possesses sufficient insight to realize that more cannot be gotten out than is put in and at the same time preserve justice and equity. He desires to carry his own load.

Feed my sheep



The Absentee Pastor

The absentee-pastor is one who ministers to a church, yet does not live among his people. His distance away may be ten, or two hundred miles. Really the expression is, in itself, a contradiction of terms. The pastor, referred to as a shepherd, means one nearby, and ready for service instantly. The Holy Spirit has made the pastor an overseer. As such, he must of necessity live among the people to whom he ministers.

Baptists have not always followed carefully the New Testament teaching in demanding a resident pastor. From the Southern Baptist Handbook for 1953, we find a total of 10,201 churches listed for quarter, half, and three-quarter time preaching, or more than one out of three. In Tennessee for the same period, 1,182 churches are listed as part-time, besides the 700 with full-time preaching, by absentee-pastors. That amounts to 1,882 churches ministered to by absentee pastors, or two out of three in our State.

How can we expect Zion's chariot wheels not to drag heavily when only one out of three churches has the overseer on the job every day in the week? Do we expect miracles? Yes, we expect miracles. New Testament Churches are all miracles. If rural and village churches were not divine institutions they, no doubt, would have perished long ago. But God has condescended to use human instrumentality, as unworthy as it is, in overseeing. The Holy Spirit calls men from secular tasks to be God's ministers, servants.

Baptists believe God calls men, and that He calls for all any man has. What about my call? Was it just for Saturday night and Sunday, or for seven days a week?—DAVID

The Young South

Have you made at least one new friend this month? November is almost half past. Read today's letters carefully. Which writer might make a nice pen pal for you?

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl eleven years old. I have two sisters and three brothers. I am a Christian at Trinity Baptist Church. My pastor is Dr. Otto Sutton. I would like boys and girls all ages to write me. I promise to answer every letter I receive. So write me and send me your picture.

DALE BETTERTON

1085 S. Parkway E.
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl thirteen years old. I have black hair and blue eyes. I am in the seventh grade. I go to Morning Church. I go to Ridgely School. I want boys and girls all ages to write.

EARLENE BLEDSOE

Route 1
Ridgely, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my second time to write. I did not get many pen pals the last time I wrote. I would like to have more. I promise to answer every letter or card I get.

SANDRA JOYCE HOUSTON

Elbridge, Tennessee

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I like to read the letters from boys and girls. I am in the sixth grade. I am eleven years old. My birthday is August 15. I am a member of Woodland Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother Leon Crider. I would like to have some pen pals. I will answer every letter I get.

MARGARET ROSE STOKELY

Route 3
Brownsville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl fourteen years old. This is my first time to write. I am a Christian and go to the First Baptist Church at Huntingdon, Tennessee. The pastor of the church is Dr. Jerry L. Glisson. I would love to have lots of pen pals. I will try to answer all boys and girls who write.

DAISY SMOTHERS

Box 383
Huntingdon, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl twelve years old. I go to Bellevue Junior High School and am in the seventh grade. I have black hair and brown eyes. My hobbies are skating and swimming and other outdoor sports. I would like to have lots of pen pals.

BIRDIE CHARNES

1009 Oakview
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I am twelve years old. My birthday is July 17. I am in the seventh grade at Selmer School. I go to Tulu Baptist Church. I would like to have some pen pals between ten and fourteen. I will try to answer every letter I receive.

BARBARA CARMEN

Route 2
Selmer, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the third grade at Pinson School. I go to Pinson Baptist Church. Our pastor is Brother W. D. Ross.

I read the Young South every week and like it very much. I would like to have many pen pals from seven to nine years of age and I'll try to answer every letter I receive.

This is my first time to write to you.

LINDA JEAN MORRIS

General Delivery
Pinson, Tennessee



Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write you. I am thirteen years old. My birthday is July 23. I'm a Christian and a member of the Trenton Street Baptist Church. The pastor is Brother Branson C. Wiggins. I am also a member of the Betty Cocker Intermediate G. A.

I hope boys and girls between the ages of twelve and sixteen will write me. I'll try to answer every letter I receive.

WANDA LOU HUDDLESTON

425 Carter St.
Harriman, Tenn.

There are some other letters which I want to share with you, but our space is all gone today. We'll get to those letters next week. One is a special request from a friend in Jackson, Tennessee about another friend in Memphis. Watch for it!

Love,

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Avenue, S.
Nashville, Tennessee



LAUGHS

From
Here and There

A professor of English, says the *Wall Street Journal*, was reading one of the *Canterbury Tales* to his class when he noticed a boy asleep at the side of the room. Annoyed, he wound up and let fly with the book, bouncing it off the sleeper's head. "That," said the professor to his startled target, "was a flying Chaucer!"

Sometimes Congressmen doubtless wish their constituents wouldn't write to them, as witness letters quoted by Juliet Lowell in *Dear Mr. Congressman* (Duell, Sloan and Pierce). One man wrote to Congressman Powell: "A friend told me that he sent my name to the FBI to put on their subversive list. When do I start getting benefits?" And another wrote to him asking, "I would like some information about the United Nations. Who united them and when?" Also on the subject of the UN is one to Congressman Javits: "What about the UN? Is this like the Elks and how can I join?" And then there's the woman who wrote to Congressman Becker: "What is a Congressman at large? Could this be dangerous?"

An old-timer is one who can remember when social security was kept in the cellar and the smokehouse.

"What does 'apt' mean?" inquired Dot, returning home from school.

"Why, dear, it means smart, quick to learn," her mother said, pleased. "Why do you ask?"

"Oh," said Dot airily, "teacher just said I was apt to flunk."

Some people's only idea of exercise is letting bills run.

A highway patrolman scolded a driver for using his bright lights while other cars approached him. "But I have always used bright lights," the man protested, "and nothing has ever happened." The patrolman held his temper and explained that something could happen. "Moreover," he said, "it's bad highway manners. Suppose everyone who was approaching you refused to dim his lights. What would you do then?" "Oh," said the driver, "that wouldn't bother me. I always close my eyes when I pass another car."

A young lad was being taught the value of money, and to curb his spending, his parents had him keep a detailed account of how he spent his allowance. One day he said: "You know, since I have to write down everything I spend, I really stop to think before I buy some things." The parents congratulated themselves on the lesson he had learned when the boy continued: "I just never buy anything that's hard to spell."

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West STATE Briefs

By Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington, Tennessee

New buildings are going up all over West Tennessee. Recently your reporter was in Ripley for a Rotary visit and while there went through the new educational unit. Pastor Bernard Scates and his people are to be commended for this great step. The Church at Westover is building a new brick structure, and we are informed that the new addition at Antioch, near Humboldt, W. M. Martin, pastor, is just about ready for occupancy. Berclair Church, E. B. Bowen, pastor, is getting another educational unit, and First Church, Paris, O. E. Turner, pastor, is considering a proposal to convert the pastorium into a youth building. This is only a small fraction of the total now under construction.

Pastor D. M. Renick, LaBelle Church, Memphis, will be the preacher in a Layman's revival at Linden Avenue Mission, November 15-20.

Two churches in Dyer Association have new pastors. Bogota has called W. L. Criswell and Hales Point has extended a call to Warren G. Banks. Both have accepted.

Pastor Jonas L. Stewart, Somerville, was with Pastor Lacy W. Freeman and the Church at Dresden in a meeting, October 11-17. Jack Criswell of Union University led the singing. Visible results were eight additions.

Pastor Robert L. Orr, First Church, Dyersburg, and H. Lowrie Haynie, minister of music at West Jackson, were with First Church, Humboldt, in a revival. Pastor Hayward Highfill speaks highly of their work. Pastor Orr and his people at Dyersburg are rejoicing over their great revival with 51 additions when Leonard Sanderson was the evangelist.

Grace Church, McKenzie, has gone to full-time and has extended an indefinite call to Roy Burke, who formerly served both Grace and Enon. Organized in November 1950, Grace has had a good year with 24 additions. Recently, Pastor Jerry L. Glisson, Huntingdon, led in a revival that resulted in 14 additions. Brother Burke is a senior at Bethel College in McKenzie.

Two churches in Madison-Chester have new pastors. Ray Emerson is at Maple Springs and Willard Casey is at Beech Bluff.

Ashport Church in Big Hatchie Association has called James Beard, Blytheville, Arkansas, as pastor and he has moved on the field.

The Church at Henning, Gordon L. DePriest, pastor, had the services of Pastor Thomas W. Pope, First Church, Martin, in a revival, October 25-31.

Seventh Street Church, Memphis, T. J. Tichenor, pastor, engage in a Sunday school revival, November 14-21. With R. E. Chambers, Hot Springs, Arkansas, as leader.

Pastor T. J. Tichenor has been in meetings recently with Berclair Church, Memphis, E. B. Bowen, pastor; and First Church, Sandborn, Indiana. In his absence the Seventh Street pulpit was supplied by Tom Logue.

First Church, Martin, Thomas W. Pope, pastor, had the services of Pastor S. R. Woodson, Columbus, Mississippi, in a revival recently.

Pastor Walter M. Martin, Antioch Church near Humboldt, was with Highland Park Church, Columbia, in a meeting, October 18-27. Robert L. Newman, missionary for Madison-Chester Association, supplied in Pastor Martin's absence.

Archie L. Partain, missionary for Big Hatchie Association, and David Mashburn of the Brotherhood Department, supplied at First Church, Ripley, while Pastor Bernard Scates was in a revival at Boulevard Church, Memphis, C. M. Pickler, pastor.

Frayser Church is going forward with the work of completing their auditorium and plan to put it in use around January 1. P. O. Davidson is leading in an aggressive program.

Pastor Jerry L. Glisson, Huntingdon, was with First Church, Trezevant, in a recent revival. E. V. May, pastor of Flewellyn Church in Robertson County, was the song leader. There were 27 additions and one young man surrendered to the ministry. Trezevant is presently without a pastor.

Temple Church, Memphis, recently observed the fifth anniversary of Pastor A. D. Foreman, Jr. During this time 1,218 new members have been received, 446 of these by baptism. A new sanctuary seating 1,200 and a new pastorium have been erected at a cost in excess of a half-million dollars. While the Church has been in a great building program gifts to missions have not been neglected or reduced. Since 1949, Temple has given \$888,000 to all causes and \$261,000 of this amount went to missions. Following the Sunday evening service, October 10, a reception for Dr. and Mrs. Foreman was held in the lower auditorium of the church.

Visible results in the revival at Milan, Henry J. Huey, pastor, were 32 additions. Pastor Gaye McGlothlen, Immanuel Church, Nashville, was the preacher and Donald Holton led the singing.

Memphis Pastor to Speak at Evangelistic Conference



Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor, First Church, Memphis, will be the first speaker in each of the five services during the Evangelistic Conference which will meet January 17-19, 1955 at First Church, Nashville, according to an announcement by Leonard Sanderson, secretary of Evangelism and Promotion. Dr. Caudill will speak on the following subjects: "The Holy Spirit and Evangelism," "The Pull of the People," "The White Harvest Fields of the World," "Winning with the Word," and "The Romance of Soul Winning."

Pastor Charles A. Trentham, First Church, Knoxville, was guest preacher during a revival at First Church, Paris, O. E. Turner, pastor. There were 17 additions. Bert Arnold of Milan conducted the song services.

Pastor James A. Canaday, Calvary Church, Jackson, used his chalk-talk artistry with great effectiveness in a revival at Oneida, Ky., Lyn Claybrook, pastor. During the revival there were 55 additions with 40 of these coming by baptism. Al Skinner, Calvary's song leader, led the singing. Each of Pastor Canaday's messages was illustrated by use of chalk and canvas.

John R. Myers is the new educational director at Parkview Church, Jackson, James A. Farrar, pastor. Brother Myers was formerly in a similar position at Calvary Church, Jackson.

Pleasant Hill Church in Madison-Chester Association has purchased a Methodist Church building at Mifflin and will use it as a Baptist mission. Buck Morton is the pastor.

Pastor David Grant, First Church, Drew, Miss., was guest evangelist at First Church, Union City, Dan B. Cameron, pastor, October 25-31.

Woodland Church in Haywood County, Leon Crider, pastor, is building a 36' X 54' addition to its present building. This will provide seven class rooms and two rest rooms. The building will be of brick veneer and will match the present structure.

Why Our Church Will Share In the '55 Evangelistic Campaign

Aside from the fact that we believe that the simultaneous method of evangelism is the answer for this hour of world need as well as a proven blessing to Southern Baptists from the rural church even to the great city church, there are yet other reasons why our church will participate in the crusade next spring. For one thing we are thrilled at the opportunity of being a part of the biggest evangelistic undertaking this nation has experienced or that Christendom has ever witnessed; too, we anticipate and expect the blessings of the Holy Spirit because of the thousands of churches and millions of Christians who will be praying and witnessing. Our church feels that we cannot afford to miss the crusade.

Robert L. Orr, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Dyersburg, Tennessee

Pastor C. C. Sledd, Prospect Church, Hollow Rock, had the unspeakable joy of preaching in a revival recently in which his brother, who is past sixty years of age, was converted. He was with New Hope Church near Benton, Ky., Sherman Holt, pastor. The dates were October 17-23.

Dr. J. B. Hester is getting off to a fine start in his new pastorate at Prescott Memorial Church, Memphis. The organizational structure of the Church is being enlarged and some challenging goals are being set for future growth and expansion.

First Church, Henderson, A. L. Bishop, pastor, on October 10 ordained J. N. Galbraith, W. E. Burkhead, and R. L. Plunk as deacons. Within a period of three months the Church lost three of its very best men by death: W. F. Wall, C. H. Bolton, and B. S. Smith. Pastor J. T. Poe, Alamo, was with the Church in a youth revival. There were 11 additions. Dick McCutcheon, song leader at Alamo, was the singer.

Pastor Jesse Newton, Halls, was with First Church, Bolivar, Floyd Cates, pastor, in a meeting beginning November 1.

Pastor Walter Warmath, Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville, was the preacher, and Wallace Carrier, of Rockwood, the singer, in a revival at Camden, October 17-24. Robert A. Sanders is the pastor.

Pastor David Q. Byrd, West Jackson, was at Trinity Church, Biloxi, Miss., in a revival October 11-17. Dean F. E. Wright of Union University supplied in his absence.

Bethel Church near Humboldt had the services of W. H. Pitt, missionary of Gibson County Association, in a revival, emphasizing stewardship. The climax was reached when 47 pledged to tithe. There was one addition by baptism. John H. Bruce is the pastor.

Mid STATE Briefs

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

Richard B. Sims, pastor of Joelton Church, reports a fine revival with a number of additions and rededications. Marvin Glass, pastor of Temple Church, Old Hickory, was the evangelist.

Grandview Church, Nashville, recently held an eight day revival which was concluded with a number of additions. Following an all night prayer meeting the last Saturday night the Sunday school reached an all-time high of 600. The last record was reached in 1933. Don Milam of Oklahoma City was the evangelist and Marcum Mason, Hiram Carr, and Joyce Lee of Nashville composed the musical team. James Harris is pastor.

Pastor William A. Foote of First Church, Cowan, reports a fine revival which was held in his church. Terry Davis of Southern Seminary did the preaching and Jim Cooley, Chattanooga, a layman, led the singing with excellent results.

Shelbyville Mills Church, Shelbyville, held their revival after the completion of some 40 cottage prayer meetings and more than 200 visits. This effort showed many dividends in decisions registered for Christ. Clarence Akridge of Tullahoma was the visiting preacher.

Greenbrier Church, Greenbrier, reports a revival with Charles R. Ausmus of the Lincoln Park Church, Knoxville, as preacher. Tom Madden is pastor of this growing church.

First Church, Murfreesboro, Robert L. Palmer, pastor, held a Stewardship Revival Nov. 1-5. The following men took part in speaking or song leading: R. J. Simpson, W. E. Beck, P. W. Carter, P. D. Todd, W. H. Couch, Steve Underwood, Charles Todd, Hollis Harris.

Harold J. Purdy, pastor of Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, assisted pastor James A. Nunnery of First Church, Orinda, in a nine day revival. Dewey Roach, professor of Bible at Belmont College, supplied in the pulpit at Belmont Heights during the pastor's absence.

W. C. Kirk, former pastor of Edgefield Church, Nashville, returned to lead a revival. J. T. Spurlin is the present pastor.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board, led in a week of revival sermons at First Church, Nashville, Oct. 17-24. W. F. Powell is pastor.

Pastor Don Pinson and Eastland Church, Nashville, held revival services with C. M. Pickler of the Boulevard Church, Memphis, as visiting evangelist.

Wallace Carrier of Rockwood was the evangelist in an October revival for pastor Othar Smith and First Church, Lebanon.

The Sunday school of Third Church, Murfreesboro, set three consecutive attendance records the last Sunday in Sept. and the first two in Oct. They reached 269 then 272 and finally 289. Wendell W. Price is pastor.

Third Church, Nashville, celebrated the 25th anniversary of residence and activity of its pastor and wife on Oct. 5. Bunyan Smith and Mrs. Smith have given untiringly of their love and efforts these many years and have sealed for themselves places of endearment in the hearts of their people.

Pastor R. W. Lashbrook of Radnor Church, Nashville, recently completed an eventful revival led by Charles McKay of the Sunday School Board.

Homestead Church, Crossville, witnessed tremendous growth this past year with an increase in Sunday school enrollment from 197 to 354, with three new departments, and six new classes started. The net gain of 157 was more than half of Cumberland County Association's suggested increase of 280 in "A Million More in '54." The church has received 56 additions, 28 being by baptism. All time high of more than \$13,000.00 in gifts and more than \$1,000 in mission gifts were received. Max Fones is Sunday school superintendent and Glenn A. Toomey is pastor.

Flintville Church experienced a great revival when A. T. Willis, pastor, Hillcrest Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma did the preaching, and Hoy Fowler of Fayetteville was the song leader. There were 25 professions of faith, 21 for baptism, 3 by letter, 21 rededications, one dedication to mission work and 17 pledged to tithe. The largest attendance ever recorded was on the last Sunday with 240 in Sunday school.—Howard McGehee, pastor.

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STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOLS—1953-54

Place	Church	Association
Lexington	First	Beech River
Union City	First	Beulah
Wartburg	First	Big Emory
Brighton	Brighton	Big Hatchie
Huntingdon	First	Carroll-Benton
Maryville	Everett Hills	Chilhowee
Maryville	Madison	Chilhowee
Maryville	Wildwood	Chilhowee
Murfreesboro	First	Concord
Newport	First	East Tenn.
Humbolt	Antioch	Gibson
Chattanooga	Silverdale	Hamilton
Kingsport	Litz Manor	Holston
Kingsport	Glenwood	Holston
Ftn. City	Central	Knox
Knoxville	Calvary	Knox
Knoxville	Val. Grove	Knox
Jackson	No. Jackson	Mad. Chester
Goodlettsville	First	Nashville
Nashville	Grace	Nashville
Nashville	Mill Creek	Nashville
Shelbyville	El Bethel	N. D. River
Greenbrier	Greenbrier	Robertson
Springfield	Springfield	Robertson
Boyd's Creek	Boyd's Creek	Sevier
Memphis	Cherokee	Shelby
Memphis	Frayser	Shelby
Millington	Big Creek	Shelby
Loudon	First	Sweetwater
Elizabethton	Big Springs	Watauga
Elizabethton	Doe River	Watauga
Elizabethton	Immanuel	Watauga
Hampton	Rittertown	Watauga
Roan Mtn.	Little Mtn.	Watauga
Shouns	Pleasant Grove	Watauga
Lebanon	Immanuel	Wilson
Watertown	Round Lick	Wilson
Gleason	Gleason	Weakley
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Clinton	32
Concord	28
Cumberland Gap	36
Dyer	33
Gibson	30
Grainger	27
Hamilton	71
Holston	63
Jefferson	28
Knox	96

Ten Leading Associations in Standards

Asso.	No.	Units	Asso.	No.	Units
Knox	173		Robertson	28	
Shelby	135		Concord	22	
Nashville	74		Gibson	20	
Mad. Chester	45		Holston	18	
Hamilton	32		East Tenn.	17	

Madison-Chester	48
McMinn	43
Nashville	122
Nolachucky	32
Polk	41
Providence	25
Robertson	25
Shelby	115
Watauga	57
Western District	27
Wilson	25

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Training Union

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Shelby County Leads Tennessee In Study Course Awards—1954

Shelby County leads Tennessee in study course awards for 1954 with a total of 7,878 awards. Knox County takes second place with a total of 7,405 and Nashville—third with 4,403. Listed below are the awards for the year by associations.

Beech River	177
Beulah	346
Big Emory	962
Big Hatchie	965
Bledsoe	197
Bradley	1,347
Campbell	236
Carroll-Benton	229
Chilhowee	2,048
Clinton	819
Concord	457
Crockett	244
Cumberland	434
Cumberland Co.	191
Cumberland Gap	134
Duck River	710
Dyer	1,113
East Tennessee	467
Fayette	344
Gibson	1,260
Giles	108
Grainger	199
Hamilton	4,041
Hardeman	473
Hiwassee	9
Holston	3,006
Holston Valley	547
Indian Creek	410
Jefferson	790
Knox	7,405
Lawrence	358
McMinn	973
McNairy	521
Madison-Chester	1,568
Maury	604
Midland	257
Mulberry Gap	2
Nashville	4,403
New Duck River	407
New River	98
New Salem	57
Nolachucky	893
Polk	183
Providence	501
Riverside	28
Robertson	604
Salem	178
Sequatchie Valley	606
Sevier	772
Shelby	7,878
Stewart	32
Stone	96
Sweetwater	366
Tennessee Valley	258
Truett	1
Union	112

Watauga	1,949
West Union	94
Weakley	211
Western District	206
William Carey	419
Wilson	909
Total	55,212

Study Course Record for 10-Year Period

Awards issued, 1954	55,612
Awards issued, 1953	44,672
Awards issued, 1952	41,883
Awards issued, 1951	40,926
Awards issued, 1950	39,760
Awards issued, 1949	33,697
Awards issued, 1948	30,876
Awards issued, 1947	29,414
Awards issued, 1946	27,936
Awards issued, 1945	24,577



Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY MILLS, Executive Sec'y-Treas.

Attention: Sunbeam Leaders

Word has come to us from Birmingham that the price of Sunbeam Manuals will now be 25¢ each instead of 15¢. Please take note of this advanced price.

Some weeks ago a list of free and priced materials was sent to each organization. Many have used these lists in making their orders which has made it easier for us to fill the orders. In case you have lost your list, or probably used it, we refer you to pages 3 and 4 in the Tennessee Guide Book, and pages 100-105 for priced materials from Birmingham. Please do not send to Birmingham for free materials, they only have the priced materials.

Order Missionary plays and pagents, pins and emblems from Birmingham, see pages 98-99 for lists of these. We do not carry any of these materials.

Please do NOT send to our office for missions study books, these should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, 161-8th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn. or from the bookstore serving your section of the state.

Tennessee League Against Beverage Alcohol

Woman's Missionary Union of Tennessee voted in the annual meeting March 23-25, 1954 to promote the United Tennessee League to the extent of \$1.00 per member. Many societies are sending in contributions with their churches. Surely all Christian women in Tennessee will want to share the task of becoming informed and educating our youth about the truth of alcohol and other narcotics.

Below is a list of W. M. U. gifts contributed through August 25, 1954. These are recorded by the United Tennessee League.

Summary of W.M.U. Gifts Through August 25, 1954

1. Gibson	\$284.86
2. Nashville	253.75
3. Shelby	113.12
4. Carroll-Benton	99.00
5. McMinn	85.85
6. Big Hatchie	67.15
7. Sevier	52.50
8. Tenn. Valley	44.80
9. Sweetwater	44.00
10. Holston	43.00
11A. Knox	42.00
11B. Wm. Carey	42.00
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33. Clinton	6.00
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34B. Hiawassee	5.00
34C. Polk	5.00
Total	\$1,622.71

ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1954

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo, First	256	107	---
Alcoa, Calvary	267	93	---
Athens, Antioch	138	35	---
Bethsadia	40	23	---
East	464	138	3
First	584	246	---
West End Mission	85	49	---
North	22	77	2
Calhoun	101	20	---
Calvary	21	16	---
Cambria	20	---	---
Clearwater	105	71	---
Coghill	87	63	---
Conasauga	24	---	---
Cotton Port	74	40	---
Decatur, First	130	65	---
Double Springs	45	21	---
Eastanalle	51	20	---
Englewood	186	61	---
Etowah, East	43	---	---
Etowah, First	369	164	---
Etowah, North	411	162	2
Etowah, West	39	26	---
Five Points	53	41	---
Good Springs	102	80	---
Idlewild	40	---	---
Lake View	88	51	---
McMahan Calvary	70	39	---
Mt. Harmony No. 1	95	46	---
Mt. Harmony No. 2	43	7	---
Mt. Verd	55	46	---
New Bethel	85	---	---
New Zion	73	50	---
Niota, East	154	68	---
Niota, First	128	39	---
Oak Grove	93	---	---
Old Salem	38	---	---
Pond Hill	165	51	2
Riceville	90	48	---
Rocky Mount	52	55	7
Sanford	34	24	---
Short Creek	93	52	---
South Liberty	49	31	---
Stephensville	16	---	---
Union Grove McMinn	68	53	---
Union Hill	73	---	---
Union McMinn	35	23	---
Walnut Grove	35	23	---
West View	72	48	---
Wild Wood	82	52	---
Zion Hill	59	38	---
Auburntown, Auburn	104	66	---
Prosperity	169	108	---
Blaine, Block Springs	134	114	17
Mouth of Richland	103	56	3
Bolivar, First	286	120	---
Bristol, Calvary	414	115	---
Brownsville	405	119	---
Mission	45	---	---
Holly Grove	100	86	---
Woodland	125	103	---
Brush Creek	76	29	---
Carthage, First	283	126	1
Chattanooga, Avondale	857	144	2
Brainerd	882	314	23
Trinity Chapel	45	27	2
Calvary	361	106	---
Chamberlain Avenue	244	86	2
Concord	328	155	---
East	321	74	---
Eastdale	472	180	---
East Lake	583	132	5
First	1260	330	2
Northside	368	91	---
North Market	138	50	2
Red Bank	907	341	2
Ridgedale	602	181	5
Ridgeview	232	64	2
St. Elmo	414	139	1
Second	173	77	---
Clarksville, First	212	136	1
Cleveland, Calvary	161	65	3
First	546	189	---
Waterville	134	99	---
Clinton, Bethel	125	64	---
First	777	212	43
Second	801	132	15
Columbia, First	452	153	---
Riverview	62	39	---
Highland Park	233	147	---
Cookeville, West View	182	92	4
Cowan	152	58	---
Crossville, First	496	172	2
Algood Mission	90	47	---
Cumberland Homestead	174	58	---
Dandridge, Antioch	24	17	---
Deep Springs	87	---	1
French Broad	40	---	---
Piedmont	146	87	---
Swans Chapel	74	---	---
Elizabethton, First	530	187	---
Reservoir Hill	29	---	---
Immanuel	255	104	---
Slam	231	160	---

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Fountain City, Central	1313	359	3
Hines Valley Mission	30	---	---
Fowlkes	124	104	---
Friendship	193	37	---
Gallatin, First	492	189	1
Cedar Grove Mission	10	---	---
W. Eastland	59	47	---
Gladeville	108	43	---
Gleason, First	205	84	---
Goodlettsville, Union Hill	149	60	---
Grand Junction, First	89	87	---
Harriman, South	379	161	4
Trenton Street	460	140	1
Walnut Hill	234	85	---
Humboldt, First	666	135	1
Huntingdon, First	297	110	1
Jackson, First	833	220	1
North	280	148	---
Parkview	381	92	1
West	926	442	1
Jefferson City, Buffalo Grove	55	29	---
First	705	264	3
Mansfield Gap	71	---	---
Mill Spring	101	100	2
Mountain View	76	---	---
Northside	232	102	---
Jellico, First	242	130	10
Branam Hill	33	---	---
Johnson City, Temple	288	87	---
Unaka Avenue	288	144	---
Kenton, Macedonia	97	83	---
Kingsport, First	815	223	12
Glenwood	451	180	5
Lynn Garden	443	133	1
Kingston, First	437	114	7
Knoxville, Alice Bell	253	71	1
Arlington	528	150	---
Bell Avenue	932	313	---
Broadway	1255	555	1
Calvary	260	115	---
Central, Bearden	367	136	4
Fifth Avenue	875	293	4
First	1050	281	---
Lincoln Park	1024	259	---
Mt. Olive	343	96	---
Meridian	274	111	---
North	503	161	---
Sevier Heights	690	314	1
South	601	243	1
LaFollette, First	352	134	2
Lebanon, Fairview	300	107	---
Immanuel	279	104	---
Rocky Valley	57	54	2
Lenoir City, Calvary	186	62	---
First	535	159	---
Kingston Pike	79	47	---
Lewisburg, First	438	175	---
Lexington, First	334	104	1
Loudon, Blairland	243	108	---
First	313	102	1
Mission	90	34	---
Martin, First	425	100	---
Maury City	105	39	---
McKenzie, First	315	104	---
Grace	65	---	---
Union Academy	66	54	---
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	395	123	---
Madisonville, Chestua	97	45	---
Manchester, First	187	93	---
Mission	75	57	---
Martel, Dixie Lec	143	96	---
Maryville, Broadway	478	195	---
First	950	312	---
Mission	97	30	---
Madison Avenue	126	36	---
Medina	170	67	---
Memphis, Barton Heights	254	137	2
Bellevue	2543	1152	23
Berclair	725	295	8
Boulevard	866	281	---
Brooks Road	94	77	6
Calvary	250	91	---
Central Avenue	975	389	---
Charjean	400	206	4
DeSota Heights	177	92	1
Egypt	149	97	---
Eudora	404	132	1
Faith	94	88	4
Forest Hill	81	37	4
Frayser	587	205	1
Glenview	122	88	1
Graceland	99	70	---
Graham Heights	117	84	2
Highland Heights	1297	619	1
LaBelle	704	252	5
LaBelle Mission	44	43	---
Leawood	656	242	6
Linden Avenue	44	23	1
Longview Heights	383	128	---
Malcomb Avenue	274	118	2
McLean	502	190	---
Millington	427	210	2
Millington Mission	77	37	---
Mt. Pisgah	141	120	---

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Mullins Station	75	59	---
National Avenue	430	191	1
Orchi	77	62	2
Park Avenue	553	213	---
Prescott Memorial	677	202	9
Prospect Park	95	50	2
Rugby Hills	222	162	3
Southland	222	100	5
Speedway Terrace	902	242	6
Sylvan Heights	591	216	3
Temple	1274	463	6
Trinity	489	233	5
Union Avenue	1070	341	---
Milan, First	444	141	2
North Side Mission	165	82	---
Mitchellville	68	54	---
Morristown, Alpha	126	100	4
Buffalo Trail	146	82	2
Murfreesboro, Belle Aire	44	25	1
Mt. View	214	90	---
Powell's Chapel	105	79	---
Third	256	107	4
Woodbury Road	154	60	2
Nashville, Antioch	87	46	---
Belmont Heights	1049	450	4
Brookside	40	20	---
Madison Street Mission	150	33	---
Berrville	90	66	---
Calvary	196	77	1
Donelson	584	108	---
Eastland	608	213	16
Edgefield	613	165	11
Mission	40	---	---
Fairview	109	62	---
First	1274	477	11
Freeland	109	81	6
Glendale	201	55	---
Glenwood	194	95	2
Grace	1059	443	3
Grandview	461	144	---
Immanuel	352	91	2
Inglewood	1103	278	9
Joelton	159	99	1
Judson	795	186	3
Lakewood	162	56	2
Mill Creek	121	88	1
Neelys Bend	90	50	6
North Edgefield	222	76	4
North End	137	58	---
Park Avenue	733	233	---
Radnor	557	197	4
Richland	206	89	---
Riverside	362	109	2
Saturn Drive	251	102	---
Seventh	323	148	4
Fifth Avenue	39	29	1
Shelby Avenue	564	171	1
Third	240	60	1
Westwood	266	120	---
Woodbine	290	131	1
Woodmont	540	256	4
New Market	99	52	---
Dumplin	83	44	---
Good Hope	59	41	---
New Hope	120	---	---
Pleasant Grove	114	89	---
Rocky Valley	79	48	---
Newport, English Creek	95	50	2
First	416	166	2
Oak Ridge, Central	468	147	---
Robertsville	671	233	6
Old Hickory, First	499	210	---
Rayon City	105	46	---
Temple	217	147	1
Oliver Springs, First	227	88	---
Paris, West	234	80	---
Parsons, First	158	93	---
Philadelphia	146	44	---
Portland, First	240	95	---
Ripley, First	341	152	---
Rockford, Central Point	108	56	---
Rockwood, Eureka	116	67	---
First	469	219	1
Rogersville	417	124	---
Henard's Chapel	241	144	---
Rutledge, Oakland	96	58	1
Sevierville, Alder Branch	151	86	---
Shop Springs	114	59	2
Spring City, Central	94	61	---
Stantonville, West Shiloh	152	100	---
Sweetwater, First	394	110	5
Oakland	40	17	---
Talbott	63	43	---
Unicoi	80	36	1
Union City, First	751	267	15
Watertown, Round Lick	201	116	---
White Pine	196	84	2
Nina	35	---	---
Winchester, First	265	115	---

Kennedy Church, Memphis, Charles A. Wingo, pastor, has purchased a house and lot next door to their property. The price was \$8,200. This will provide room for further expansion of the church's facilities.

Carson-Newman Enrols 1048; Gains Many Transfers

JEFFERSON CITY, Tennessee. A record-breaking 1,048 students came from more than half of the states in the Union, the District of Columbia, and six foreign countries to give Carson-Newman College its ninth consecutive year of increase in enrollment, according to Nina M. Rubin, registrar.

New students enrolled at the College for the first time this year represent over 47% of the College's full-time enrollment. Among this number are transfers to Carson-Newman from fifty-three other colleges in fourteen states, the largest number of transfers to enter Carson-Newman in its 103 year history.

"Our transfers this year are of 'superior' intelligence and, academically speaking, are the finest group the College has had the privilege to receive in recent years. Twenty-eight of East Tennessee's thirty-three counties are represented in this year's freshman class," Mrs. Rubin said, "with Knox County contributing the most."

Of the new students, 233 are men and 212 are women. Although the College usually has a majority of men, their number has been increased this year by the attraction of men to the new curricula in pre-engineering and pre-forestry added this year.

Over 200 are preparing for the ministry, 73 for religious education, 45 for service on the mission field, 36 as directors of church music, and 4 as church secretaries. Other departments showing increases in enrollment are business administration, music, and the sciences, Mrs. Rubin said.

Foreign countries with students at Carson-Newman are Bethlehem, Jordan, Malaya, Brazil and Colombia, South America, Formosa, and Korea.

Evangelist Eddie Martin, who is favorably known in West Tennessee after great revivals at Jackson and Dyersburg, is to be in a city-wide campaign in Columbus, Miss., November 7-21.

Frayser Church, Memphis, recently ordained four men to the office of deacon. The new deacons are A. E. Smith, James Martin, J. E. Ables, and Earl A. Gable. Thurman Prewett is the minister of religious education. Pastor P. O. Davidson was assisted in the service by Pastor E. T. Smith, Longview Heights; Ralph Moore, supt. of City Missions; Tom Logue, BSU worker; Pastor J. E. Williams, Park Avenue; and John Rayburn, minister of education at Temple.

While Pastor W. A. Boston was engaged in a revival at Popular Heights Church near Jackson the Raleigh pulpit was supplied by E. Lowell Adams. Paul Isbell is the Poplar Heights pastor.

Contributions to Church Groups Reach New High

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa.—(RNS)—Contributions to 47 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions reached a record total of \$1,537,132,309 for all purposes in the past year.

This was reported by the Rev. Thomas K. Thompson, executive director of the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches, at a Council-sponsored workshop meeting here of 250 church and college fund raisers.

The figure is a gain of \$136,000,000 over the previous year.

While church membership rolls registered an annual increase of roughly three per cent, total cash giving rose by 8.5 per cent, Dr. Thompson said.

Benevolence-giving by the 47 communions totaled \$308,874,662 or an increase of \$22,000,000 over the previous year. However, the percentage gain in benevolence-giving dropped from 8.2 per cent to 6.8 per cent.

Among the larger amounts included in the total giving were the \$314,521,214 contributed by members of The Methodist Church, the \$278,851,129 by members of the Southern Baptist Convention and the \$141,057,179 by members of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

On a per capita basis, the Seventh-day Adventists led all other denominations with an average annual contribution of \$173.35 per member, including an all-time high of \$141.94 earmarked for benevolences.

The average U. S. churchgoer increased his per capita contribution from \$41.94 to \$45.36, a new record.

Dr. Thompson said the per capita gains in benevolences for the 47 reporting denominations increased from \$8.56 to \$9.12. For foreign missions, one of the items in benevolences, the average gift per member rose only from \$1.60 to \$1.76. However, the year's total for foreign missions, with 45 denominations reporting on this item, was \$60,087,502, the highest on record. Last year, 44 church bodies contributed a total of \$53,298,340 for foreign missions.

The stewardship leader said that the great bulk of contributions was earmarked for local congregational expenses with the 47 religious bodies reporting that this item amounted to \$1,228,257,647, as compared to \$1,114,810,848 reported by 45 bodies the year before.

Missionary Robert L. Newman, Madison-Chester, recently assisted Eastland Heights Church, Springfield, in a revival.

1954 Mission Gift Goal Has Been Met

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—On October 25 a check for \$160,000 was sent from the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee office in Nashville to Carver School of Missions and Social Work. This means that the 1954 Cooperative Program current operating expenses and capital needs goal of \$8,750,000 has been met and that Southern Baptists are now in the Advance Program or third phase of the budget. The goal was met nine days earlier this year than last, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee. A total of \$9,074,112 has been received to date in the Nashville office, an increase of \$971,756 over 1953, Routh said.

The first \$160,000 of the Advance Program was sent to Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., in accordance with the action of the 1952 Miami Convention, made in agreement with the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board. The remainder of the third phase will be divided 75 per cent to the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to the Home Mission Board.

Advance funds will run over \$1,700,000 and total receipts will exceed \$10,000,000 Routh added.

Dr. John F. Vines Dies Ministered More Than 50 Years

The sudden death of Dr. John F. Vines, Oct. 27 at his home in Nashville, marked the passing of a Tennessean long identified with Baptist activities. A native of Jonesboro and graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Dr. Vines began his ministry with Central Church, Chattanooga, and closed it with an interim pastorate at St. Elmo Church there.

He served First Churches at Elizabeth City, N. C., Anderson S. C., Roanoke, Va., and Calvary Church, Kansas City, Mo. Dr. Vines was also President of Anderson College for Women, Anderson, S. C. for two and a half years. He served as a member of both the Foreign and Home Mission Boards and was for twelve years Superintendent of Evangelism for Missouri Baptists, before coming to Nashville in 1947. Since then he has served as interim pastor in a number of churches.

Dr. Vines is survived by his wife, the former Mable L. Lawrence, and by two sisters Mrs. Hattie Broyles and Mrs. Bertha Lovegrove of Jonesboro and a brother, Judge D. A. Vines of Johnson City.

Beech Grove Church near Dyer has called the Joe Acuff, pastor of the Bethel Church in Yorkville. He will serve both churches, dividing his time between them.

Carson-Newman: A Christian College of Distinction

This fall Carson-Newman welcomed the largest number of new students in the history of the campus. The total enrollment went well over 1,000, including 336 freshmen and 108 upper classmen from junior colleges and other institutions, and returning students.

B. S. U. preparations for receiving the new students had been under way all summer. Then, three days before the freshmen were scheduled to arrive, the officers of the B. S. U. met at Camp Carson in a pre-school retreat, where they made further plans for welcoming the freshmen and for the religious life of the college throughout the year. Following that meeting, the college faculty members assembled at Camp Carson for their own retreat which centered around the theme "Keeping Carson-Newman College Distinctively Christian."

As newcomers arrived at the campus they were welcomed by members of the B. S. U. Council and quickly began to feel at home in their new surroundings. Old students, who were to matriculate later in the week, soon began to come by car, bus, and train. Happy groups of old friends could be heard talking about the principal topics of campus conversation—their activities during the summer, the talented and attractive group of new students, and the beautiful new Butler Dormitory for young women.

The universal appeal of the Gospel is made vivid by the presence in the student body of Mary Kim from Pusan, Korea; Rafael Gomez from Sababalarga, Colombia; Barbara Chew from Ipoh, Perak, Malaya, and Shibley Sansour from Bethlehem, Jordan. Rafael Gomez and Mary Kim are taking pre-medical courses with the intention of returning to their own countries as Christian doctors. Also in the student body this year are Dorothy Bausum, who has just come from Keelung, Formosa, where her parents are missionaries, and Mary Jo Lingerfelt, daughter of Southern Baptist Missionaries to Jaguaguera, Bahai, Brazil.

An encouraging feature of the student body this year is the wide range of voca-



New Butler Dormitory for women at Carson-Newman.

tions for which Carson-Newman students are preparing. Young men and women who study here will represent Christ in all walks of life. Large groups are preparing for elementary and high school teaching, physical education, public school music, home economics, business, and law.

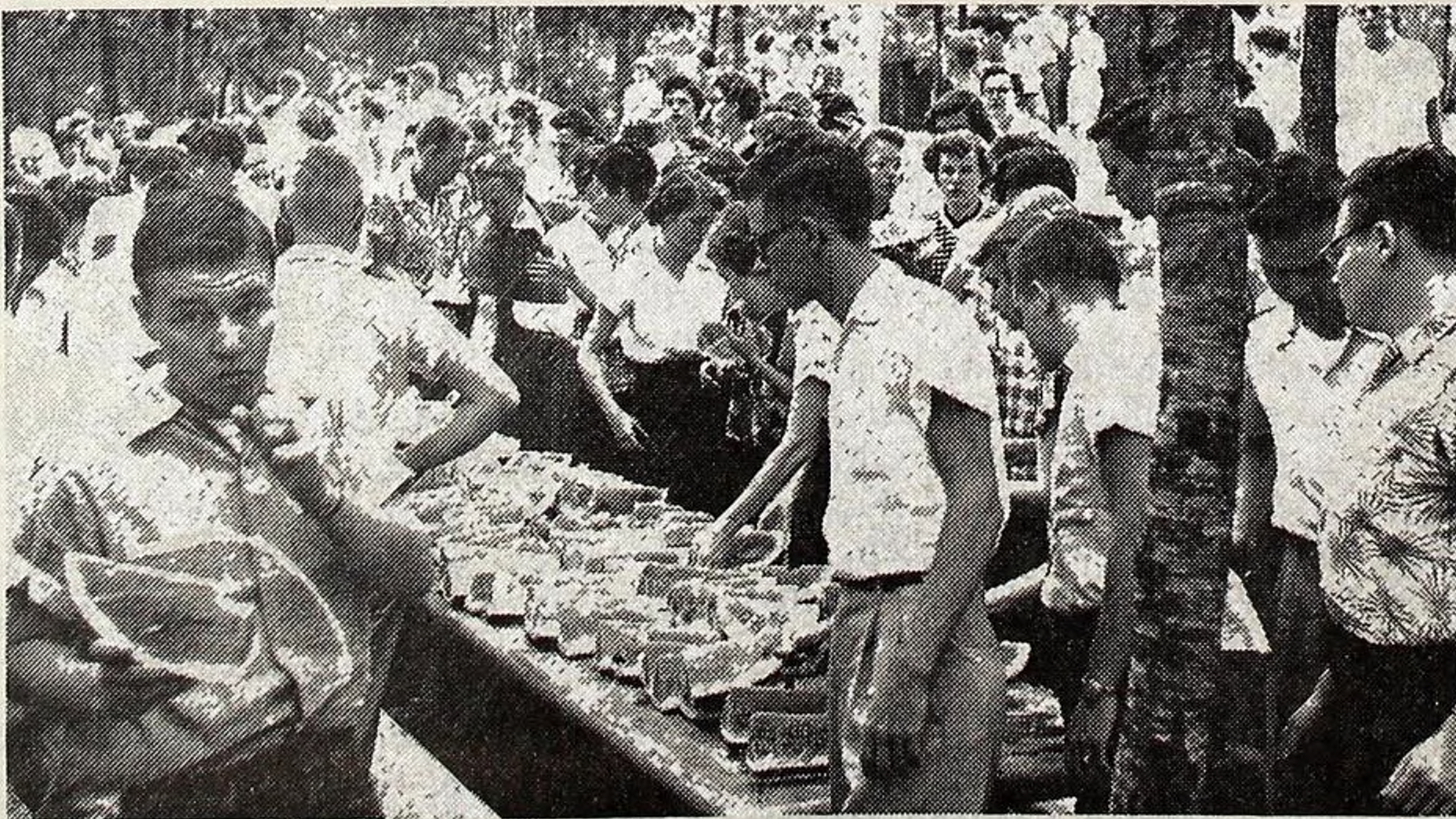
An important group on the campus for the first time this year are the 36 students who are setting out on the new pre-engineering curriculum. A larger number are registered for the older pre-medical curriculum leading to careers in medicine and dentistry, and still others are preparing for medical technology, nursing, pharmacy, forestry, biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics.

As usual, there are many fine young people preparing for full-time church work: 199 for preaching, 73 for religious education, 45 for missions, and 36 for church music. As they study, the unit organizations of the B.S.U. will help them to find numerous opportunities of preaching, teaching, and visiting those who are lonely or in need.

Religious Focus Week in October was one of the highlights of the new year for Carson-Newman students. It was sponsored jointly by the Department of Student Work and the college.

Dr. Carl Tabb Bahner is serving this year as Faculty Advisor for the B.S.U. and is doing a fine job in this position.

The State Department of Student Work is proud of Carson-Newman College and urges you to support your Baptist college in the forthcoming United Campaign.



Fun and fellowship prevail at this B.S.U. sponsored watermelon Cutting!

700 Tennessee Pilgrims Ride N. O. Crusade Special

NASHVILLE —(BP)— New Orleans, La., literally rolled out a plush, red carpet when the "Hold Fast Gains" train, the biggest religious pilgrimage in Nashville, Tennessee's history rumbled into the Union Terminal there.

The pilgrims attended two night services of the final week of Billy Graham's month long New Orleans crusade.

Carpet, reserved for visiting celebrities, was rolled out in honor of Tennessee's Gov. Frank G. Clement, sponsor of the crusade special, and the some 700 other passengers from Tennessee, Southern Kentucky, and Northern Alabama.

New Orleans Mayor deLesseps Morrison was on hand with the key to the city. A motorcycle escort along with Billy Graham and his team were there awaiting the train.

Led by Clement, the travelers kicked off the trip with a candlelight service at the railway station in Nashville at 11:00 p.m.

A layover in Birmingham, Ala., at 5:30 a.m., featured a sunrise service in the station, attended by Birmingham Mayor James W. Morgan and Gov-nominate Jim Folsom.

The train was named "Hold Fast Gains" in honor of an Indian scout who made a marathon trip to Nashville for reinforcements in General Andrew Jackson's Battle of New Orleans.

Maryland Baptists Vote \$260,000 Budget

FREDERICK, Md. —(BP)— Maryland Baptists in annual convention October 20-22, adopted a budget of \$260,000 for 1955, an increase of \$35,000 over the 1954 budget. The \$260,000 budget will go 50 per cent to state causes and 50 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Roy D. Gresham, pastor, Middle River Baptist Church, Baltimore, was re-elected next year's president.

The convention will meet in First Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., November 16-18, 1955.

Seven hundred and eighty-five attended this year's convention.

Brotherhood Commission Votes 1955 Budget

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—A budget of \$113,250 was adopted for the promotion of Brotherhood work for 1955. Adoption of the budget came at the annual meeting of the Commission in Memphis, Tenn., recently.

K. J. O'Banion, Missouri, was elected chairman of the Commission for 1955. Elected to serve with him were: John W. McCall, Memphis, vice-chairman; Vernon E. Shipp, Arizona, assistant recording secretary; W. H. Wood, Jr., recording secretary, and C. H. Heacock, treasurer.

Critics Have Helped Me

by John D. Freeman

During my last year in the Southern Seminary (1915-'16) I served several months as interim pastor of Calvary Church in Louisville, Kentucky. One Sunday I was noon-day guest of an elderly couple. When we had finished eating dinner, the good hostess asked in a timid, hesitant way, "Brother Freeman, would you be offended if I were to point out a bad habit you have?" Assured that I would appreciate the criticism, she continued. "You often put your left hand in your pocket while preaching and rattle the coins in it. Instead of hearing your message, I find myself wondering how much money you have."

Soon after becoming pastor in Springfield, Ky., I was visiting the farm of Charles Brady, generous and devoted deacon of our church, who gave the first president's home Campbellsville College had. When we had finished some chores at the barn, he turned to me and asked, "Do you suppose your sermon Sunday did the empty pews any good?"

I had delivered a vigorous message based upon Hebrews 10:25 (that was before I knew what the text really means), and the people who had come to hear the Gospel heard a tirade against the absentees. I got the sharp point of the inquiry. Later on I thanked that friend for his criticism, since then I have tried to feed the flock on Sunday and leave the absentees until my message to them would have a chance to do good.

During this pastorate in Springfield (1918-'23), Central Association held its fifth Sunday meeting with Brush Grove Church. Those meetings came quarterly and usually lasted from Friday evening through Sunday noon. T. E. Ennis, then pastor in Mackville, preached the doctrinal sermon on Saturday. During the noon intermission, he and I were standing apart, our hands full of the good food (that was before paper plates day), when a saintly old man joined us and asked, "Brother Ennis, is there anything about the Bible that you *know* for sure?"

"What do you mean?" Ennis asked after a brief pause. "Well," continued the man, "you said over and over, 'I believe,' but I don't remember your saying once 'I know,' like Paul wrote it." I, too, had noticed the "vain repetition" of the unthought statement, but had been too fear-

ful to call the attention of the friend to it.

The big-hearted, square-shouldered, curly-haired saint of God, who later became superintendent of the Glendale Children's Home, looked at the ground until the pause became a bit painful. Then he put his left hand upon the arm of the old man and said, "I thank you, good friend, I shall not forget your helpful criticism. From now on I'll preach with the certainty of Paul and the assurance of John, as expressed in their epistles."

After becoming editor of THE BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR (Tennessee), I was with Lockeland Church, Nashville, in a revival. The late William McMurtry was pastor. His gracious companion is now serving the southern W. M. U. She and I were standing in the vestibule of the church building one evening after the service had ended. When the way was clear, she turned to me and said, "Dr. Freeman, if you could realize the big difference in your audience when your face lights up with joy and that which I sense among the people when you speak as if you were really angry, you would, I am sure, cultivate that pleasant expression."

Like the many "vain repetitions" of the ministry, I had been unaware of this bad habit. So the kindly suggestion from a gracious friend helped to enable me through the following years to do a better job of representing the Master when I tried to preach.

Forty-five years have passed since I surrendered to preach. On May 31, 1954, I celebrated my fortieth anniversary as an ordained minister of our beloved Baptist faith. Whatever success I may have achieved and whatever polish I have attained have come in much fuller measure because gracious friends and loved ones cared too much for me to be willing to let me go onward in my service, unaware of bad habits that handicapped my labors.

So I thank God for the critics who took the callow youth, the mature man and now the aging servant in hand and told him of his faults.

From Old Three-Story House To \$15,000 Church Building

HOUSTON, Tex.—(BP)—It takes a lot of hard work to tear down a three-story building by hand, haul the lumber fifteen miles, and then clean it up and stack it for further use.

But that is exactly what the young pastor and members of Aldine Baptist Chapel on the outskirts of Houston, Tex., are doing.

They plan to use the lumber and the other materials from the old house to build their first church. G. M. Vinson is pastor.

Reports Increased Use Of Religious Christmas Cards

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Twenty per cent of an estimated 1,750,000,000 Christmas cards to be mailed this year will be of religious design, a spokesman for the industry said here.

Steve Q. Shannon, director of the National Association of Greeting Card Publishers, said this is an increase of 300% over the number of cards with a religious motif circulated ten years ago.

He added that the trend indicates steadily growing popular support of a "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign, waged cooperatively by religious leaders and greeting card manufacturers.

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