

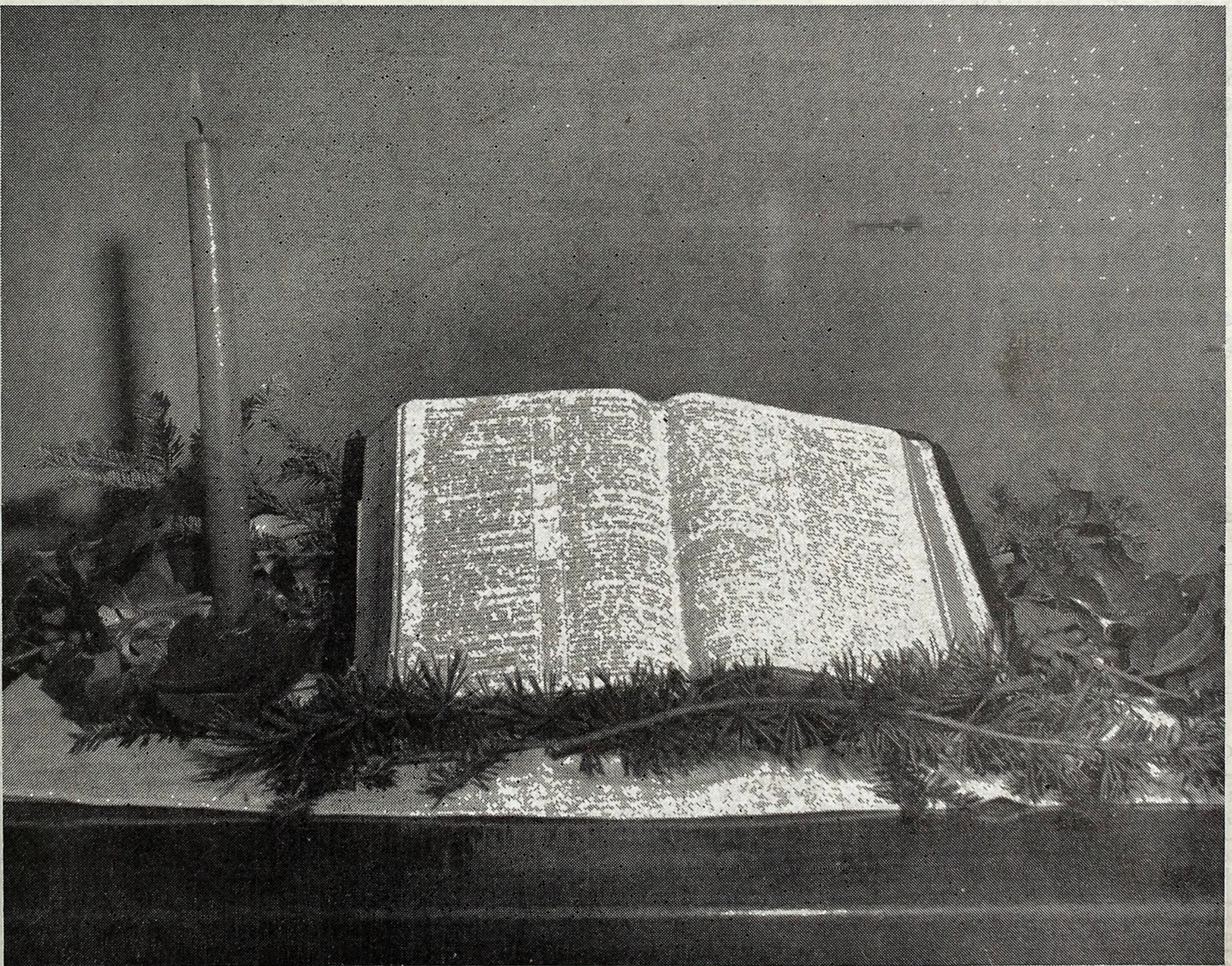
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And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

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Observations

By
OWEN



Not By Statistics Alone

Not by statistics alone can life be measured. Certainly this is true concerning religious life. How healthy the churches may be can be judged in part by how many members they have and how large their budgets. But only in part—and not necessarily a very large part at that.

Religion has been termed very popular in America today. Recently we have seen articles in some of the national magazines describing religion as in the "most robust health" it has ever known in the USA, with the present as a time when "more are joining the churches than ever before" in our history. "Not since Solomon have people lavished so much on housing for God and those who would worship Him," is the way one article phrased the building boom of the churches.

The churches look "successful" to a lot of people today. For all the true power and strength they exhibit let us indeed humbly

thank God in this time when they are so much needed. We should, however, be wary of accepting as evidences of real strength the things which are being enumerated: numbers, money, organization, buildings, popular acclaim. The churches had none of these things in the beginning when they confronted the world, and the world could not conquer them. They may have all these things today, but with these alone confronting the world, they will be defeated. It would be a colossal blunder to forget what kind of power God intends Christians to exercise.

Perhaps we should re-examine our impressive statistics. What proportion of our church members worship regularly? Is our increase in numbers paralleled by increase in moral and spiritual power? Do greater numbers mean more men and women enlisted for Christ? Four years ago we began an emphasis to cut down on the number of non-residents through focus on an annual "Transfer Church Membership Week." This was given attention throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as well as here in Tennessee. Efforts were made to get non-resident members to become active in their new homes. But now, four years later, we actually have more non-residents than when this campaign started, despite the good it accomplished.

A careful estimate places the number of non-residents at 2,460,437 out of the total 7,886,016 Southern Baptists reported in 1954. Furthermore another 25% of the residents are, for all practical purposes, very much the same as if they were not resident members inasmuch as they are "inactive" so far as their church is concerned. Adding non-residents and inactives it depletes the reported numerical strength by 48.8 per cent. Any army cut down to that extent in fighting force is whittled down indeed!

But it is not by statistics that strength is determined. We offer these comments, however, to ask, should we not be careful how we estimate churches? It is one thing to measure up in impressive numbers, buildings and finances. It may be quite another thing to measure up to the testing of our own times in the sight of Him whose Name we confess. Churches can only measure up as the members composing them prove themselves obedient witnesses to the new life in Christ through the power of the indwelling Spirit.

You Are Right, Mr. Senator

"When a nation forgets to honor God," Senator Olin D. Johnston told his colleagues, "it is only a short time before it is destroyed." The Senator was following up the blast of Senator A. S. Monroney against business houses in Washington holding bargain sales on Sundays. Some merchants are trying to get the jump on other business houses that honor Sunday as a day to rest. We are glad to see senators apprehensive lest the nation's capital "be turned into a Bagdad on the Potomac."

We are reminded that from the beginning people of this nation have honored Sunday as a day of rest, of worship, and of family association. Not only in Washington but all over the country growing disregard of Sunday as such is now evident. The tendency is widely prevalent to commercialize the Lord's day. If these merchants will not voluntarily stop their practice of keeping open on Sunday and promoting Sunday sales, the time is at hand to introduce legislation to stop them, stated Senator Monroney. You are right Mr. Senator.

Underpraying Your Preacher?

"Are you underpraying your preacher?" This was a slip of the tongue by one of two men the other day discussing an article in a recent *Reader's Digest* which preachers might wish their finance committees would take note of. We are sure that a good many preachers are underpaid as this article states. The churches should remedy that by increasing their pastors' salaries in line with increased costs of living and increased services the pastors render.

However, many pastors are cared for in this respect as was stated by Mr. G. Avery Lee in a letter recently to Editor Tinnin of the Baptist Message of Louisiana in which he asked, "Are You Underpraying Your Preacher?" Mr. Lee concludes that this slip of the tongue really confronts us with the true problem—"the underprayed preachers". "I'd say that it's more underpraying that's going on than there is financial penury." Mr. Lee is aware of underpaid missionaries and of the need for stewardship as a part of spiritual growth but he raises the question if after all it is not really "underpraying the preacher" which is indicative of some church member's deficiency.



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In the Interest of Fairness

by O. W. Taylor

The late J. R. Graves wrote the following:

Independently of creation there certainly was not, and there could not have been an idea of relationship that implied *order* of existence. Therefore, before the birth of creation there could have been no relationship existing as that of Father and Son, for these are terms of *relationship*, and imply *order* of being, and consequently demand *time*. If this be so, then evidently the phrases "Eternal Father," and "Eternal Son," are inadmissible, since they involve a manifest contradiction. As certainly as the Creator must exist before the thing created, the begetter must exist before the begotten—the Father before the Son. And it is no less contradictory to say that Father and Son eternally self-existed in these same relationships; we may as consistently affirm that the creature and its Creator co-eternally existed. One must have existed before the other, else creation is as eternal as the Godhead—never had a beginning. Every effect must exist in its cause. The phrases "Eternal Son of God," "the Eternal Father," are manifestly of human coinage,—not of the revealing Spirit.—*Seven Dispensations*, pp. 61-62.

Now and then through the years of my ministry, I have read someone who, perhaps taking a dig at Landmarkism, charged that the above is Arianism and Unitarianism and therefore, heresy. This conclusion is not true unless one reads into the statements made by Dr. Graves meaning that he never intended. Carefully study the phrases above in the light of their context. Dr. Graves was discussing only one thing, the Father-Son relationship between the first and second Persons of the Godhead. From the viewpoint of this *relationship* he held the phrases, "Eternal Father" and "Eternal Son," to be inadmissible, logically speaking. He was discussing God the Father and God the Son in *official and relative* connections with each other, and was not discussing *the deity and eternal personal existence of Christ*.

Arianism and Unitarianism hold that Christ was the noblest of created beings, but was not the eternal Son of God, nor was he of the same substance as the Father. But when it comes to Dr. Graves' belief in the deity and eternal personal existence of Christ, note the following, written before the extract which has been quoted:

Our reason teaches us to believe nothing existing could have originated its own existence, and yet the Bible requires us to believe that the three equal persons of the Godhead are *eternal and uncreated*. . . . The Bible teaches us that there are three infinite self-existent persons in the Godhead, possessing inherent immortality, and dwelling in the light unapproachable, and that each Person of the Godhead is ubiquitous, omniscient and omnipotent, and equal in every incommunicable attribute, and each one infinite in all conceivable perfections.—*Op. cit.*, p. 31.

How immeasurably removed is this from Arianism and Unitarianism! The first extract quoted above should be interpreted accordingly. What Dr. Graves meant was that the *Father-Son* relationship between the first and second Persons of the Godhead was not eternal and, therefore, phrases expressing the eternity of the relationship were not logically proper. I think that Dr. Graves' statements were unnecessary and

on the surface susceptible of misinterpretation. But when the context and associated definitive statements are considered, his statements do not allow this misinterpretation.

Yes, Dr. Graves was an exponent of Landmarkism. I think that in certain particulars Landmarkism went to extremes. Yet there were some other things emphasized by it which still need emphasis today. But one ought not to lift statements by Dr. Graves or anyone else out of their interpretative context and separate them from definitive statements elsewhere and have him proclaiming Arianism and Unitarianism, when he was the antipodes of these heresies.

Radio Group Asks Move to Fort Worth

NASHVILLE—The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention unanimously recommends to the Executive Committee of the Convention currently meeting here December 15-16, that it be allowed to move from Atlanta, Georgia, to Fort Worth, Texas.

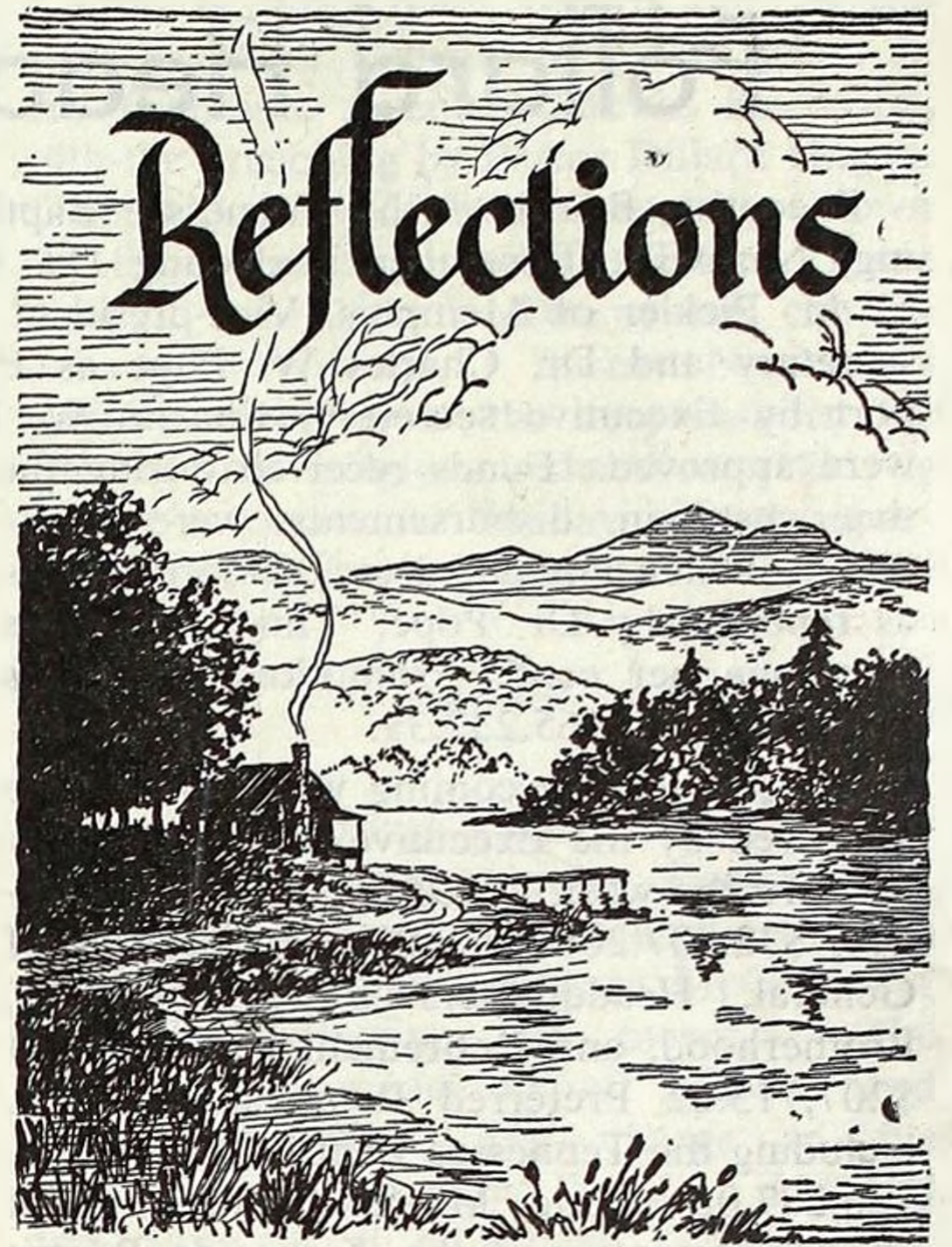
Possibility of relocation came up early this year in an effort to arrive at more suitable technical facilities.

Request for the move to Fort Worth came after study of written proposals from several cities, including Atlanta and Tulsa, Oklahoma, and visits to all cities inviting the Commission by its Central Committee.

Factors leading to the recommendation were stated as "Offer of Radio and Television Station WBAP's outstanding technical facilities, and apparent avenue to excellent local relations, and the scheduling of the 'Baptist Hour' on a fifty thousand clear channel station." Access to more radio and television production facilities at cost, and a more adequate headquarters building also had bearing.

The matter of moving the Commission was brought to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, last June but was referred to the Convention's Executive Committee in the following action of the Convention:

"That the place of location be left open for further study of the Radio and Television Commission with the instruction that they present their report to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention or to the Southern Baptist Convention for final approval with the understanding that if circumstances should arise within the year that should be to the advantage of the Radio and Television Commission to move, that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention be given authority to approve the location with necessary charter changes required."



The people who try my religion more than any other are those who meet every proposal for human betterment or change with a superior smile and the old statement, "You can't change human nature." Someone said, "There's more downright blasphemy in that sentence than in a tent full of top sergeants." There is more downright atheism in that attitude than in all the professed Godlessness of Russia, for at least Russia believes that *something* can be changed. It is a denial of the whole New Testament. From "the year 1," people have been saying, "You can't change human nature." That is nothing but a rationalization of defeatism, the refuge of prodigals who won't go home, the resistance of the secular man to the call of God within his soul to get up and be himself, the self for which he was created.—J. Wallace Hamilton in *Horns and Halos in Human Nature* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

The social director of the Firestone plantation took me to see the great hydroelectric plant which runs their mill and supplies their light. I had never seen the inside of a hydroelectric plant before. There was a huge pipe, and four great turbine wheels. The water was open above them, but they were standing still. I said, "Why don't these turbines run?" He said "Because the pipe is closed down at the outlet. If that were open, the water could flow through. The turbines can't run unless both the inlet and the outlet are open." I said to this man, "That is the way our lives are. The pipe must be open up toward God and open down toward man. And then currents flow through and the wheels go round and we work with the power of God." He said, "I never thought of that. I wonder where *my* pipe line is closed."—Frank C. Laubach in *Channels of Spiritual Power* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

Pollard Heads State Board

Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention met at the Baptist State Building, Nashville, December 7 electing Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, as President, Dr. C. M. Pickler of Memphis, Vice-president, Rev. E. E. Deusner, Lexington, recording secretary and Dr. Charles W. Pope as Executive secretary. Following the annual report by Executive secretary, Charles W. Pope, budgets for 1955 presented by him were approved. Funds received during the past year totaled \$3,194,829.21. Administrative costs in disbursements were \$30,814.30 which amounted to .00964 of funds as reported by Dr. Pope. This cost is less than one per cent. Promotional expenses amounted to \$165,237.39.

Budgets for the coming year which were approved by the Executive Board, to carry forward the work in 1955, are: Administrative, \$32,907.26; Promotional (inclusive of General, Headquarters Building, WMU, Brotherhood, and Retirement departments) \$207,715.82 Preferred Items and reserve, including the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, \$26,287.08. State Missions (inclusive of all departments and the Tennessee Baptist Press) \$429,357.23.

The Executive Board took the following action:

Recommended that Baptist State headquarters pay Belmont College an amount equivalent to its share of the cost of heat. Up to the present time since the division of the property the college from its heating system has furnished heat for the Baptist State Building without charge.

Upon request of Baptist Hospital at Nashville, authorized an extension of the amount of its loan from \$300,000 to \$500,000 to provide for additional costs in building a Nurse's Home whose capacity has been increased and plans revised to provide an auditorium.

Recommendations concerning the Tennessee Baptist Foundation presented from its Board of Trustees were as follows:

"We recommend to the Executive Board of the Convention that the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Secretary of the Foundation be separated from the positions of Executive Secretary of the Education Commission and Hospital Commission. We believe that the Foundation Secretary is a full-time job and the work of the Foundation can be better and more effectively promoted if the Secretary is not encumbered with the work of the two Commissions referred to."

The Executive Board upon recommendation of Dr. C. W. Pope approved the following:

"That a committee, consisting of three members of the Executive Board and the Executive Secretary of the Foundation, be requested to study the matter of relieving the Executive Secretary of the Foundation of duties relating to the Education Commission and the Hospital Commission, and to report to a later session of the Executive Board."

Also from the Foundation came the following request:

"That the Executive Board be requested to consider a change in the procedure to

be followed in the future, when a vacancy occurs in the position of Executive Secretary of the Foundation, by the Executive Board appointing four members from its Board and the Foundation appointing three members from its Board, to act as a joint committee in considering and nominating a person mutually satisfactory to the Executive Board and Foundation, to be elected as Executive Secretary by the Foundation."

The Executive Board upon recommendation of Dr. C. W. Pope approved the following:

"That in the future, when a vacancy occurs in the position of Executive Secretary of the Foundation, the Executive Committee of the Foundation, or any special committee appointed by the Foundation, shall make recommendations to the Executive Board concerning a nominee for the position; but that the responsibility for nominating a prospective secretary, remain, as at present, with the Executive Board or its Administrative Committee; and that the election of such secretary remain the duty of the Foundation."

Further loans to two churches at Oak Ridge from the Tennessee Baptist Church Building Loan Fund were authorized by the Executive Board. These churches are Robertsville and Central. Authorization is to enable each to borrow \$25,000 additional in accord with the legal aspects involved.

The Board approved applications for Pastor Aid presented through the Committee headed by Dr. D. M. Remick which totaled \$20,800 with other requests to be referred to the Administrative Committee.

Upon recommendation from the directors of the Tennessee Baptist Press the Executive Board voted that expenses of the Editor of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in attendance upon the Baptist World Alliance to report that meeting in London next July be provided out of the surplus 1954 income of the Tennessee Baptist Press.

The question of whether or not the promotion of Stewardship, and a \$6,000 item for the same should be allocated to the Brotherhood Department for 1955, was referred to the Administrative Committee and the Executive Secretary.

Named by the Executive Board as the Administrative Committee were the following:

Ramsey Pollard, chairman; E. L. Williams, B. Frank Collins, M. W. Egerton, J. Howard Young, J. G. Hughes, and Robert L. Orr, with Fred Kendall, President of the Convention as a member, ex-officio.

Tennessean Holds Service in French Church

"The L'Eglise Chretienne Baptists in Nice, France, was the scene of a very inspiring service Monday night, November 1. Chaplain J. D. Hancox, USN of the Staff, Commander Transport Division Twenty-Four, conducted a baptismal service for seven men, one being William Davis of Nashville. The service was attended by navy and marine personnel and members of the local congregation.

The pastor, Mr. Evrard, opened the service with a hymn. After prayer the pastor read a scripture selection from Matthew.

The Chaplain then read the same passage in English. Miss Rosemary Bennett, a Baptist missionary from New York who had been in Nice for five years, acted as interpreter for Chaplain Hancox as he spoke concerning the meaning of baptism.

The pastor invited the group of servicemen to come back to the church for a fellowship dinner on November 3. The invitation was gladly accepted, and 25 sailors and marines turned out for a wonderful French dinner with all the trimmings.

"Chaplain Jack D. Hancox was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Maryville," writes Pastor James M. Windham. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Arthur Hancox, of our city, and one of our most active Baptist families. Chaplain Hancox's wife and two children reside in Norfolk, Virginia.

Tenn. Baptist Press Re-Elects Deusner

The nine-man group of the Tennessee Baptist Press, Inc. in annual meeting in Nashville, December 6, re-elected E. E. Deusner, Lexington, president and W. Leonard Stigler, Nashville, vice-president. Ray F. Dykes, Chattanooga, was elected secretary.

Other members of this agency of Tennessee Baptists are Gaye L. McGlothlen, Nashville; and Ralph Murray, Knoxville, who were elected for a three-year term at the last session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; W. M. Martin, Humboldt; D. P. McFarland, Covington; B. Frank Collins, Goodlettsville; and T. C. Meador, Erwin.

The Directors reaffirmed subscription rates on the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, which is published by the Press, asking cooperation from all securing club subscriptions at \$1.50 to adhere to the minimum number of 10 comprising a club at this reduced rate. The regular rate of \$2 obtains for singles and renewals on subscriptions in groups of less than 10. The budget rate of \$1.20 is continued for churches providing the paper to 50% or more of the homes of its membership and the opportunity for churches to pay for these by the month.

Bingo for Churches Not Likely In Southern Baptist Convention

NASHVILLE — (BP) — "Bingo for churches!" is never likely to be a Southern Baptist battle cry, if comments received here by the *Baptist Press* reflect the main opinions of Baptist pastors.

J. W. Storer, Tulsa, Okla., president of the Convention, while stating that Southern Baptists held no official "church position" he did believe that repeated resolutions indicated that without doubt the position of our people is against bingo or any other form of gambling. He also said that in his view Baptist opposition to bingo goes deep to the roots of their church belief.

Bingo is also seen as a means used by Roman Catholics to help maintain their state-built institutions. J. M. Dawson, Washington, D. C., said, "Some churches, notably the Roman Catholic, under stress of need for money with which to maintain their ambitious church institutions, seek to violate the constitution of the land in order to obtain public tax funds; but they willingly violate anti-gambling laws of the state which uphold moral order to obtain corrupt funds for their enterprises. By so doing they destroy hope of retaining the good will of all patriotic citizens and call down upon themselves responsibility for disunity in the nation."

There seems little doubt in Baptist minds that bingo is gambling, Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, said. "Gambling in any form is inconsistent with the basic Christian concept of the value of the individual. The individual finds his values in the concept that energy spent is rewarded, and a concept that man should receive something for no effort is a direct contradiction of the inherent worth of man." Foy Valentine, director of the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, agrees with the idea that bingo is dangerous, being an elementary form of gambling which both attracts novices and enables professional gambling interests to make their rotten profession more palatable to the public.

Also in agreement is another noted authority on Christian ethics, O. T. Binkley, Wake Forest, N. C. "I am firmly opposed to bingo as a source of revenue for religious organizations or professional gamblers. Bingo for economic gain is a form of gambling and gambling damages personality and community and is inconsistent with Christian motives for the support of noble causes."

"Bingo does not require any skill and certainly has no character-building value," is the comment of Dr. T. B. Maston, professor of social ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. "Request for legal permission to conduct bingo games in churches would imply that the purpose for which the money

would be used would sanctify the gambling."

"Certainly if churches resort to bingo parties, selling chances on automobiles and horses, and similar money raising projects, they ought to be dealt with in the same manner as bookies, professional gamblers, and others who live as termites and leaches on society," is the opinion of Ray Roberts, state mission secretary for Southern Baptists in Ohio.

"Bingo is intolerable to the Baptist mind," Wallace R. Rogers, pastor, Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston, S. C., said. "Bingo for churches is somewhat like cockroaches for refrigerators. One is about as illogical as the other. Anything that places the church in a position of compromise with gambling is so completely out of character as to be unthinkable."

"Bingo can never substitute for God's plan of church finance," C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, said. "It tends to substitute a materialistic, compromising emphasis for a spiritual regeneration. It cultivates an evil instinct, a greed for godless gain and degrades human personality. The fruits of gambling are poverty, rackets, starvation, drunkenness, murder, etc. To engage in anything which corrupts another is morally wrong. A church that so digresses from the New Testament pattern will lose the respect of genuine Christians, and sooner or later answer to God Himself for the perversion of His Truth."

Southern Baptist opinion was well summarized by T. C. Gardner, youth leader who lives in Dallas, Tex., "A Trojan Horse forecasting irreparable moral disaster to our nation."

"The Coming of Christ," a special Christmas film produced by the SBC Radio and Television Commission, Atlanta, Ga., will highlight the Christmas week programming on at least two Tennessee television stations.

This film has been scheduled for televising on Dec. 18th over WMCT-TV, Memphis, and Christmas Eve over WSM-TV, Nashville.

This film has been offered to television stations in the Convention and all Veteran's Hospitals without cost.

Throughout the Christmas weeks "This My Son," is scheduled to be seen over 25 television stations in the area of the Southern Baptist Convention, and by special request in New York City, Pennsylvania, Oregon and Michigan, to complete coast-to-coast distribution.

Mrs. H. D. Knight reports one of the most successful revivals of recent years in the Tennessee Avenue Church, Knoxville, with the preaching by Pastor Dillard Hagan. "This was a revival where people got down on their knees to pray together, some through their tears." Twenty-one conversions were reported. J. Barnett Napier has recently taken over the responsibility as director of religious education. He is former associational Sunday school superintendent in Knox County.

The Estill Springs Church ordained Billy J. Chitwood to the ministry December 5. Rev. James Harney of Huntland served as moderator with Rev. Howard McGehee of Flintville delivering the message. The Council was made up of deacons and visiting ministers. The charge to the candidate was given by Mr. J. J. Mitchell and to the church by Mr. H. Y. Thompson.

Rev. Chitwood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Chitwood of Estill Springs, Tennessee. He received his education in the schools of Franklin County, entering the United States Air Force Nov. 28, 1950, serving an overseas tour in Okinawa, where he was converted April 20, 1952 and baptized May 5, 1952. He was licensed to preach August 20, 1953 at Breckinridge, Texas. Rev. Chitwood is now attending Belmont College in Nashville, where he and Mrs. Chitwood, the former Jane Knight of Estill Springs, are residing.—Mrs. Edwin P. Elder, Clerk

We have received resolutions from McNairy Baptist Association drawn up in appreciation of the services of their associational missionary, Rev. Teddy Evans. He is commended to the Hardeman Association as he goes to be missionary following his 3½ years of splendid service with McNairy Association. Great strides have been made by the churches in cooperation in the associational program under his leadership.

Pastor Oscar Mills and the membership of New Hope Church in Jefferson Association express their thanks and appreciation to friends who have helped make the church a reality. The church was organized five years ago, meeting first in dwelling houses until land was given, then they were able to build a basement in which worship services were held until the auditorium was completed. The building was dedicated October 29, 1954. Pastor James A. Clark of Mascot led in the following revival meeting. The church now has 88 members and a Sunday school enrollment of 100.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cain gave the church lot and Mrs. Elizabeth Hall gave 30 ft. of land adjoining the West side of the church property.

Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: Psalm 148 and Matthew 1:18-25 (Larger)—Ps. 148:1-3, 11-13;
Mt. 1:18-25 (Printed)—Psalm 95:6 (Golden).

"Glory To God in the Highest"

The subject assigned for this lesson is a part of the song of the angels as they sang on the hills of Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago in announcing the birth of our Lord (Luke 2:13, 14). These notes prefer to follow this suggestion in giving the following sub-subjects or sub-topics as hymns or songs that we sing today. They also prefer to use the full texts suggested, failing to see any good reason for mutilating Psalm 148 as indicated for the printed passage. The song of the angels, then, together with two songs of the saints of today constitute the frame-work for this lesson's consideration. This will be in keeping with the thought that the Christian religion is one of song and praise, from its very beginning to now and will so continue (see Rev. 5:9; 14:3; 15:3). The Psalm thus prefigures while the Gospel proclaims.

"O Worship the King" (Ps. 148)

Praise comes from the hosts of heaven (v. 2). Angels join in the chorus. God is worthy of worship and praise. He deserves to be the center of devotion and adoration. He created and rules and reigns. Is it any wonder that the angelic choir at Bethlehem reflected the praise of heaven? It would indeed be surprising if it were to be otherwise.

Praise comes from inanimate nature (vv. 3, 4). Sun, moon, stars, waters and the heavens join in the chorus. The old Greeks, some of them, said that even the stars sang in their courses and that our ears could hear them if they were properly attuned. Some poets of more recent times have tried to tell us the same thing, in somewhat different language.

Praise comes from living nature (vv. 9, 10). The hills with their trees of cedar and the beasts of the field join in the chorus. What lover of nature has not heard their majestic symphonies or been caught up in their adorations? Modern man, in his hurried and harried living, does well when he steals away to nature and listens to her sing the eternal praises of her Creator.

Praise comes from all humanity (vv. 11, 12). The high and the low, the old and the young, the male and the female—all join in the chorus. Those who know and follow Christ do so here and now. The time will come when all men everywhere will do so (see Phil. 2:9-11).

The Psalmist calls upon all of creation to join in one swelling chorus of praise to God who made and sustains the entire universe, the world and all that is upon it. The excellency of His name, the wonder

of His works, and the glory of His being constitute the Call to Worship.

"Joy to the World" (Mt. 1:18-25)

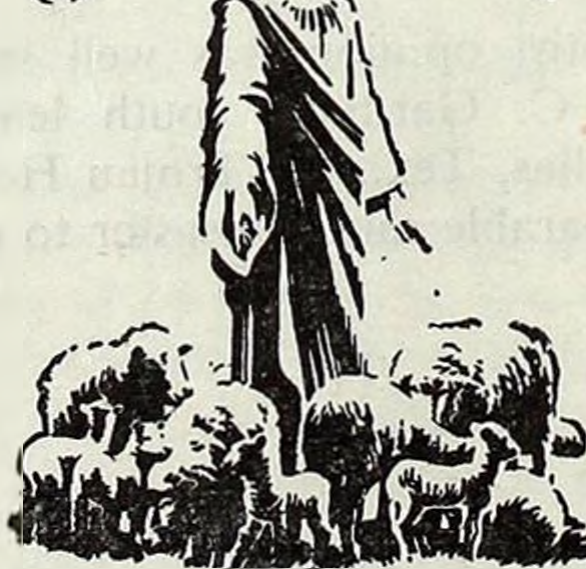
The Lord's coming was by divine conception (v. 18). Mary was Jesus' mother but the Holy Spirit was responsible for His earthly existence. Those who doubt the Virgin Birth of Jesus have insuperable difficulty in explaining this and similar passages. Those who accept by faith this marvelous fact, without being able to understand or comprehend it fully, find it easy to also accept His deity, His victory over sin and death, and His ability to forgive sins. To explain the Virgin Birth of our Lord by explaining it away is to undermine other doctrines which have priceless value for us. Why not accept it without reservation, purely as a matter of faith, just like we accept the promise of everlasting life upon the basis of faith and trust in Him as Saviour?

The Lord's coming was especially purposed (v. 21). Jesus came to "save His people from their sins." He would grow to maturity and identify Himself with man-

kind, teaching all the way of life both for the here and the hereafter. He would relieve human suffering and banish human sorrow. He would build a new world order made up of heaven-born men and women, boys and girls. He would point the way upward and onward by the Cross upon which He would yield His life at the hands of those He came to save. He would die a horrible death and be buried in a borrowed tomb but on the third day He would rise from the dead. Before going back to the Father in heaven, He would give to His followers their marching orders.

The Lord's coming had, and has, deep significance (v. 23). This concept centers in another of the names mentioned here, Emmanuel, which means "God with us." This reminds us of another statement: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds" (Heb.1:1, 2). In Jesus' coming God came to men to show Himself and to reveal His will to men. In Him we have the complete revelation of God. He was and is God's Word (Jn. 1:1-4). In and through Jesus Christ, or Emmanuel, all men come to be with or at-one with God. His birth, then, was unique and different. If He had not come there could be no lasting joy. If He had not come there could be no lasting peace. If He had not come there could be no praise in song. If He had not come there could be no everlasting life but rather eternal death.

Feed my sheep



Ordaining Shepherds

Often in our streamlined age, we have about reduced the ordination of preachers to a meaningless form. In our much running to and fro, we announce John Doe's ordination service at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. He invites his friends, the council assembles, a superficial questioning, often of a "leading" type, is engaged in for a few minutes, a hasty "satisfactory" vote "to proceed" is announced, the charge, or sermon is given, Bible is presented, prayer is offered, hands laid on, and it's all over without even time for handshaking to say nothing of time for "shouting."

Surely, such services demand more consideration. If we are to question before laying on hands, let's be deliberate if we must arrange two services. One service could be for unhurried examination without setting the date for public ordination. If two hours are needed, use them. Then if the candidate passes satisfactorily, name the date for ordination. If he should not pass a reasonable examination, he could be given time for further study and assistance without embarrassment to himself or his friends. In our present custom it is impossible to vote against "proceeding" without making the objector obnoxious, or embarrassing the candidate and his friends, or both. If the examination is not to be free, unhurried, and reasonable with an opportunity to register objection without embarrassment or compunction or conscience, let's just eliminate it altogether as a part of the regular procedure.

Some good men have been known not to pass the examination on one or more of the doctrines of ecclesiology, ordinances, mission practice, or church polity. If our convictions are clear-cut enough, we could improve the practice by humbly refusing to sit in council where examination and ordination are combined into one brief service.—David

The Young South

Have you addressed your Christmas cards? Don't forget your pen pals—even the ones you haven't heard from recently. They will appreciate a message from you.

Let a Christmas card help you become acquainted with one of these new friends. Their letters will help you decide which one to choose for your newest pen pal.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I have no pen pals but would like to have some ages eight to ten. I am in the third grade. My teacher is Mrs. Cooper. I go to Eastview Baptist Church. I will answer every letter I receive.

WANDA SUE WILLIAMS

Route 1

Etowah, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl sixteen years old. I will be seventeen May 27. I go to Harriman High School where I am a freshman. I'm a Christian and go to Elizabeth Street Baptist Mission. My hobbies are skating and reading. I would enjoy hearing from pen pals of all ages.

I will try to answer every letter I receive. I will be looking for some letters soon and hope I'm not disappointed.

MARILYN WORLEY

Margrave Road

Route 3

Harriman, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am twelve years old and go to Allen School. I am a Christian and a member of Big Spring Baptist Church. Our former pastor is Rev. Samuel Melton and we only have a supply pastor now, Rev. Wayne Tarpley from our children's home near here.

I would like to have a lot of pen pals.

BARBARA JEAN OGLE

1622 Elrod St., S. E.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am nine years old. My birthday is August 18. This is my first time to write and I would like to have some pen pals. I love my daddy more than anything. I also love dogs. I go to school in the morning. I am in the fourth grade. One of my jobs is getting wash water for Mother.

GRETTA SHANKLIN

Route 2, Box 286

Tiptonville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am twelve years old. My birthday is August 14. I am a member of the Frances Jennings Junior G. A. I am a member of Trenton Street Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother Branson C. Wiggins. I would like to have many boys and girls write to me. I will answer every letter I get.

SUE HUDDLESTON

425 Carter St.

Harriman, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write you. I am sixteen years old. The pastor of Merton Avenue Baptist Church, where I am a member, is Brother R. C. Cannon. My hobbies are skating, swimming, and other outdoor sports.

I will answer every card or letter I receive.

CAROLYN SMITH

2539 Princeton Avenue

Memphis 12, Tenn.

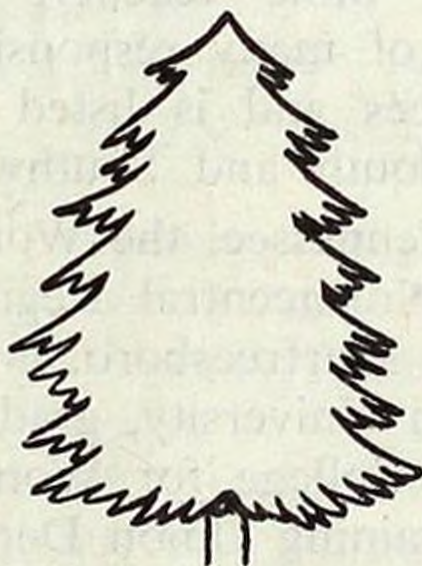
Dear Aunt Polly:

I am thirteen years old. I am a Christian and belong to Madisonville First Baptist Church. I would like to have lots of pen pals of any age. I will answer every letter I receive.

CAROL KIRKPATRICK

P. O. Box 64

Madisonville, Tenn.



Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write. I am eleven years of age. I am in the sixth grade. I am a Christian. I belong to the Woodland Baptist Church. Brother Leon Crider is our pastor. I would like to have some pen pals. I would like boys and girls to write to me. I will try to answer every letter I get.

MARY ANN MATHIAS

Route 3

Brownsville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a boy ten years of age. I am a Christian and go to Hillcrest Baptist Church. I go to Parkview School and am in the fifth grade. I would like many pen pals between the ages of ten and twelve. I will answer every letter or card I get.

ROY CORLEY

49 Grove Road

Route 3

Jackson, Tenn.

I'll be anxious to hear about your Christmas activities. Hope you will find time to write me.

Love,

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Avenue, S.

Nashville, Tennessee



LAUGHS

From

Here and There

A speech that's full of sparkling wit will keep its hearers grinning, provided that the end of it is close to the beginning!

"Two!" shouted the pint-sized umpire. "Two what?" snarled the big catcher. "Yeah, 2 what?" echoed the equally large batter. "Too close to tell," said the umpire.

New Suburban Gardener: I don't seem able to tell my garden plants from weeds. How do you distinguish between them?

Old Suburban Gardener: The only sure way is to pull 'em out. If they come up again, they're weeds.

"My Rose!" he whispered tenderly, as he pressed her velvet cheek to his.

"My cactus," she said, as she dodged his whiskers.

Prosecutor: Now tell the court how you came to take the car.

Defendant: Well, the car was parked in front of the cemetery. So, naturally, I thought the owner was dead.

Rosalie was in her first semester at college when her mother received from her a special delivery airmail letter reading:

"Dear Mother: Please let me have \$35 for a new dress right away. I've had six dates with Johnny and have worn each of the dresses I brought with me. Have a date next Monday night and must have another dress right away."

Her mother replied via Western Union: "Get another boy friend and start over."

In Mary's Christmas drawing, two of the camels were approaching the inn, over which was pictured a huge star. The third camel and its rider were going directly away from it. "Why is the third man going in a different direction?" her mother asked. Mary replied: "Oh, he's looking for a place to park."

A little girl marched into a branch of Memphis' Union Plants Bank and handed a teller a \$1 bill, saying, "Would you change that to nickels?" Taking her nickels over to a table, she counted them carefully and returned. "Would you change these into dimes?" she asked. A few minutes later, back she came to get the dimes changed into quarters. When she returned with the quarters, the teller was finally moved to ask, "What in the world are you doing?" "Learning to count money," she said briskly, and retired with her half dollars.

UNITED CAMPAIGN

Organization Nearing Completion

by WARREN WEIERMAN

NASHVILLE—While 64 inspiring rallies for Association and Group workers were being held throughout the State, organization of the United Campaign for Tennessee Baptist Schools has been entering its final and most important phase: preparing for the Campaign in each local church.

Supporting the report of sharply increasing sentiment favoring the Campaign evident in every section of the State is the encouraging word of growing leadership resources.

Long at work behind the scenes establishing conditions making these good reports possible and resolutely heading the Campaign toward success have been these and other regional chairmen.

Woman Chairmen for each of the three regions of East Tennessee are: *Mrs. Robert Bales, Sr.* of Morristown, chairman for the Northeast Region; *Miss Marcella Adams* of Knoxville, serving the Eastern Region; and *Mrs. Walter S. Moore* of Athens, serving the Southeast Region.

Layman Chairman for the Eastern Region is *D. A. Cooper*, also of Knoxville.

Mrs. Bales is widely known for her activities in W. M. U., serving this organization as Division president and Association vice-president. She is a Sunday school teacher and has just returned from a trip with her husband around the world which included visits to five Southern Convention mission fields.

Miss Adams, long a resident of Knoxville, is well-known through her activities as promotional director of the Knox County Association. She was educated in the Knoxville schools and at Southwestern Seminary.

Mrs. Moore attended a church-related college, is the wife of a country doctor, an Association W. M. U. superintendent, and has been a teacher in virtually every department of the Sunday School.

Layman Chairman for the Eastern Region of East Tennessee, *D. A. Cooper*, out of an extensive educational background has become founder and president of the Cooper Institute of Business, is owner and director of a sales and service company, is a lecturer, Bible teacher, conference leader, holder of many responsible church and civic offices and is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest."

In Middle Tennessee, the Woman Chairman for the Northcentral Region is *Mrs. W. A. Willard*, Murfreesboro. Mrs. Willard attended Union University, graduated from the Tennessee College for Women, served in the State Training Union Department, is a state-approved Junior worker, a Division president and member of the Executive Board of the W. M. U., has been an associational superintendent and Young People's Leader, and is a Sunday school teacher in her own church.

Woman Chairman for the South Central Region is *Mrs. A. C. Methvin*, Shelbyville.

Wife of a doctor, a cosmetologist, and mother of three children, Mrs. Methvin is or has served as a Training Union leader, Sunday school teacher, Mission Study Chairman, Association Superintendent, and a member of the Executive Board of the W. M. U.

Lay Chairman for the Northcentral Region is *Folk Lambert*, Lewisburg. Owner of the Lambert Lumber Company and prominent lay worker for many years, he is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and trustee of Belmont College.

Serving as co-chairman of Advance Gifts for the South Central Region are *E. Herman Duncan* and *Dr. A. C. Methvin*, both of Shelbyville.

Mr. Duncan received his higher education at the University of Alabama, is owner of a manufacturing company, has been a regional officer of the Brotherhood, a deacon and teacher in his church and active in civic and fraternal organizations in his city.

Dr. Methvin is a graduate of Snead Seminary, Boaz, Alabama, and of two chiropractic colleges, and has served as Sunday school superintendent, Training Union director, and Brotherhood officer, and is a trustee of Belmont College.

Woman Chairman for the Central Region of Middle Tennessee is *Mrs. J. Howard Young* of Springfield. An alumna of Averett College and East Carolina Teachers College. She has served as a special Sunday



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SMITH



LAMBERT



TOWNSEND



YOUNG



STODDARD



BALES

The 900 Group leaders are enlisting three local chairmen in each of 2500 churches.



MOORE



CLARK

The Regional lay leadership shown here, working with the Regional Pastor Chairmen, have recruited 192 Associational Leaders. They in turn have enlisted 900 Group leaders, who are engaged in local church enlistment.



TODD



AVERY



DUNCAN



WILLARD



COOPER



GARNER



METHVIN



BOSTON

school worker, and has led numerous Vacation Bible school clinics.

Layman Chairman for the Central Region is *John M. Goodman* of Adams. A former State Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. Goodman was employed for many years by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and is the present chairman of Tennessee State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Goodman is a trustee of Belmont College, the chairman of the Board of Deacons and teacher of a men's class in his Sunday school.

Woman Chairman for the Nashville Region is *Mrs. A. Roy Greene, Sr.* of Nashville, who has been W. M. S. Associational superintendent, a Sunday school department superintendent and teacher.

Layman Chairman for the East Nashville Region is *Henry F. Todd*, a judge in the Court of General Sessions. Mr. Todd, a member of the Sunday School Board has served as deacon, teacher, Training Union director, Sunday School superintendent, and as president of the Nashville Brotherhood.

West Nashville's Layman Chairman is *Andrew D. Tanner*, who is attorney for Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Belmont College, American Baptist Theological Seminary, and Southern Baptist Foundation.

Burton Stoddard, owner of Stoddards, Inc., serves as Nashville Region Advance Gift Chairman. A deacon for 48 years, Mr. Stoddard is vice-moderator of Nashville Association and member of the Association's Missions Committee. He holds membership in many civic, religious, and health associations in middle Tennessee.

Chairman of the Northwest Region of West Tennessee are Woman Chairman, *Mrs. Carmon Lannom* of Dyer, Layman Chairman, *Robert E. Cloar* of Dyersburg, and Advance Gift Chairman, *J. B. Avery, Jr.* of Alamo.

Mrs. Lannom, a graduate of Union University, is a teacher in the Spring Hill High

School, Division, county and Community Missions chairman of the B. W. C., chairman of a banner-winning W. M. U. Mission Study group, a Sunday school teacher, and B. T. U. leader.

Mr. Cloar attended Union University and is chairman of Deacons and superintendent of the Sunday School of his Church in Dyersburg.

J. B. Avery, Jr. was an honor graduate from high school and Baylor University, completing his formal education at Vanderbilt. Excepting brief interludes as an attorney for TVA and a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, he has been in the general practice of law. Mr. Avery has been both a Representative and Senator in the State General Assembly and is a deacon and Sunday School superintendent.

Woman Chairman for the Southeast Region of West Tennessee is *Mrs. A. B. Clark*. A graduate of Union University and the Woman's Missionary Training School, Mrs. Clark taught in the Baptist academy in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and in the public schools. She is now a General Missionary for the State Mission Board.

Layman Chairman for the Northwest region is *Powers Smith* of Henning. Mr. Smith, a manufacturer, has been chairman of the Board of Education in his county, a civic club president, Association moderator, and Sunday school teacher.

Serving as Advance Gifts Co-Chairmen for the Southwest region are *H. L. Townsend* of Parsons, and *Frank Garner* of Ripley.

Mr. Townsend is a bank vice-president and cashier, owner and operator of general insurance and contracting businesses and is a cattle farmer. He has served two terms in the Tennessee State Legislature and is a member of the Board of Directors of two other enterprises. He is a deacon of his church and a Sunday school department superintendent.

Frank Garner, owner and director of a funeral home, flower shop, and monument works, is an alderman of his city and chairman of the Board of Deacons of his church.

Woman Chairman for the Shelby Region is *Mrs. W. A. Boston* of Memphis. A pastor's wife, Mrs. Boston has been an Associational W. M. U. superintendent, county stewardship chairman, a Hospital Auxiliary vice-president and Young People's Director for W. M. U.

Layman Chairman for Shelby is *Orelle L. Ledbetter* of Memphis. He is Assistant Executive Director of the Memphis Housing Authority, president of the Tennessee Baptist Sunday School Convention, deacon, treasurer, and mission director for his church.

Advance Gifts Chairman for the Shelby region is *C. Oliver Barbour, Jr.*, Memphis. Mr. Barbour is a Comptroller and Assistant Secretary of a National business enterprise, has served his association as Training Union Director and Associate General Superintendent for Sunday School work, has been director of Young People's work, has been a deacon and is at present Training Union Director of his church.

Those who have accepted other positions in the regional organizations are:

In East Tennessee, *Harry D. McNeely*, Tennessee Eastman Company, Kingsport, functions as Layman Chairman in Northeast Region. A Chattanooga business man, *W. A. Redford*, is Layman Chairman for Southeast Region. Serving as Advance Gifts Chairman in East Tennessee are *Greer Clark*, Knoxville, Eastern; *A. W. Black*, Kingsport, Northeastern; and *William Wilson*, Athens, Southeastern.

Also serving in Middle Tennessee are *Dr. D. B. Anderson*, Sparta, Layman Chairman for Northcentral Region, and *Monroe Carter*, Lewisburg, Advance Gifts co-chairman in Southcentral Region.



Program

Conference on Enlisting Adults in Sunday School

DECEMBER 30-31, 1954

J. N. Barnette, Director

Thursday Morning, December 30

- 10:00 Scripture, Prayer, and Praise in Song—T. W. Tippet, W. Arnold Smith, and Mrs. Russell A. Case.
- 10:15 Our Adult Achievements, Contributions, and Opportunities—J. P. Edmunds
- 10:35 Adults Will Respond to an Educational Program—Ernest J. Loessner
- 10:55 Praise in Song
- 11:00 Adults Determine the Direction and Set the Pace—Ralph E. Longshore
- 11:15 These Churches Are Successful in Their Adult Enlistment Program—Interview Conference
- 11:50 Announcements
- 11:55 It Takes Adults to Build Strong Churches—James L. Sullivan
- 12:30 Lunch

Thursday Afternoon, December 30

- 2:00 Scripture, Prayer, and Praise in Song—Jesse Daniel
- 2:15 Sectional Conferences
Pastors—Charles L. McKay and T. W. Tippet
Educational Directors—W. L. Howse and Frank G. Voight
General Superintendents—Herman L. King and Ellis B. Evans
Department Officers—Ernest J. Loessner and Jesse Daniel
Teachers—A. V. Washburn and J. L. Corzine
Class Officers—Ralph E. Longshore and C. F. Barry
- 3:10 Move to Main Auditorium

- 3:15 Many Adults Are Beyond the Reach of Our Present Churches—Charles L. McKay
- 3:40 The Graded Adult Bible Teaching Program Really Works—Testimonies by Pupils, Teachers, Department Officers and Others
- 4:00 The Central Park Baptist Church Story of Progress—Wayne Dehoney
- 4:30 Adjourn

Thursday Evening, December 30

- 7:00 Scripture, Prayer, and Praise in Song—Ellis B. Evans
- 7:15 Sectional Conferences—(Same as Thursday afternoon)
- 8:10 Move to Main Auditorium
- 8:15 Special Music—The Atlanta Baptist Association Choir—George D. Crawford, Directing
- 8:25 Adults Can Be Won—Interview and Message—Homer G. Lindsay
- 8:55 Praise in Song
- 9:00 We are After Adults in the First Baptist Church of Dallas—W. A. Criswell
- 9:30 Adjourn

Friday Morning, December 31

- 9:00 Scripture, Prayer, and Praise in Song—C. F. Barry
- 9:15 Sectional Conferences—(Same as Thursday afternoon)
- 10:10 Move to Main Auditorium
- 10:15 How We Grade and Promote Our Adults—Testimonies
- 10:45 Improving Our Teaching Ministry with Adults—W. L. Howse
- 11:15 Praise in Song
- 11:20 Let Us Go On Enlisting Adults—W. A. Criswell
- 12:00 Adjourn

NOTE: If you need any Sunday school help in making necessary provision for the Adult group in your church and community be sure your church is well represented. Pastors' superintendents, educational directors, adult department officers, teachers, and class officers are urged to attend. Associational Moderators, Associational Sunday school superintendents, Associational Adult superintendents will profit by attending this conference. See the November 25 issue page 11 of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for Hotels available for reservations.

Reap some of the benefits of this conference in your church.

Bible Society May Expand Work in Communist Areas

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The American Bible Society may expand its work next year in Communist areas abroad, if funds are available to cover the cost, it was reported at the 36th annual meeting of its Advisory Council here.

The Rev. Laton E. Holmgren, an ABS secretary administering overseas operations, reported that supplies of paper are again being sent to Hungary for the manufacture of 30,000 Bibles.

In addition, scholarly editions in Greek and Hebrew for pastors and theological students, as well as limited supplies of Illustrated Gospels in six languages, are being shipped to Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Six thousand Bibles and 4,000 New Testaments with Psalms have been sent to Yugoslavia, Mr. Holmgren said, and 150 tons of paper and funds for distribution work have gone to East Germany.

On the other hand, he noted, Russia and some Soviet-controlled areas are still closed to Bible Society work. However, he said, supplies of Scriptures are on hand for shipment to Russia "as soon as doors for which we are constantly seeking are opened."

As regards China "measures have been taken to provide Scriptures when opportunity comes," Mr. Holmgren said. He reported that steps have been taken by the ABS to reach nearly 20 million Chinese who are living outside the China mainland in the countries of East and Southeast Asia.

Richard E. Kornmeyer is the new supervisor, books and Bible section, Merchandise Selection Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. He came to the Board in 1951 as an associate in the Audio-Visual Aids Department. Mr. Kornmeyer was a visual aids worker in the Louisville Baptist Book Store three years and a chaplain's assistant in the army four years. He is a graduate of Georgetown, Ky., College, and attended Southern Baptist Seminary.

Mrs. Alta C. Faircloth is now assistant music editor in the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. She came to the board in 1951 as secretary and assistant to the late B. B. McKinney. Mrs. Faircloth's new work will be an expansion of responsibility in music editing, arranging, and assisting in compilations of music publications. She will also serve as office secretary and assistant editor of *The Church Musician*.

Leonard Sanderson was the evangelist in a revival at First Church, LaFollette, Vern B. Powers, pastor.

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Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY MILLS, Executive Sec'y-Treas.

W. M. U. Committees

Committees appointed by Mrs. M. K. Cobble, the President of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union during recent meeting of the local Administrative Committee include the following:

Constitution—Mrs. Oscar Nelson, Nashville, Chairman, Mrs. T. C. Meador, Erwin, and Mrs. Roy Babb, Winchester.

To Outline Circle Leaders' Report Book—Mrs. Hobart Ford, Mrs. H. C. Sprouse, Mrs. Merrill D. Moore, all members of the local committee, Nashville.

New State Vice-Presidents from Divisions elected are Mrs. Eldon Roark, Memphis, Southwestern; Mrs. Marvin Anderson, Union City, Northwestern; Mrs. S. S. Dibrell, Sparta, North Central. Divisional Young People's Leaders include Miss Elma Bishop, Knoxville, Eastern, and Mrs. Walter Townsend, Cleveland, Southeastern.

Notice to Circle Leaders

Program material for the special circle program for January is being mailed to W. M. S. presidents. Do not write to State W. M. U. Headquarters for it since there will be many duplications. Your president will receive it before Christmas!

We are indebted to Mrs. C. D. Creasman for preparing this interesting program. We hope you enjoy using it.

Changes in Supplies

The new price of Sunbeam Manuals is 25¢ per copy. W. M. S. Presidents and Young People's Directors will make note of this change and pass the word on to Sunbeam Leaders when future orders are made. Order from W. M. U. Headquarters, Belcourt at 16th Ave. So., Nashville.

The Alabaster Box and Tither's Box are now out of print. A new box is being designed to replace both of these but will not be ready for distribution for some time. Please do not place orders for these boxes until notice is given in this column.

The new supply of G. A. Notebooks has arrived. Your G. A.'s will enjoy using this attractive notebook. The price is 20¢ including picture sheets. Single copies of the picture sheet are 5¢ each.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1954

Royal Ambassadors

ROYAL AMBASSADOR QUESTIONNAIRE

All Royal Ambassador Counselors have been mailed a questionnaire that should be filled in and returned to Royal Ambassadors, Belcourt at 16th Avenue, South, Nashville. If you are a Royal Ambassador Counselor and have not returned yours, won't you please do so right away? If you are not an RA Counselor, perhaps you could check with the counselors in your church to be sure the questionnaire has been mailed back. As of December 1st, Holston, Knox, Robertson and Weakley Associations had given the best response.

ROYAL AMBASSADOR CHARTERS

All Royal Ambassador Charters, regardless of expiration date printed on them, expired as of last October 1st. So if the charter for your chapter does not bear the expiration date of October first, 1955, it is no longer valid. Why not re-order right away. Or if your chapter is newly organized, you will want it to be a chartered chapter.

ROYAL AMBASSADOR CONGRESS

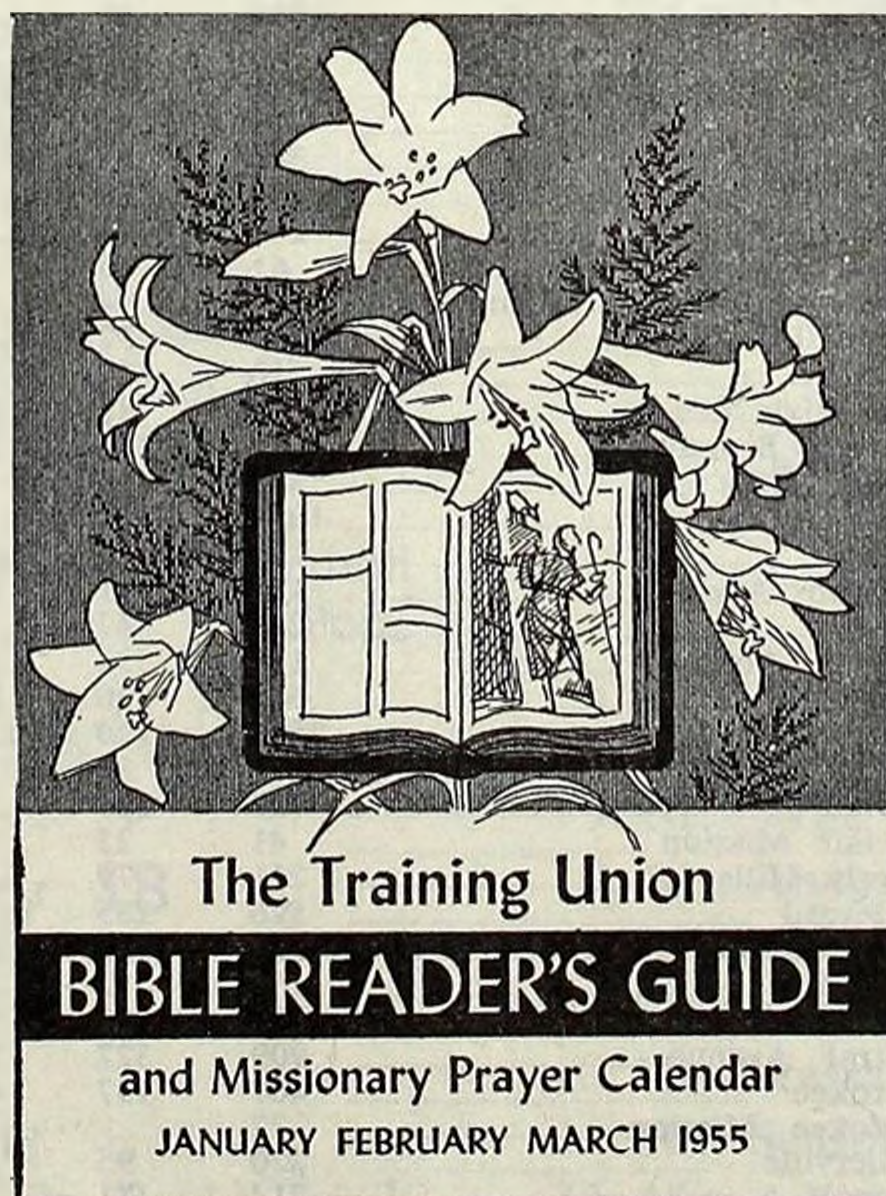
It is not too early to begin making plans for the Second Tennessee Royal Ambassador Congress. The Congress will be held in Memphis on April 29-30, 1955. This year EACH BOY WHO ATTENDS MUST HOLD THE RANK OF PAGE OR HIGHER.



Training Union

CHARLES L. NORTON, Secretary

Training Union Bible Reader's Guide



There has been a great demand that a prayer calendar be provided for Intermediates and Juniors as well as for Young People and Adults. This is made possible by this quarterly booklet for all Training Unions.

The price of this attractive booklet is only 3 cents per copy, and it should be ordered along with literature for the first quarter, 1955, and then each quarter thereafter. Sufficient copies for all Training Union members should be provided and also a quantity to use in the Bible Reading Crusade to go into all the homes of the church.

Devotional comments on the daily Bible readings will still be carried in the Training Union quarterlies along with suggestions for the daily prayer. *Open Windows* also will continue to serve the Baptist people as the personal devotional magazine for everybody. The Training Union readings also are carried in *Open Windows*.

Beginning with the first quarter of 1955, the old Bible Reader's book-mark carrying only scripture references will be discontinued as a free item. In its place an attractive sixteen-page booklet "Training Union Bible Reader's Guide and Missionary Prayer Calendar," will be issued. It will give the references for daily readings for Adults, Young People, Intermediates, and Juniors. In addition, there will be a prayer calendar of home missionaries, foreign missionaries, and certain other denominational workers.

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ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1954

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo, First	260	73	---
Alcoa, Calvary	284	93	---
First	392	103	---
Athens, Antioch	134	39	---
Bethsadia	38	19	---
East	427	132	---
North	210	53	3
Calhoun	83	17	---
Cambria	18	9	---
Clear Springs	76	18	---
Clearwater	112	53	---
Coghill	74	50	---
Cotton Port	58	88	---
Decatur, First	80	40	---
Double Springs	43	15	---
Eastanalle	50	15	---
Englewood	177	58	1
Etowah, East	48	33	---
Etowah, First	323	120	---
Etowah, North	393	136	---
Etowah, West	51	21	---
Five Points	43	19	---
Good Springs	115	45	---
lulwild	64	32	---
Lake View	90	60	---
McMahan Calvary	67	35	---
Mt. Harmony No. 1	85	33	---
Mt. Harmony No. 2	49	---	---
Mt. Verd	47	28	---
New Bethel	110	---	---
Niota, East	130	57	---
Niota, First	127	33	---
Oak Grove	77	---	---
Old Salem	37	---	---
Pond Hill	131	48	---
Riceville	89	44	---
Rocky Mount	53	45	---
Rodgers Creek	79	---	---
Sanford	79	---	---
Shiloh	69	49	---
Short Creek	83	40	---
South Liberty	40	25	---
Stephensville	25	---	---
Union Grove McMinn	86	53	---
West View	59	42	---
Wild Wood	80	---	---
Zion Hill	43	---	---
Auburntown, Prosperity	112	54	---
Bolivar, First	255	80	1
Bristol, Calvary	447	121	3
Brownsville	450	125	2
Calvary Chapel	63	---	---
Holly Grove	128	77	---
Brush Creek	62	33	---
Carthage, First	149	91	---
Chattanooga, Avondale	865	132	---
Calvary	267	69	2
East Lake	485	152	---
East Ridge	557	159	---
First	1344	393	2
Northside	319	88	2
North Market	150	69	1
Red Bank	807	291	1
Ridgedale	557	169	11
Ridgeview	163	60	5
Second	163	55	---
Cleveland, Calvary	157	70	---
North	173	98	---
Waterville	163	79	4
Clinton, First	624	146	3
Second	516	92	1
Columbia, First	405	150	1
Rittertown	92	36	---
Highland Park	264	160	---
Cookeville, West View	141	84	---
Dandridge, Deep Springs	91	---	---
French Broad	40	---	---
Piedmont	149	62	---
Elizabethton, First	627	165	4
Reservoir Mission	46	---	---
Immanuel	242	89	2
Siam	254	131	---
Fountain City, Beaver Dam	150	37	2
Central	1092	271	---
Hines Valley Mission	71	---	---
First	425	157	6
Smithwood	734	226	---
Fowlkes	114	90	---
Friendship	142	51	---
Gladeville	109	36	---
Gleason, First	192	58	---
Grand Junction, First	97	47	---
Harriman, South	355	149	2
Trenton Street	455	143	3
Humboldt, Antioch	259	69	---
First	503	142	---
Huntingdon, First	250	61	---
Jackson, Calvary	613	190	1
North	312	124	1
Parkview	419	103	---
Jefferson City, Buffalo Grove	59	30	---
First	608	217	1
Mill Spring	119	60	---
Mountain View	83	---	---
Northside	274	120	7
Jellico, First	234	91	---
Branam Hill	39	---	---
Johnson City, Central	785	138	7
Fall Street	144	88	---
Temple	329	81	4
Unaka Avenue	304	111	1

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Kenton, Macedonia	87	64	---
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	198	77	2
First	855	205	1
Glenwood	435	142	---
Lynn Garden	452	122	---
Kingston, First	74	80	3
Knoxville, Alice Bell	274	85	2
Alington	596	133	---
Broadway	1331	387	5
Calvary	263	106	2
Central (Bearden)	395	112	---
Fifth Avenue	933	259	2
First	1142	256	5
Lincoln Park	1065	270	4
Meridian	294	69	2
Sevier Heights	749	251	---
South	636	168	2
LaFollette, East	356	115	---
Lawrenceburg, First	280	99	---
First Avenue	35	---	---
Hoover Street	26	---	---
Lebanon, Fairview	203	70	---
Immanuel	249	89	---
Rocky Valley	64	---	---
Lebanon City, Calvary	214	54	---
First	501	159	---
Kingston Pike	94	37	---



Lewisburg, First	508	160	---
Lexington, First	331	41	---
Loudon, Blairland	196	92	5
First	295	67	---
Mission	78	26	---
Martin, First	340	92	---
Maury City	105	29	---
McKenzie, First	243	67	---
Union Academy	61	45	---
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	350	94	---
Madisonville, Chestua	102	32	---
First	310	117	---
Martel, Dixie Lee	152	88	3
Maryville, Broadway	512	132	2
Everett Hills	453	169	---
First	1021	261	---
Mission	125	36	---
Madison Avenue	152	31	4
Medina	207	47	---
Memphis, Airview	126	34	3
Ardmore	545	190	2
Bellevue	2539	1120	13
Bellevue Mission	112	82	3
Berclair	727	285	---
Berclair Mission	41	23	1
Beverly Hills	221	79	---
Boulevard	826	255	---
Brooks Road	155	102	5
Brunswick	153	52	1
Calvary	294	88	2
Central Avenue	909	327	2
Cherokee	467	197	6
Cherokee Mission	77	---	1
Collierville	220	95	1
Colonial	214	71	---

DeSota Heights	180	83	---
Egypt	149	61	1
Ellendale	62	41	---
Emmanuel	146	71	5
Fairlawn Mission	205	121	4
First	1148	242	8
Forest Hill	91	39	---
Frayser	657	180	1
Glenview	102	51	---
Greenlaw	266	168	2
Highland Heights	1268	555	5
Hollywood	410	155	3
Cherry Road	69	17	9
Kennedy	379	129	1
LaBelle	677	299	2
LaBelle Mission	64	25	---
Linden Avenue	38	30	---
Levi	220	79	---
Longview Heights	352	90	---
Malcomb Avenue	244	94	---
McLean	486	151	---
Millington	417	181	4
Mullins Station	79	41	1
National Avenue	410	137	---
Orchi	72	48	---
Park Avenue	526	159	3
Parkway	649	236	2
Poplar Avenue	378	135	4
Prescott Memorial	631	194	2
Rugby Hills	196	81	2
New Seventh Street	502	202	4
Southland	216	102	---
Speedway Terrace	851	209	5
Sylvan Heights	577	171	---
Temple	1295	430	2
Trinity	656	233	2
Union Avenue	954	316	1
Victory Heights	66	33	1
Wells Station	242	71	1
Whitten Memorial	106	37	---
Winchester	237	130	---
Woodstock	43	17	2
Milan, First	395	113	---
North Side Mission	148	67	---
Morristown, First	764	158	5
Murfreesboro, First	552	94	---
Calvary	51	---	---
Mt. View	168	84	1
Powell's Chapel	86	66	---
Third	209	89	1
Woodbury Road	150	44	---
Nashville, Calvary	131	74	---
Donelson	480	114	6
Eastland	473	159	6
Fairview	83	31	---
First	922	415	3
Inglewood	912	299	---
Judson	616	140	---
Mill Creek	119	80	3
Park Avenue	521	184	---
Riverside	232	105	1
Seventh	235	112	3
Fifth Avenue	23	19	---
Woodbine	215	54	---
New Market	110	28	---
Dumplin	77	27	---
Flat Gap	88	51	---
Good Hope	55	---	---
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New Hope	96	---	---
Pleasant Grove	116	66	---
Rocky Valley	75	---	---
Newport, English Creek	90	47	---
First	451	132	---
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	775	153	1
Old Hickory, First	425	174	2
Rayon City	81	40	---
Oliver Springs, First	203	82	3
Parsons, First	164	63	---
Portland, First	191	75	---
Ripley, First	420	100	1
Rockwood, Eureka	107	50	---
First	487	165	---
Rogersville	459	133	---
Henard's Chapel	231	98	---
Rutledge, Helton Spring	102	52	---
Oakland	102	41	---
Sevierville, First	731	141	---
Shop Springs	112	40	---
Springfield, North	62	33	---
Sweetwater, First	55	29	---
Talbott	77	---	---
Union City, First	598	152	---
Watertown, Round Lick	144	91	---
White Pine	185	47	---
Nina	24	---	---
Winchester, First	206	74	---

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Monday Night, January 17

"Seeing the Multitudes"

- 7:00 Music
- 7:10 "The Holy Spirit and Evangelism".....Dr. Paul Caudill
- 7:30 "Seeing the Multitudes".....Leonard Sanderson
- 8:00 Music
- 8:05 "Preaching to the Multitudes".....Dr. H. Franklin Paschall
- 8:35 Announcements
- 8:40 Special Music
- 8:50 "With Christ in Evangelism".....Dr. C. E. Matthews

- 2:30 Announcements
- 2:35 Special Conferences
- 3:15 Music
- 3:20 Message.....Dr. Ramsey Pollard
- 3:50 Message.....Dr. C. E. Matthews

Tuesday Morning, January 18

"Moved with Compassion"

- 9:00 Music
- 9:10 "The Pull of the People".....Dr. Paul Caudill
- 9:30 "The Shepherd's Heart"J. Burch Cooper
- 10:00 Announcements
- 10:05 Music
- 10:10 "The Shepherd's Downfall".....Hayward Highfill
- 10:40 "The Fellowship of the Saints".....Dr. C. W. Pope
- 11:10 Music
- 11:15 Message.....Dr. W. A. Criswell

Tuesday Night, January 18

"Christ and the Multitudes"

- 7:00 Music
- 7:15 "Winning with the Word".....Dr. Paul Caudill
- 7:35 "The Atonement".....Dr. Charles Trentham
- 8:05 Music
- 8:15 Message.....Dr. W. A. Criswell

Tuesday Afternoon, January 18

"Laborers"

- 2:00 Music
- 2:10 "The White Harvest Fields of the World".....Dr. Paul Caudill

Wednesday Morning, January 19

"Harvest Time, Now"

"Pray Ye"

- 9:00 Music
- 9:10 "The Romance of Soul-Winning".....Dr. Paul Caudill
- 9:30 Announcements
- 9:35 "Preparing the Church for Harvest".....Dr. Slater Murphy
- 10:05 Music
- 10:15 Message.....Dr. J. D. Grey
- 11:00 Season of Prayer
- 11:45 Adjournment



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West STATE Briefs

By Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington, Tenn.

Recently, your reporter was privileged to go through the new building provided by the First Church, Trenton, for its Extension. The work is an "arm" of First Church, not a mission. Jim Britt serves as pastor and is doing a fine job. The new building is of brick and has been erected by the First Church at a cost of \$36,000. Paul A. Wieland is the pastor of the First Church.

In recent weeks our area has lost three good ministers by death, H. A. West, Union City; L. P. Fleming, Covington; and George Crawford, Parkburg. The last named was 44 years of age and a former army chaplain.

During a recent revival at Decaturville, Pastor E. H. McCaleb welcomed five new members. He had the privilege of leading his people into the new meeting house on the first day of the revival. The pastor at nearby Parsons, James A. Overton, was the preacher during the meeting.

New deacons elected at First Church, Jackson, are: Bradford Duncan, Mike Freeman, Henry Herron, William Hudson, Louis Reitzammer, J. D. Rich, Hal Wallace, and Don Webb. These were ordained November 21.

Seventh Street Church, Memphis, T. J. Tichenor, pastor, has voted to erect a new auditorium to seat 800 persons, also, a three-story educational building. Walter R. Nelson is the architect.

Hillard Goode, pastor at Walnut Hill in Crockett County, conducted a youth revival at Liberty Church in Graves County, Ky., November 14-21.

Word has been received of the death of Dr. H. W. Virgin in St. Petersburg, Florida. Dr. Virgin was pastor of the First Church, Jackson, from July 12, 1908 to September 1, 1914.

Pastor W. Fred Kendall, First Church, Jackson, was with First Church, Bowling Green, Missouri, in a revival. While away his pulpit was supplied by Prof. R. C. Briggs and C. H. McClure.

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The Church at Grand Junction, John T. Brown, pastor, ordained Robert Norris Webb as a deacon. Pastor E. A. Byrd, Whiteville, delivered the sermon. Grand Junction mourns the loss of one of its oldest and most consecrated members, Miss Hattie Holder, 73, who passed away recently.

Pastor Jesse H. Newton, Halls, has been in two good meetings. At Cynthiana, Ky., he assisted Prince Edward Claybrook, and at Bolivar, Floyd Cates. Two from Union University, H. H. Boston and T. O. Hall, supplied in his absence from Halls.

Newly elected deacons at First Church, Humboldt, are Wendell Blurton, Harris Coble, Russell Chatham, Clinton Ellis, Gus Hicks, Carl Sedberry, Jr., and Calvin Rutherford.

Forest Hill Church, Mark W. Fairless, pastor, recently purchased two acres of ground adjoining the present property. It will be used for further expansion and for parking. Brother Fairless has been on the field since June and is doing fine work. He is a graduate of Union University and Southern Seminary. Forest Hill is in Shelby County on Highway 72 between Collierville and Memphis.

The Church at Toone has called Leroy Grissom. Formerly at Parkburg Church near Jackson, at Toone he succeeds Hillard Goode now with Walnut Hill Church in Crockett County.

Pastor W. A. Farmer observed his fifth anniversary with Bradford Church November 7. The pastor-people relationship is very pleasant and the Farmers are doing good work.

Pastor John T. Brown, Grand Junction, preached in a revival at Whiteville, E. A. Byrd, pastor. He reports a fine meeting.

Southland Church, Memphis, Keith Wilson, pastor, has had the services of Pastor Hayward Highfill, Humboldt, in a revival.

Missionary Henry Guy Jackson was injured in an automobile accident on November 17. It is our understanding that he was returning to Dyersburg after having spoken in a school of missions in Madison County. He has been a patient at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, since the accident.

Woodstock Church in Shelby Association is making progress under the leadership of Pastor Eddie Prather. He went there in May and it is his first pastorate. Twelve have been baptized and two deacons have been ordained. The new budget provides for a well organized full-time program. Brother Prather attended Union University and Southern Seminary.

Longview Heights Church, Memphis, E. T. Smith, pastor, has had the services of P. O. Davidson of Frayser, in a revival.

During the nine years Pastor O. E. Turner has been with First Church, Paris, there have been 744 additions, Sunday school enrolment has increased from 706 to 1,046, the average attendance from 390 to 506, total gifts have been \$316,000 and of this amount \$141,000 has gone to mission causes.

Union Baptist Church, Chesterfield, has voted to move up to a half-time program and has extended a call to C. O. Young, Jr., Sardis, to become pastor. It has been a real joy to your reporter to serve this fine group of people for two years on a one Sunday afternoon per month basis. It was at his urgent request that the Church took this forward step. BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR is in the budget and all organizations are functioning except Training Union. With the Church having night services the Training Union will be organized in the near future. We enjoy reporting this kind of news.

Meridian Church, Jackson, dedicated its new building on its first anniversary with an all-day service and dinner on the ground. Dr. Fred Kendall of First Church preached the sermon. Beginning with 28 members the year-old church now has 72. Lewis Parrish, a senior at Union University, is pastor.

James Witherington has been called to Bethlehem Church in Hardeman County. He is band instructor at Bolivar High School.

New deacons at West Jackson Church are: J. T. Barham, Dave Foutch, Finis Hicks, George Holland, W. R. Jackson, W. H. Lassiter, Robert Northcott, Ed Sutton, and James Wilson. West Jackson has adopted the rotation plan.

Highland Heights Church, Memphis, recently observed "high attendance day" with a record number at every service: 1,763 in Sunday school and 852 in Training Union. Slater A. Murphy is the pastor.

Pastor Thomas Welch, First Church, Sterlington, La., was the visiting preacher in a revival at Huntingdon, Jerry L. Glisson, pastor. Donald Holton, minister of music at First Church, Milan, led the singing. There were 23 additions to the Church.

First Church, Lexington, had the pleasure of seeing Hugh Armstrong present another of his "black light" drawings recently. Mr. Armstrong is a member of Frayser Church, Memphis. He is available for Brotherhood meetings, night services, etc. in churches within driving distance of Memphis. During October he was engaged in several services in California arranged by his former pastor, Calvin Meacham. This was the third time we have had Mr. Armstrong and we intend to have him again.

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

Billboards Boost Church Attendance

NEW YORK, N. Y.—(BP)—“He restoreth your soul . . . Worship together this week” and a picture of a family entering a church appeared on 5,000 outdoor billboards during November to boost church attendance. Religion in American Life, an inter-denominational movement in which the American Baptist Convention co-operates, sponsored the project.

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“We’ve been informed and challenged concerning the needs. Each year about four missionaries, home on furlough, are invited to share information with our Sunday crowds. Every time our church reflects on its mission gifts, an extra thrill vibrates through our fellowship.” Paul W. Turner, Pastor, First Baptist Church Clinton, Tennessee

Joe Acuff has resigned at Pine Grove near Lexington and has accepted another half-time Church in Gibson County.

Pastor W. A. Farmer, Bradford, had the rare privilege of assisting in the ordination of his son, Donald, to the Ministry October 31. The council was one of the largest we ever have heard about, 17 ministers and 48 deacons. Pastor Farmer served as moderator; H. J. Huey led in questioning the candidate; W. A. Butler prayed the ordaining prayer; William E. Lyles charged the candidate; Prof. T. O. Hall gave the charge to the Church; Byron Epps presented the Bible; and H. H. Boston preached the sermon. Donald, a student at Union University, has accepted a call from Cottonwood Grove Church near Ridgely. Your reporter remembers this lad and is happy to hear of his ordination. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship in the Farmer home during a ten-day revival about five years ago. Donald was then a very young teenager.

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Resettlement Sought for 1,000 Refugees

NEW YORK, N. Y.—(BP)—The American Baptist Convention, New York, N. Y., will make an effort to secure 1,000 assurances to resettle refugees during the next year.

Under the refugee act, 209,000 refugees will be admitted to the United States if they have the necessary assurance and a visa by December 31, 1956.

The law under which refugees are now being resettled requires assurance that he will have work and a place to live, and that he will not become a public charge.

Commission Sponsors Conference on Aging

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will sponsor a Conference on Aging, December 20, in Nashville.

Scheduled to appear on program are: Wayne E. Oates and Gaines S. Dobbins, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Martin Bradley, Ralph Longshore, Porter Routh, Hollis Johnson, Joe W. Burton, W. L. Howse, Howard P. Colson, J. E. Lambdin, J. N. Barnette, Raymond Rigdon, Mrs. Will S. McCraw, R. Orin Cornett, James L. Sullivan, Clifton J. Allen, Homer L. Grice, and Robert S. Cook, all from Nashville.

“We will seek to broaden our ministry with the increasing number of people in our population who are growing old. Our society, and much of our church activity, is geared to the young and active. We must even change our psychology toward the older people and seek to lead them to feel that even in retirement they are not on a shelf. No civilization has ever lived very long who has not had the proper respect for their aging people. We must rebuild our whole conception on this vital and important matter,” A. C. Miller, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, said in announcing the conference.

First Chilhowee Church has just experienced a real revival of religion according to President W. Stuart Rule of Chilhowee Academy. The church had requested Pastor Roy R. Newman to do the preaching. “His messages were clear, scriptural, and deeply spiritual,” writes Dr. Rule who is high in his praise of this one-week meeting which has been a spiritual blessing to the church and to the Academy.

“Coming from the West Woodlawn Church, Alabama, Bro. Newman has already found a warm place in our hearts. Since August there have been reported 82 decisions for Christ in one way or another. A deep spiritual tone pervades the church and the school,” President Rule states.

Counselor's Corner

by Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Husband Wants Divorce

Question: My husband and I have lived together for 21 years. We have six children, the three youngest ones are in their teens, when they really need a daddy. But my husband wants a divorce. He has broken up another man's home and says that he does not love me anymore.

I don't believe in divorce because the Bible is against it, but what am I to do? I cry and pray and beg him to give up this woman, but it does no good.

Answer: What can you do? If you have any kind of justice in the courts of law in your part of the world, the judge will make this creature that calls himself a “man” to provide for you and your children. It is a little late after 21 years for your husband to decide that he doesn't love you. I would sue him for everything he has and everything he can make for the rest of his life.

That last sentence is an exaggeration, of course. Don't get revenge, even by law. It never pays. But you have a right to economic support after bearing a man six children.

Perhaps there are reasons for this man leaving you. That is worth thinking about. Even middle-aged women can remain attractive, interesting, and affectionate, if they have the will to do so. How much do you weigh? Do you watch complexion and disposition? Are you a good cook and a good housekeeper?

Crying and begging are poor techniques for winning back a wayward husband. Why don't you try being such a delightful wife that only a fool would leave you. Then you will make it, even if he plays the fool.

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

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OBU Professor To Lead
SBC Royal Ambassadors

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—Edward H. Hurt, Jr., professor of physical education and athletic director, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., has been elected Royal Ambassador secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention. Announcement of Hurt's election was made by George Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., on behalf of the Brotherhood Commission and the joint committee for the promotion of RA work composed of Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union leaders.

Hurt, who for the past twenty years has been in his present position, will begin work February 1, 1955. A graduate of OBU, Hurt received the M.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma and did graduate work there for the doctorate degree.

He was elected coach of the year in his conference in 1951, and for the past thirteen years OBU under his coaching has won track and field conference championships.

State Baptist Papers Lauded

"A call to consecration is not enough. People must be informed. They must know the needs and what is the proposed answer to these needs. This need is met by placing the state Baptist paper in every home in the church," C. E. Autrey, Dallas, Tex., associate secretary in the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, told Georgia Baptists in their recent annual meeting. "Through our state papers the membership will gain a knowledge that will enable them to better grasp and follow the appeals of the pulpit."

Duke McCall Preaches
Behind Iron Curtain

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will preach 100 miles behind the Communist Iron Curtain each Sunday in December.

The sermons were recorded in Berlin last September while McCall was on a special Air Force mission to Europe and the Near East. They will be broadcast from Berlin to Communist territory over the Air Force network.

Belmont Students
Can Share in Crusade

President R. Kelly White of Belmont College, Nashville, announces that any ministerial students or musicians who are needed in the Simultaneous Revivals in Tennessee will be given a week off from classes to participate in the two periods of the Crusade, March 27-April 10 and April 10-24, 1955. This information comes from Dr. Leonard Sanderson, head of the Department of Evangelism and Promotion.

Hawaii Baptists Gave
\$9,808 to SBC Missions

HONOLULU, T. H.—(BP)—During the 1953-54 Convention year, the Hawaii Baptist Convention gave \$9,808 to Southern Baptist mission causes, J. C. Wilkinson, treasurer of the convention, reported.

Of the \$9,808, \$2,332 went to the Co-operative Program, \$5,662 to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, \$1,508 to Annie Armstrong Offering, \$155 designated to Foreign Missions, \$100 designated to mission work in Japan, and \$50 to the Baptist World Alliance, Wilkinson said.

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