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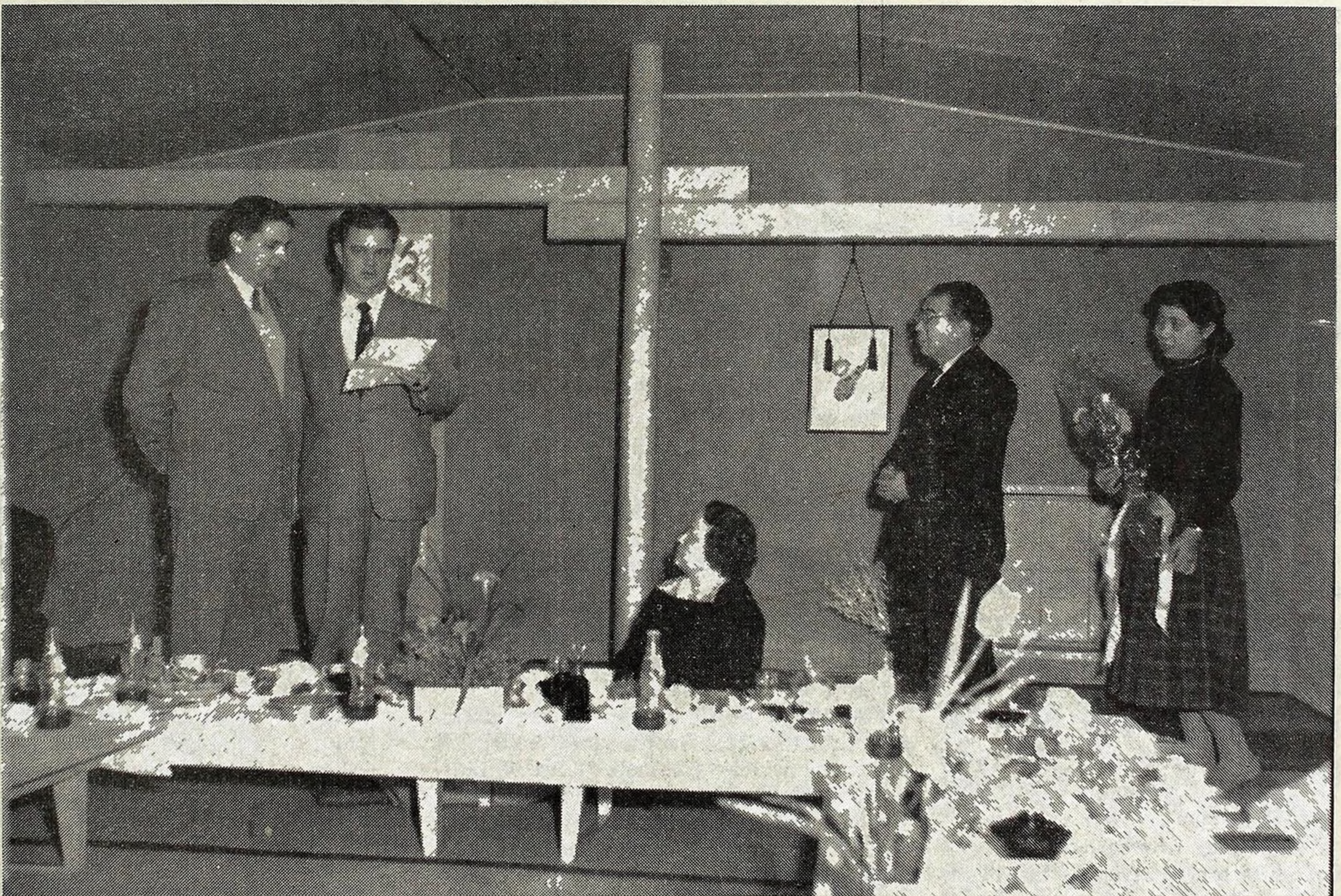
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AOMORI, JAPAN—Dr. Carl Giers reading greetings from the Mayor of Chattanooga to the Mayor of Aomori, standing to the right. Mrs. Giers sits Japanese fashion at the banquet table. To the left is Dr. Robert Culpepper, interpreter and missionary teacher at the Japan Baptist Seminary, Fukuoka.

Goodwill between Japan and America was strengthened here at a banquet for Aomori civic leaders and visiting Southern Baptists from America.

Focused on international friendship between three cities, the affair honored three American visitors: Dr. and Mrs. Carl Giers from the First Baptist church, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Dr. Winston Crawley, Foreign Mission Board Orient Secretary from Richmond, Virginia.

The banquet was highlighted by an exchange of greetings and gifts between Aomori and Chattanooga. Dr. Giers read a goodwill message from Baptist-Mayor R. P. Oligati of Chattanooga. Mayor Yokoyama of Aomori stressed the need for

closer relations between Japan and America, and expressed gratitude that Baptists chose to enter Aomori, build a church, and help the people.

Representing the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Dr. Crawley said Baptist churches in Japan ought to support all the good in any community for the benefit of all the people.

Also at the banquet Rotarian Giers and Aomori's Rotary president exchanged chapter flags symbolizing Rotary International Goodwill.

Chattanooga's First church supports Mrs. Carl Halverson, Southern Baptist missionary in Aomori and recently sent Dr. and Mrs. Giers on a tour of mission fields in Asia.

Schweitzer and Lee Will Address Pastors at Kansas City

Two Tennesseans will appear on the pre-convention program of the conference arranged for Southern Baptist Pastors in Kansas City, Missouri, May 28-29. Prof. George K. Schweitzer of the faculty of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is scheduled to speak Tuesday afternoon on "God, Man and the Atom." Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and a former President of the Southern Baptist Convention, will bring the concluding message Tuesday evening on "Bothered by Brevities but Inspired by Immortalities."

The conference, opening on Monday evening and closing Tuesday evening, will precede the ninety-ninth annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention scheduled to meet in Kansas City, May 30-June 2.

The program is as follows:

Monday Evening

"Praise His Name", Gale Dunn, Texas; Prayer, Clifton C. Thomas, Maryland; "Greetings and Salutations" by Conrad R. Willard, Missouri; "Thanks a Million" by Glen Braswell, Montana; "This Is it" by Sterling L. Price, Texas; Jack Hamm, cartoonist, Texas; "The Place of the Pulpit in Evangelism" by John Edmund Haggai, Kentucky; "The Christ We Preach" by J. D. Carroll, Louisiana; "A Study in Elbows and Fingertips" by Clarence W. Cranford, D. C.; Special Music; "The Chemistry of the Cross" by Angel Martinez, Arkansas.

Tuesday Morning

"Praise His Name"; Prayer, B. L. Bridges, Arkansas; Jack Hamm, cartoonist, Texas; "The Offense of the Cross" by Jack K. Maben, Arizona; Congregational Hymn; "Are You a Blunt Ax?" by G. Avery Lee, Louisiana; "My God Is Able" by W. D. Morris, North Carolina; Special Music; "Ye Must Be Born Again" by W. Marshall Craig, Texas.

Tuesday Afternoon

"Praise His Name"; Prayer, R. E. Milam, Oregon; Jack Hamm, cartoonist, Texas; "Human Standards or Divine Objectives" by John M. McBain, Kansas; Congregational Hymn; "God, Man, and the Atom" by George K. Schweitzer, Tennessee; Special Music; "The Fellowship of Kindred Minds" by Theodore F. Adams, Virginia.

Tuesday Evening

"Praise His Name"; Prayer M. Chandler Stith, D. C.; "Y'all Come" by Noel M. Taylor, Illinois; Jack Hamm, cartoonist, Texas; "Spiritual Values and Pastoral and Counseling" by R. Lofton Hudson, Missouri; Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business; "Christian Education Is Missions" by Thomas H. Taylor, Texas; Special Music; "Bothered by Brevities but Inspired by Immortalities" by Robert G. Lee, Tennessee.

Southern Baptist Colleges Contribute Science Papers

GREENVILLE, S. C.—(BP)—Three Southern Baptist liberal arts colleges are among leading contributors of articles published by Chemical Abstracts, nationally-recognized science journal.

The schools are University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.; Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Furman University, Greenville, according to John R. Sampey, Jr., professor of chemistry at Furman.

In a report submitted to the Southern Baptist Educator, Sampey said he had surveyed liberal arts colleges having material published in Chemical Abstracts over a six year period.

Baptist colleges led other denominations in the church-related college field with articles published. Furman contributed 27 articles; Carson-Newman, 22, and University of Richmond, 11. The survey covered a span from July, 1950-December, 1955.

Sampey pointed out that Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.; Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., also have "impressive" lists of publications. However, he said the college Blue Book does not list them as liberal arts colleges, so these Southern Baptist institutions were not a part of his survey.

Sampey, in 1954, received the Charles H. Herty Medal, awarded by the Georgia section of the American Chemical Society for scientific achievement.

Students Earn Education Producing VBS Materials

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—The Vacation Bible School handwork material you use this summer may help some student secure a college education.

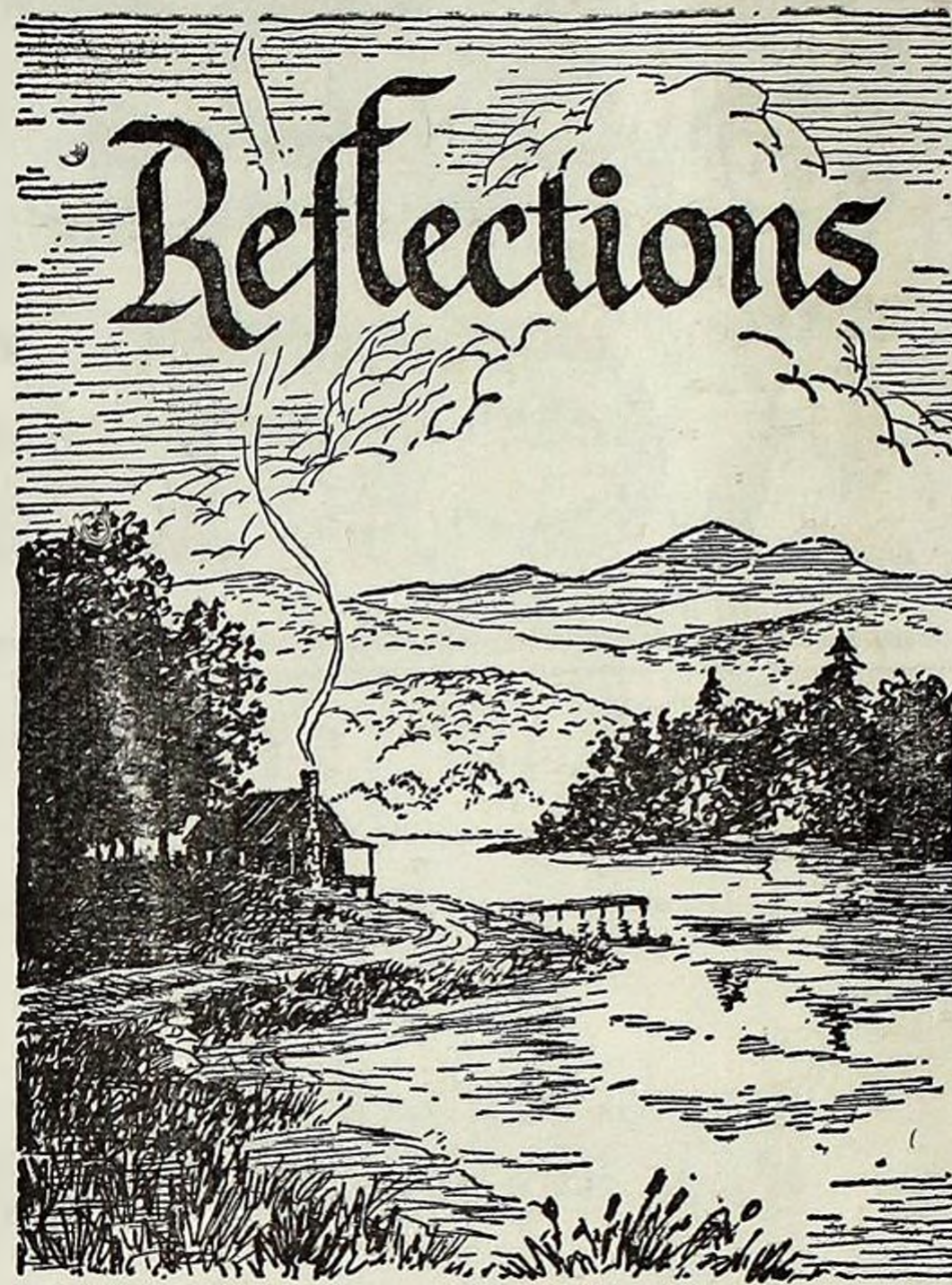
Campbellsville College Industries, associated with the local Baptist junior college, is producing wood-work material to be marketed by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The student industry also turns out a variety of products, including small aluminum fasteners for doors and windows, and covers for truck beds.

The student industry—main purpose of which is to assist students through Campbellsville College—started a year ago when community leaders here met with Campbellsville President John M. Carter.

They pledged financial support for student factory buildings, and raised \$25,000 in a few weeks' time. Seventy-five students are earning college money in the factory, and at the same time are learning metal- and wood-working for future use in hobbies and vocations.

The \$15 billion Americans spent for television sets and maintenance since World War II is 15 per cent more than they spent in that same time for new school and college buildings.



All the world is searching for joy and happiness, but these cannot be purchased for any price in any market place, because they are virtues that come from within, and like rare jewels must be polished, for they shine brightest in the light of faith, and in the services of brotherly love.—Lucille R. Taylor, *Relief Society Magazine*.

When we hate our enemies, we give them power over us—power over our sleep, our appetites, our blood pressure, our health, and our happiness. Our enemies would dance with joy if they surmised that they worry and lacerate us. Our hatred is not hurting them at all; it only turns our own days and nights into a hellish turmoil.—*Baptist Observer*.

Live one day at a time. You can plan for tomorrow and hope for the future, but don't live in it. Live this day well, and tomorrow's strength will come tomorrow.—Rev. Charles W. Shedd, *Farm Journal*.

Other books were given for our information; the Bible was given for our transformation.—*Defender*.

"The political world hovers from day to day between hope for peace and fear of war. No one dares a judgment that might not be changed within the next hour." Sounds like a current editorial, eh? It was published in the *Neusten Nachrichten*, in Berlin, 100 years ago.

If you want to overcome despair, you must not permit the fact that the cathedral of the human spirit never quite attains completion to leave you with a gnawing sense of frustration. For ideals are like receding horizons. You have no sooner conquered one, than a more distant vista beckons. Remember that you never would have glimpsed the new horizon had you not succeeded in reaching the first.—Dr. Israel Chodos, *Count Your Blessings* (Random).

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The Realm of Attitudes

Life is largely determined by attitudes on our part toward others, and of others toward us. Problems needing solving, and ways to resolve them for good in the realm of public relations engaged the thought of a large group of Baptists last week. The second Southern Baptist Public Relations Association Workshop was the occasion in Nashville. Leonard L. Holloway, Public Relations Director for Texas Baptists, presided.

Attitudes of people depend to a large extent upon how we communicate with them. Communication today is a competitive problem. To interpret ourselves rightly to others becomes the aim of public relations.

But the problem of human relationships rests upon the deeper problem of human—Divine relationships. No solution to any

human tangle can be found till relationship is righted first with God. The whole "problem of communication" must be faced by beginning at this point.

We must be in contact with God, then we can communicate with man. Dr. Porter Routh pointed this out in speaking of the areas for our concern. Only in taking time to communicate with God can we really communicate with ourselves, with our own Baptist Family, with our fellow Christians who are not Baptists, and finally with those who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

The gospel is good news. It is imperative we learn the best techniques for its transmission. But we ourselves must know and be mastered by the gospel before we can communicate the gospel to others.

Inability to communicate results in a two-way frustration, in a breakdown of organization, with consequent inactivity. On the other hand, the ability to communicate the truth of the gospel may inspire faith, hope and love. It can change the whole appearance of the world.

By learning the facts in a case one may be freed from apprehension. An illustration was given of a person, hard-pressed in a difficult situation, suddenly discovering others are mindful of the load. Something like this happened to a nurse's aid. Long hospitalization had caused her concern over its cost. One of the worst snow storms was blowing outside as she came to see about this hospital bill. She was told that it had been cancelled. "Right in the middle of this snow storm, the sun came out for me," she exclaimed as she told about this unexpected kindness. But until the knowledge of what had been done came, the storm was still on. Making known that act of thoughtfulness had changed her whole outlook. It was a result of communication.

Attitudes of others toward us hinge upon effectiveness of communication. But there must be goodness and righteousness and love to be communicated. What we would like for others to think about us must be in line with reality. The story of a check given to a church for \$1,500,000 carries its reminder. There was a signature on the check, but it turned out to be that of a nine-year-old boy without funds. In the desire to impress others, let us be sure in our public relations we do not offer checks for which there are no funds on deposit.

More Than Half a Million

Officers, teachers and pupils enrolled in the Sunday Schools of Tennessee Baptists make a host of more than half a million. In fact this army totals 510,682 by latest tally. We salute the representatives of these in their meeting this week in Nashville's First Baptist Church. The occasion bringing them together is our State Sunday School Convention March 5-7. Their purpose is to find ways and means of doing their work better. The latter part of this month, March 26-28, still another gathering of interested workers will meet in Nashville to consider another phase of this same work—the vacation Bible school. It will be our State Vacation Bible School Clinic.

It would be nearly impossible to overrate the value of the program fostered by our Sunday School Department here in Tennessee. This work has the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. Jesse Daniel. He has a fine group in his office and on the field. The Lord has blessed the work of the Churches. Here are the purposes they are seeking to keep to the fore in their Sunday School work:

To increase soul-winning with a minimum objective of one baptism for every eight church members;

To provide a Christian home for every child by enrolling in Sunday School every member of every available family in each community;

To develop Scriptural attitudes and practices of stewardship;

To share in the Crusade for Christian Morality.

Professionalism

The other day I heard a man who was introduced as having made laughing into his profession. His trouble however was that he had heard so many supposed jokes and humorous stories that as he said, "I've heard them all, and to me there isn't anything funny anymore."

But he makes a living laughing, and he must still bring forth a great guffaw at the proper time. He is a professional laugh. Seated in the front row at programs and shows he follows his prepared script with its indications of the points at which laughs are expected. From him as a professional they are forth-coming. His professional guffaws are calculated to touch off a laughable chain reaction throughout the gathering. The audience will not be left to its own unprompted response. A show's rating depends on laughs—whether genuine or not. The spectators haven't been paid to laugh, the professional has—and he is terribly bored with it.

The curse of professionalism is that it empties life of reality. The man who supposes all the world humorless because he has no heart in his bought-and-paid-for laughs is not as sorry as the one whose professionalism in religion empties the world for him of all spontaneity and sincerity.



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Queen Elizabeth Presents Award To Missionary Josephine Scaggs

Miss Josephine Scaggs, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, received the Member of the British Empire award from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England in ceremonies at Enugu, Nigeria, on February 7.

Miss Scaggs is the first Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria to be presented an award by a reigning sovereign of Britain in person.

The award was presented by the Queen during her recent three weeks' tour of Nigeria, and Miss Scaggs was the only American so honored at this time.

The Member of the British Empire (M.B.E.) award is bestowed upon persons who have rendered outstanding service to God and to the British Empire.

Miss Scaggs is the third Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria to be given this particular award. The late Mrs. Carrie G. Lumbley, founder of the Baptist Girls' School of Abeokuta, received the M.B.E. when she retired in 1928 after 29 years of outstanding service. Miss Eva Sanders was given this award on New Year's Day, 1954, for her outstanding infant and maternity work at Ire.

Other Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria who have been honored by the British Empire are Dr. and Mrs. George Green and the late Mrs. E. G. MacLean, who received medals for outstanding service in 1935 in connection with the Silver Anniversary of King George V's accession to the throne; and Dr. I. N. Patterson, who was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire on New Year's Day, 1952.

Miss Scaggs, a native of Stigler, Okla., has served in Nigeria for almost 17 years and for 11 years has done educational and evangelistic work in the Niger Delta region, with headquarters in Joinkrama.

Miss Scaggs first visited this region in 1942 on a river trip with Dr. and Mrs. William H. Carson, pioneer Southern Baptist missionaries to the area. At that time Miss Scaggs was impressed by the great need of the river people to have a missionary live and work among them.

In 1943 she went to Joinkrama for a few weeks to hold a Bible school for children. As she made ready to leave, several national pastors pleaded with her, 'Please, mah, if only we could have someone just to sit down with us and teach us the Bible as you have taught these little children. We know so little, and we have so little wisdom in leading the people.'

Miss Scaggs could not forget that plea; and in 1945 she went to live in Joinkrama.

As missionary adviser for a large river area, she often travels several days at a time by canoe to reach some of the 42 churches and preaching stations. She is manager of seven day schools.

Six months each year she conducts a Bible school, teaching English, Bible, the-

ology, and music to young preachers who have not had opportunity for formal education. Many of these young men go on for further study at the Baptist theological seminary in Ogbomoso.

When Miss Scaggs first went to Joinkrama she found great need for medical work as well as for a teaching ministry. She held an unofficial clinic for the sick who flocked to her door. Later Southern Baptist medical missionary personnel came to the area. Today six cement-block buildings compose the American Baptist Hospital in Joinkrama.

A Southern Baptist missionary doctor who served at the hospital for some time said, "One of the things that meant most to our work was the almost daily visits of Miss Scaggs to the patients in the dispensary. Her visits were looked forward to and treasured by the people. They expected us to come, because it was part of our duty, but her ministry was something over and above duty."

Baptist Cartoonist Wins George Washington Award

WACO, Tex.—(BP)—Jack Hamm, whose religious cartoons appear in many Baptist papers and in daily newspapers, has received a George Washington honor medal from Freedoms Foundation.

The award is based on a Hamm cartoon issued for National Newspaper Week last October, entitled "America's Atlas." (This appeared on the cover page of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, Oct. 13, 1955, Editor's Note.)

The cartoon pictured a world globe with a map of the United States. Kneeling on the United States was Atlas—named in this instance "The Christian Press." He held a pen in his hand and near him was a well of ink marked "Truth."

On Atlas' shoulders stood a typical-looking American man, symbolizing "Stronger Citizens." The Scripture reference for Hamm's cartoon was Phil. 4:8, "Whatever things are pure...Think on these things."

The annual conference on American ideals conducted by Baylor University here also received a Freedoms Foundation citation.

This is the third such award both to Baylor and to Hamm, a former art instructor at Baylor and outstanding Baptist layman. Hamm will appear as a cartoonist on the program of the annual Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference in Kansas City in May.

St. Louis, Mo., church and civic leaders recently honored C. Oscar Johnson on his 25th anniversary as pastor of Third Baptist Church, St. Louis.

'Rags-to Riches' Programs Assailed

TORONTO, Ont. (RNS)—Television quiz programs, big advertising, big business and big sports were assailed by two officials of the United Church of Canada's board of evangelism and social service at its annual meeting here.

Dr. James R. Mutchmor, the board's secretary, warned that God's place in life was threatened by the "Goddess of Luck" in the form of \$64,000 and \$100,000 TV quiz programs.

"The rags-to-riches programs have turned scores of millions in North America into weak-minded, open-mouthed and empty-headed 'luck' devotees," he said.

The Rev. W. G. Berry, the board's associate secretary, described big advertising as "one of the most dangerous businesses in the world."

"It threatens the whole fabric of Christian morals and Christian truth," he warned. "At its worst it completely disregards both truth and virtue. At its best its value to society is debatable."

Canadians who would scorn the ikons of an earlier Russian Church, Dr. Mutchmor said, now cherish the ikons of the modern merchandising marts.

He charged service clubs with displaying the ikons or symbols of the "Goddess of Luck" in their so-called something-for-nothing bingos and drawings.

"Patrons of ever bigger sports arenas do their best to add to the number of devotees of chance by raffles and lotteries," he said. "Manipulators on stock exchanges add scores of thousands to the number of devotees of the Luck Goddess."

Mr. Berry said sex was a "handy appealing tool" in the hands of advertisers.

"To save one's soul from corruption," he said, "doors have to be barred and the possession of an indomitable will is essential."

Evangelist Quits Nazarenes To Join Baptist Fellowship

DALLAS, Tex.—(BP)—A former Church of the Nazarene evangelist, recently baptized at First Baptist Church here, has been licensed as a Baptist minister.

Holland B. London, of Pasadena, Calif., said he plans to move to Dallas in the near future.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, and other ministers and lay Baptists examined London extensively, they reported, before recommending him as a Baptist minister.

London was a minister-evangelist of the Church of the Nazarene for more than 20 years and is a former Arkansas district superintendent for the Nazarenes. His brother, Haskell B. London, is minister of music at Northeast Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Wyatt Succeeded by Conner as Hospital Chaplain

KNOXVILLE—T. C. Wyatt, who has for many years served as Chaplain and Director of Public Relations at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, is retiring. He has been succeeded by Rev. Sam B. Conner, assistant chaplain for the past year.

Before becoming affiliated with the hospital, Rev. Wyatt was pastor of Knoxville's McCalla Avenue Church for 14 years. He was serving as Moderator of the Knox County Association when a resolution was adopted to build a Baptist Hospital in Knoxville. In September, 1944, he accepted the position as Field Representative and was Vice President of the Board of Trustees until he became the Chaplain and Director of Public Relations in which capacity he served faithfully and untiringly.

By action of the Board of Trustees he has been named Chaplain Emeritus and made an Honorary Member of the Executive Committee.

Rev. and Mrs. Wyatt are now spending a few months in Florida where he is recovering from a virus infection.

Rev. Conner, who holds a bachelor of arts degree from Carson-Newman College, is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, where he received his bachelor of divinity degree. He has been pastor of several churches both in Tennessee and Kentucky before coming to the hospital. His last pastorate was in the Boyds Creek Church, Sevierville. He is a member of the Southern Baptist Hospital Chaplains Association.

Rural Conferences

JEFFERSON CITY—Ten rural church conferences will be held in East Tennessee March 12-16, sponsored jointly by the Department of Missions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Carson-Newman College Department of Off-campus Education for Christian Service.

Leaders for the conferences will include L. G. Frey and Joe L. Wells of the Department of Missions; Clarence Watson, Carson-Newman College, and F. M. Dowell, Jr., Secretary of Evangelism of The Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Scheduled for conferences this year are:

First Church, Dayton	Mch 12	2:00 p.m.
Ooltewah		7:00 p.m.
First Church, Benton	Mch 13	10:00 a.m.
Carson-Newman College		7:15 p.m.
Trenton St. Church, Harriman	Mch 14	10:30 a.m.
First Church, Sevierville		7:00 p.m.
Bethlehem, Church, Oneida	Mch 15	2:30 p.m.
First Church, LaFollette		7:00 p.m.
Cumberland Gap Church	Mch 16	10:00 a.m.
First Church, Sneedville		7:00 p.m.

"The College is happy to work with the department of Missions in presenting these conferences throughout the region each year. It is our intention over a period of time to bring this service within the reach of every one of our churches in East Tennessee," Dr. Watson said.

HONESTY—THE ONLY BUSINESS POLICY

By Maxey Jarman, Nashville, Tennessee



Two factors determine honesty in any business.

First is the kind of top management in that business. Enlightened management knows that honesty is not only the best policy but the only policy. The larger a business becomes, the more necessary it is to be able to depend upon the integrity of people in business. Business just could not function at all if commitments were not lived up to.

J. C. Penney, who heads a business doing over a billion dollars a year, once

told me that none of his thousands of employees were bonded. The explanation as he put it: "They can make money faster than they can steal it."

Aside from the moral factors involved, able business men believe in and practice honesty because they believe it pays.

Some people will disagree as to policies followed by a particular business, frequently because they are not fully informed. Men have always disagreed on the interpretation of ethical principles, just as churchmen have disagreed on church polity.

My observation, however, is that the principles followed by successful businesses are based on integrity for the very good business reason that it pays.

The second factor in business honesty has to do with the individuals who are employed. Just as no church member is perfect, so no employee is perfect. Some individuals are weak and do things that are wrong. A business organization does not condone those things, but neither can it demand perfection any more than a church can demand perfection among its members.

By and large, however, a person in business will not make much progress in getting promoted unless he shows himself a man of integrity, dependable, one whose word you can trust.

Other Qualities Required

But make no mistake about this. Just because a man is honest, dependable and has fine principles does not mean that he will automatically get promoted in a business. He must in addition have those qualities of talent, energy, resourcefulness, personality, that bring success in business.

And in selecting a man for a position sometimes we have to compromise with the best material that we have, which means that we will take someone who is not perfect in his ethical principles, and not perfect either in his other attributes. A similar situation exists when a church selects a man to be a deacon who does not measure up to all the qualities that a deacon should have, but what deacon does?

In developing individuals who practice honesty, who try to be dependable, who strive to keep their word, Christ is the greatest help of all. Christ-centered churches build character in individuals. Laws, reform movements, exhortation, publicity campaigns will fail, but Christ in the heart of a man will give him the wisdom, self-control and strength to live a more honest, more dependable life.

Business, whether it is controlled by Christian people or otherwise is looking for people of strong character and good principles. If churches develop more such individuals, it will be the greatest thing they can do to further integrity and honesty in business.

Mr. Jarman is chairman of the Board of General Shoe Corporation.

Dobbins Accepts Golden Gate Seminary Position

BERKELEY, Calif.—(BP)—Gaines S. Dobbins, for 37 years a professor at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will join Golden Gate Baptist Seminary here as "distinguished professor of church administration."

Trustees of Golden Gate announced the coming of Dobbins. They also elected a dean, director of field work, registrar, and librarian at their annual board meeting recently.

Dobbins is retiring from the Southern Seminary faculty, but has agreed to help Golden Gate build its program of religious education and church administration, according to Harold K. Graves, Golden Gate's president. Dobbins is dean of Southern's school of religious education.

Anonymous Donation

MARS HILL, N. C.—(BP)—An anonymous donor has given Mars Hill (Junior) College here \$65,000 on two conditions: (1) that the Baptist college raise an equal amount, and (2) that the total amount be used to renovate two men's dormitories.

Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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**TEXTS: Luke 19:28 to 20:47 (Larger)—Luke 19:37-48 (Printed)—
Luke 19:42 (Golden).**

Jesus Faces the City

According to the Bible, mankind started in a garden or amidst what we would call rural surroundings but will end in a city or the New Jerusalem. The connotations of this are significant. For one thing, we do well to consider the responsibility Christian forces have toward the peoples of our cities in order that in so doing they may become better places in which to live. For if Christ and the message of Christ are ignored by our cities the people will become degraded and vicious and threatening to the civilization of which they are a vital part. If, on the other hand, Christianity becomes vital and meaningful to those who dwell in the urban areas our cities will become prototypes of what John saw on Patmos which he described as the New Jerusalem.

The events recorded by the larger text, mentioned above, cover the three days of Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of what is called Passion Week which culminated in the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. By confining our notes to the printed text we see what took place on Sunday and Monday only in the city of Jerusalem. We do so in terms of another "pod of peas" with particular reference to Jesus' concern for cities.

Praise (vv. 37, 38)

Jesus' entry into the city was one of triumph. The multitudes shouted His praises in words similar to those sung by the angels near Bethlehem announcing His birth. Because they expected Him to set up a political kingdom, instead of a spiritual one, their demonstrations were wild and enthusiastic. Less than a week later they would cry, "Crucify Him, crucify Him". One suspects that much of the apparent enthusiasm for Jesus among many of our city people (country people too) today is shallow with superficiality. To go to church for worship and then fail to try to live out His teachings day by day certainly does not deceive God who sees and knows all. Let our praise be genuine and sincere, reflected in daily conduct.

Protest (vv. 39, 40)

His enemies who listened to the crowds in their acclaim were filled with rage and envy. Some of them had long since determined to get rid of Him and now they thought their plans might be wrecked by this wave of popularity. They tried to prevail upon Jesus to stop it. Their protests probably bordered upon panic for the time being. Jesus refused to listen to these enemies by saying that if they were stopped the very stones would take up the chorus in exaltation of Him. For this was the

occasion toward which all creation had been moving from the very beginning, namely, the redemption of the race through His coming death on the cross.

Pity (vv. 41, 42)

To every devoted Jew, the city of Jerusalem was the center of religion and government. Precious memories lived in his heart as he recalled her glorious past. He loved her with deep and abiding fervor. All of this, and even more, welled up in Jesus' heart as He looked out over the city and realized that she was not alert to what was taking place. Tears streamed down His face in pity for what was in store for her in the years that were ahead (her siege and capture by the Romans under Titus about forty years after as well as her troubles later). How many of us today weep tears of pity and concern for the spiritual welfare of our cities?

Prophecy (vv. 43, 44)

The terrible predictions of Jesus came true. Josephus says that Titus finally ordered the whole city and the sanctuary to be razed to its foundations. "No other city ever endured similar calamities", he writes. "Many of the distinguished Jews of the city left as if swimming from a sinking ship". Jesus' prophecy and history's record are identical in all essentials.

Profanation (vv. 45, 46)

As He had done at the beginning of His ministry, Jesus cleansed the Temple. He would not tolerate further profanation of that which had been set aside as holy. He drove out the money-changers with the declaration that the Temple should be retained as a place of worship. In so doing, He rebuked all forms of commercialism connected with religion and religious practices. Man's relations with his Maker must never be exploited by those who would make gain for themselves.

Proclamation (vv. 47, 48)

It is significant, as these verses indicate, that Jesus' proclamation of the truth during these days leading up to His crucifixion took the form of teaching. They remind us that His ministry was essentially one of instruction in the ways of righteousness. What could be more fitting today for our cities than just exactly this?

LAMENT FOR THE MILLIONS



If you were choosing a new friend in this first week of a new month, what type person would you look for? Would it be:

- Someone your age?
- A friend who likes to draw and paint?
- A girl who enjoys pets?
- A friend who likes to read?
- Someone interested in sports like baseball and basketball?
- A friend with an interesting collection?
- A Girl Scout?
- Someone interested in good music?
- A farm friend?

You may find all of these choices among the nine writers of today's friendly letters. Read each letter, then decide which one is most interesting to you.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is the third time I have written to you. I am fifteen and would like to have some pen pals. I live on a farm and am a Christian. I belong to Candies Creek Baptist Church. I will answer every pen-pal letter I get.

ANNETTE HOLLADAY

Route 2
Charleston, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write you. I am ten years old, will be eleven April 30. I go to Emory School. I am a Christian and belong to Big Emory Baptist Church. Our pastor is Brother Oscar Davis.

My hobby is painting. The sports I like best are basketball, baseball, swimming, and skating. I would like for boys and girls any age to write to me. I will try to answer every letter or card I get.

ELIZABETH SCANDLYN

Route 2
Harriman, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I am eight years old and go to Bells Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother J. E. Sharp. I would like to have many pen pals and will try to answer every letter I receive.

NELLE PRIVETTE

Bells, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I go to Cerro Gordo School. My birthday is April 3 and I will soon be seventeen. My hobbies are sewing, singing, and playing basketball. I want pen pals to write to me. I am not a Christian, but I hope to be one soon. I go to Havannah Church. I will try to answer every letter I get.

ORENE WHITE

Route 1
Cerro Gordo, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am nine and will be ten June 1. I am a member of the First Baptist Church of Clinton. I am in the fifth grade at S. Clinton School. Mrs. Parker is my teacher.

My hobbies are riding horses, swimming, sewing, reading, drawing, and riding my

bike.

I have two pets—a cat and a dog. My cat's name is Fluffy and my dog's name is Taffy. I have a goldfish too.

I would like to have some pen pals.

NORMA ANN CONNER

Route 4, Box 322

Clinton, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I am twelve years old and have blonde hair and blue eyes. I am in the seventh grade at City Park School. I have two brothers; one is eleven years old and the other is fourteen. I am a Christian and belong to the First Baptist Church of Athens. My hobbies are collecting jewelry, playing the piano, and playing a flute. I am a first class Girl Scout. I like to write to pen pals and receive letters from them. I would like some pen pals eleven to thirteen years of age, and I promise to write to everyone who writes to me.

ELAINE HAMBY

Matlock Road
Athens, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am fifteen years old. I am a member of Walden View Baptist church. I would like to have pen pals ages fifteen to eighteen. I would like to have a picture of each one, if possible.

DORIS STOCKS

Route 1
Briceville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eleven years old. I go to Walden View Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother L. C. Phillips. I would like to have pen pals ages eleven to fourteen. I will answer every letter I receive.

BETTY VAN STOCKS

Route 1
Briceville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I would like for you to put my name on the Young South page. I read it every time our BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR comes.

I am ten years old and belong to the Oak Street Baptist Church. My birthday is July 20. My hobby is reading. I go to the Soddy Elementary School. I promise that I will answer every letter I receive.

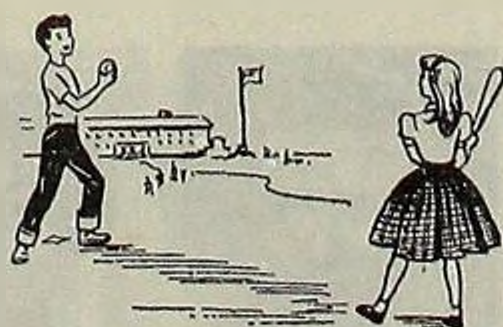
JUDITH ANN ROBERTS

c/o Mrs. Mary Roberts
Soddy, Tenn.

Hope you'll have time to write to me this week! I need a letter from you.

AUNT POLLY

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



This is the way it was told to us . . .

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine
Prov. 17:22

One of nature's wisest compensations is the fact that most of the world's hotheads must depend, for transportation, on cold feet.

An old-timer is one who remembers when we counted our blessings instead of our calories.

Some girls today don't care if a man fits the bill, so long as he foots it.

A tourist spotted an Indian sending up smoke signals in the desert. He had a fire extinguisher strapped to his side.

"What's the idea of the fire extinguisher?" asked the tourist.

The rugged redskin replied, "If me misspellum word, me erasum."

A college student, on vacation, slipped into a hometown diner and decided to use some of his newly acquired knowledge. Figuring to dazzle the waitress with his French, he sat on a stool and told her:

"A cup of coffee, *s'il vous plait*."

After a few minutes she served him the coffee—along with a seafood plate.

The best time to tackle a minor problem is before he grows up.

"I have always said the poor were welcome in this church," said the minister, "and I see by the collection the past few Sundays that they have come."

A modern woman is a creature who can throw together a 20-minute meal that looks as tho she'd spent 2 hours on it—and then spend 2 hours getting her hair to look as tho she'd just thrown it together.

Now those rear-end truck signs have turned to tv for inspiration. Saw one lately: "This is Your Life" (left) and "Medic" (right).

In a N. Y. business office recently, in connection with a job-evaluation program, employes were asked to fill out a complicated form. Among other things, each worker was to list, in the order of relative importance, personal qualities required in their jobs.

One of the responses resulted in a temporary suspension of activities in the tabulating group. Heading the list of personal requirements for the job of typist was the word "Consciousness."

Some girls don't look for too much in a husband—just a man to spend with, the rest of their lives.

One way to live within your means is just barely.



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MONDAY AFTERNOON FIRST SESSION

- 1:30 Light for the Day
A Hymn of Praise
A Verse from the Word
A Prayer for Guidance
- 1:45 We Welcome You—H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville
- 1:55 This Is Our Day—Jesse Daniel, Nashville
- 2:10 All That You Can See Is Yours—J. N. Barnette, Nashville
- 2:35 Song
- 2:40 Presentation—Special Sunday School Emphases for this Year:
Emphasis No. 1—Get the Men by Providing as Many Classes for Men as for Women—Ralph E. Longshore, Nashville
Emphasis No. 2—Get Young People Under Twenty-five Years of Age by Providing Departments and Classes for this Group—James V. Lackey, Nashville
Emphasis No. 3—Get the Babies by Providing a Cradle Roll Department and Adequate Nursery Rooms and Workers—Miss Hannah Brummitt and Mrs. W. L. Howse, Nashville
Emphasis No. 4—Make Provision Now for Each Advancing Age Group—Allen B. Comish, Nashville
- 3:40 Song
- 3:45 Announcements
- 3:50 Working with God, Howard P. Colson, Nashville
- 4:15 Adjourn

MONDAY EVENING SECOND SESSION

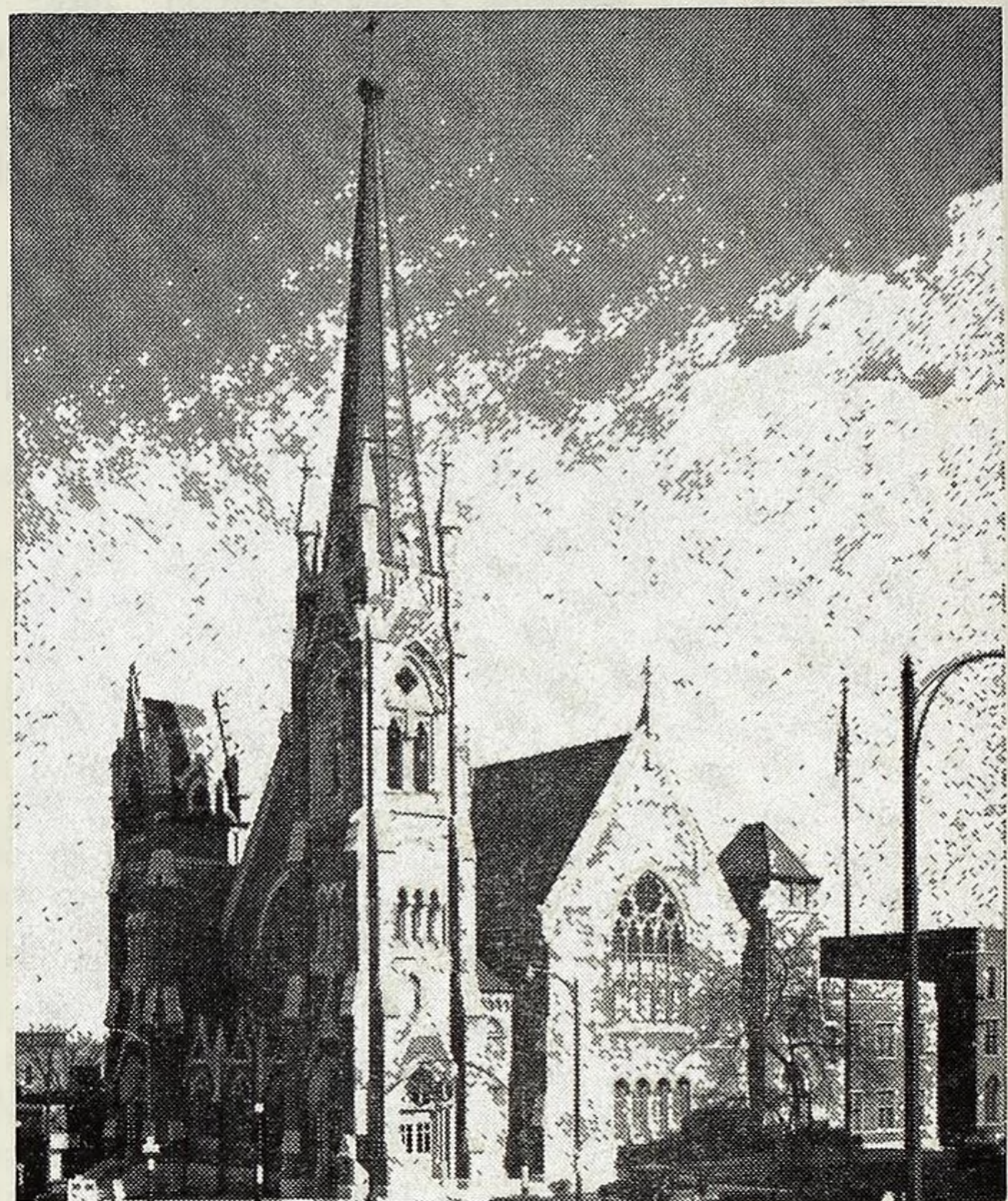
- 6:45 A Song of Praise
- 6:50 General, Department and Sectional Conferences
Cradle Roll Department, Miss Hannah Brummitt
Nursery Department, Mrs. W. L. Howse
Beginner Department, Miss Helen Young
Primary Department, Miss Allene Bryan
Junior Department, Mrs. Allen B. Comish
Intermediate Department, Allen B. Comish
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Associational Missionaries—Gene Kerr
Associational Officers—E. Stanley Williamson
Church Librarians—Miss Florida Waite
Visual Aids—Miss Adeline DeWitt
Recreational—Mrs. Lake Pylant
- 7:50 Reassemble in Main Auditorium
- 7:55 Song
- 8:00 Announcements
- 8:05 You Can Provide Immediate and Long Range Space—W. A. Harrell, Nashville
- 8:30 Special Music
- 8:45 Message—E. H. Westmoreland, Houston, Texas

TUESDAY MORNING THIRD SESSION

- 8:30 Vacation Bible School Film Strip
- 9:00 Song, Scripture and Prayer
- 9:20 General, Department and Sectional Conferences

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL

First Baptist Church, Nashville,



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- 10:20 Reassemble in Main Auditorium
- 10:25 Special Music
- 10:30 Announcements
- 10:35 Presentation—Special Sunday School Emphases for this Year: (continued)
Emphasis No. 5—Move Up Your Organizational Pattern from a Class to a Department School—J. N. Barnette
Emphasis No. 6—Organize One or More New Sunday Schools—J. Marvin Crowe
Emphasis No. 7—Provide More and Better Vacation Bible Schools—Jesse Daniel
Emphasis No. 8—Install and Improve Use of Six Point Record System—Ernie Myers, Nashville
- 11:40 Song

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11:45 Working with the Bible—Charles W. Pope, Nashville

12:15 Adjourn for Lunch

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

FOURTH SESSION

1:30 Praise the Lord

1:45 Panel—If You Want a Great Church, Build a Good Sunday School. Here are five essential principles that are big enough and important enough to challenge the attention and best efforts of any church.—Jesse Daniel

Principle I—A Church and Denominational Program

Objective No. 1—A Church Responsibility—Allen B. Comish

Objective No. 10—A Baptist Privilege—E. Stanley Williamson, Nashville

Principle II—An Enlargement Program

Objective No. 2—Reach More People Now—J. N. Barnette

Objective No. 3—Classified into congenial Groups—Ralph E. Longshore

2:35 Song

2:40 Announcements

2:45 Working with the Holy Spirit—Howard P. Colson

3:15 General, Department and Sectional Conferences

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4:15 Adjourn from Conferences

TUESDAY EVENING

FIFTH SESSION

5:15 Convention Banquet

First Baptist Church Dining Room, Miss Maurine Elder, Program Chairman; Bill Atchley, Toastmaster; E. Stanley Williamson, Speaker

6:45 Song of Praise

6:50 General, Department and Sectional Conferences

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Principle III—A Bible Centered Program

Objective No. 4—Denominational Interpretation—Howard P. Colson

Objective No. 5—The Bible, Our Textbook—J. N. Barnette

8:30 Special Music

8:45 Message—James L. Sullivan, Nashville
Adjourn

WEDNESDAY MORNING

SIXTH SESSION

8:30 Special Vacation Bible School Conference—Jesse Daniel

9:30 Song, Scripture and Prayer

9:45 Panel—If You Want a Great Church, Build a Good Sunday School. Here are five essential principles that are big enough and important enough to challenge the attention and best efforts of any church: (Continued) J. N. Barnette

Principle IV—A Program of Evangelism

Objective No. 6—A Biblical Command—J. Marvin Crowe

Objective No. 7—A Divine Command—F. M. Dowell, Nashville

Principle V—An Improvement Program

Objective No. 8—Counseling and Planning of Leadership—James V. Lackey

Objective No. 9—A Church Obligation—Jesse Daniel

10:35 Song

10:40 General Conference—"Associational Strategy"—E. Stanley Williamson

11:35 Special Song

11:45 Message—T. L. Holcomb, Nashville
Adjourn—Back to Our Task



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Sequatchie Valley Association plans an association-wide School of Missions April 1-6. Vernon R. Webster, missionary, spent two weeks in Schools of Missions in Dan River Association, Virginia, recently.

Monroe Swilley, pastor of Second-Ponce De Leon Church, Atlanta, spoke at a Sweetheart Banquet at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, C. A. Dabney, pastor.

February 5, Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, observed the eighth anniversary of Pastor Ralph E. Norton. Great progress has been made during the years under the leadership of this servant of God. In addition to his duties as pastor he has served as president of Chattanooga Baptist Pastors' Conference, moderator of Hamilton County Association, and is now president of Tennessee Baptist Convention. He is also a member of the Executive Board of the TBC and serves on the advisory committee of Carson Newman College.

Bradley County Association conducted a Bible Conference January 30-February 3. The faculty consisted of W. W. Barnes of Fort Worth, Texas, and Louis D. Ferrell, pastor of Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga. The Association will conduct a School of Missions March 25-30. Horace L. Gennoe is missionary.



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Charles A. Trentham, pastor of First Church, Knoxville, preached a series of sermons based on the Ten Commandments, which he has called "Trumpets from Mt. Sinai." The sermons were preached at both morning and evening services.

February 12 was the eighth anniversary of Ralph Murray as pastor of Smithwood Church, Knoxville.

February 12, Lincoln Park Church, Knoxville, observed the 47th anniversary of its organization. Pastor Charles Ausmus preached at the morning service and W. C. Creasman of Nashville was guest preacher at the evening service.

Sevier Heights Church, Knoxville, began a Mission at Martin Mill Pike and Tipton Station Road. This is a fast growing section of the South Knoxville area of Knox County. Raymond DeArmond, pastor of Sevier Heights Church, is preaching at the Mission on Sunday afternoons following Sunday school.

Pastor Elmer Foust of Meridian Church, Knoxville, reports the greatest month in the history of the Church in January. Average Sunday school attendance was 328, Training Union 93, and 14 additions. The offering amounted to \$4,010.37.

A. C. Miller, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the SBC, spoke at Calvary Church, Knoxville, Sunday evening, January 29. Eugene B. Roberts is pastor.

February 6. Alice Bell Church, Knoxville, had a "Kick-off" meeting which marked the beginning of a campaign to sell Broadway Bonds to promote an extensive building campaign. Pastor E. Warren Rust of McCalla Avenue Church was the speaker for the occasion. Frank Boston is the pastor.

Wray Smith, director of Boy's Work in Knox County Association was speaker at Glenwood Church, Sunday night, February 12. Alfred T. Royer is pastor.

Beaver Dam Church, Knoxville, dedicated its new sanctuary on Christmas Day, 1955. On the same day in 1802 the Tennessee Association of Baptists, now Knox County Association, was organized at this church. Anderson McCulley is pastor.

Knox County Association will conduct an associational Evangelistic Conference March 15-17 at South Knoxville Church.

Harry Carswell, formerly assistant pastor of Wrenwood Church, Atlanta, has come to be assistant to the pastor at Broadway Church, Knoxville.

The Athens Male Chorus gave a sacred concert at First Church, Etowah, Sunday evening, January 29. Jack Houts is director and Mrs. Charlene Blackburn, accompanist.

James M. Windham, pastor of First Church, Maryville, was the speaker at the Valentine Banquet at First Church, Clinton, Paul W. Turner, pastor.

Raleigh Brady, associational missionary in Clinton Association, supplied the pulpit of First Church, Lake City, January 29, while Pastor M. W. Bodlien was on a brief visit with his mother in Baltimore.

February 12, First Church, Cleveland, observed the fourth anniversary of Pastor James E. Byler.

First Church, Powell, observed the first anniversary of Pastor W. H. Parrott, January 29. Brother Parrott came from Oak Grove Church, Holston Association, where he led the Church in a building program. This year the work at Powell has grown and ground was broken for a new building February 26. On the anniversary occasion the Church presented Pastor and Mrs. Parrott a gift of China.

February 5 was the 12th anniversary of Everett Hills Church, Maryville. The Church is now one of the leading churches of Blount County. J. Burch Cooper is pastor.

First Church, Jefferson City, observed Dedicated Vocations Week February 12-19. A life commitment service was held Sunday night, February 19. Francis M. Warden is pastor.

Chilhowee Association—Beech Grove Church, Marcus Reed, pastor, has completed an \$18,000 parsonage. Burchfield Church, Parks Kellar, pastor, is operating a church bus. Clyde Cobb, associational missionary, led Cades Cove Church in its Bible Study Week. W. G. McCall has been called as pastor of Carson Island Church. Central Church, Alcoa, started construction on its educational building, Clell Gibson is pastor. Harley Smiley has come from the Church at Vonore to be pastor of Forest Hill Church. He was formerly pastor of Springview Church in this association. Greenback Church, Lee H. Reed, pastor, dedicated its building debt free. Laurel Bank Church, Normal Watson, pastor, bought two and a half acres of ground near its present site and plans are to begin construction of a new building soon. Richard McKeehan has been called as pastor of Liberty Church. Ezra Nelson is the new pastor of Marble Hill Church. Niles Ferry Church, E. T. Williamson, pastor, has completed plans for an educational building. Piney Grove Church is about ready to enter its new educational building. Thurman Arnold is pastor. James P. Brown of Knoxville led Piney Grove Church in its week of Bible Study. The writer taught "The Teachings of Jesus in Matthew" January 27-February 2 at East Maryville Church, O. H. Hunter, pastor.

Dillard Hagan has resigned as pastor of Tennessee Avenue Church, Knoxville, and has begun his work as Pastor of McPheters Bend Church near Kingsport, Holston Association. Brother Hagan did a good work at Tennessee Avenue and led the Church in the construction of an educational unit.

Jefferson County—S. F. Fortner has been called as pastor at Nina Church. T. C. Wyatt was speaker at the dedication of Organ Chimes at Northside Church. Churches having studied "The Teachings of Jesus" are New Market, First Jefferson City, Rocky Valley and White Pine.

First Church, Newport, observed the fifth anniversary of Pastor Lowell D. Milburn February 19. Among the many achievements of the years of this pastor is the recent completion of a new church building.

Herman W. Cobb, pastor of First Church, Elizabethton, was the evangelist at Snow Chapel Church, Holston Association. A good revival was reported.

Howard Rich, pastor of Unaka Avenue Church, Johnson City, was the preacher at dedicatory services at Calvary Church, Kingsville, Texas, January 22. Brother Rich was formerly pastor of this church and started the program that resulted in the construction of the new church building.

Temple Church, Johnson City, called Haven Lowe as pastor. For the past three years Brother Lowe has been pastor of Grace Church, Bristol, and was formerly assistant pastor of Central Church, Johnson City.

Wayne E. Oates of Southern Seminary was guest speaker at First Church, Kingsport, February 12. The week of March 4-11 Dr. W. F. Powell, formerly pastor of First Church, Nashville, for 33 years, will be the preacher in the Spring Revival.

J. S. Aiken, pastor of Calvary Church, Bristol, returned to his former pastorate at Jacksboro to participate in the observance of the 90th anniversary of the organization of the church. The W. M. U. of Calvary Church is promoting a program that will place a grand piano in the Church auditorium in memory of Mrs. Vivian Carrier who was fatally injured in an automobile accident December 22.

The Baptist Churches of Johnson City, Elizabethton, Kingsport and Bristol participated in the Appalachian Preaching Mission February 12-19. Outstanding preachers from all over America made up the program. Sunday morning February 12 Allen Graves of Southern Seminary preached at First Church Elizabethton, and Frank Boggs, well known soloist among Southern Baptists, sang.

Word has been received that an overheated furnace set fire to First Church, Kingston. Total loss, \$50,000. Fred Rudder is pastor.

Don Strother accepted a call to First Church, Bluff City. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southeastern Seminary.

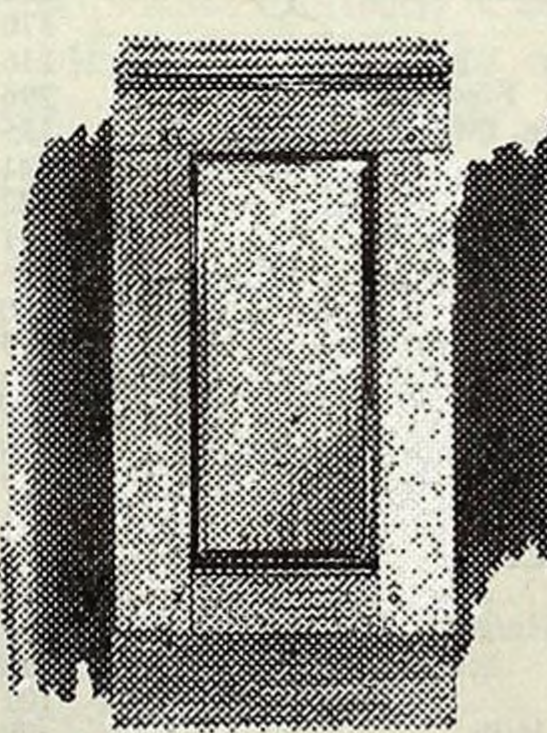
Lloyd T. Householder, Jr., associate pastor of First Church, Clinton, supplied for Pastor Ralph Murray and Smithwood Church, Knoxville, Sunday evening, February 12. He supplied for Central Church, Oak Ridge, Sunday morning, February 19.

Sevier County Association—The following churches observed Bible Study Week: First Gatlinburg, New Era, Pigeon Forge and Shiloh. First, Sevierville and Alder Branch are studying the book on Wednesday nights. Waldens Creek Church is engaged in an extensive remodeling program, M. L. Plemons is pastor. A Training Union has been organized at Oak City Church. Marvin Hood is pastor and Bob Gibson is director. Laurel Branch Church has called Ray Patterson as pastor. Howard's View has called Arvil Parton. Bill Atchely is missionary.

Wyatts Hospitalized

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt, Southern Baptist missionaries stationed at Barcelona, Spain, will be hospitalized at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville, on sick leave. A report has been received by BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR from Mrs. E. A. Cope of Rogersville, Tennessee, mother of Mrs. Wyatt, stating that the Wyatts who are being flown from Spain are expected at the hospital on or before March 15. Both are ill with hepatitis. They hope to return next Fall to Barcelona where they have the direction of the Baptist seminary. In their absence the work will be under the direction of Dr. Joe Mefford who is associated with the Wyatts in the work at Barcelona.

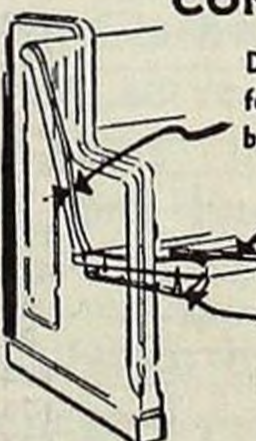
First Church, Strawberry Plains, ordained Lloyd Foster, Louis Gilbert, Charles McCall, Harold Compton and Wallace Webb as deacons. Pastor Willis R. Allen reports that the Church recently plastered and re-decorated its basement, re-decorated the exterior of all its property, paid all indebtedness and purchased a bus.




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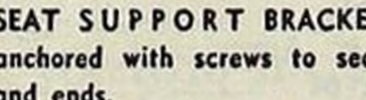
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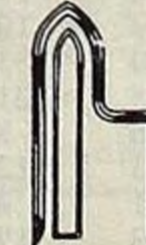
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First	419	112	---
Mission	34	---	---
Athens, Antioch	186	48	---
Bethel Springs	87	---	---
Bethsaida	30	28	---
East	473	143	1
First	593	179	---
West End Mission	89	55	---
North	262	67	---
Calhoun	119	33	---
Calvary	33	26	---
Cambria	34	33	---
Clear Springs	87	53	---
Clearwater	133	75	---
Coghill	80	67	---
Conasauga	25	---	---
Cotton Port	58	50	---
Decatur, First	105	48	---
Dixon Avenue	81	---	---
Double Springs	45	23	---
Eastanalle	94	58	---
Englewood	224	74	2
Etowah, East	83	31	---
Etowah, North	432	143	---
Etowah, West	48	31	---
Five Point	45	23	---
Good Springs	92	57	---
Hiwassee	89	---	---
Idlewild	76	35	---
Lake View	75	33	---
Lamontville	49	48	---
McMahan Calvary	85	47	---
Mt. Harmony No. 1	106	46	---
Mt. Harmony No. 2	67	---	---
Mt. Pisga	61	---	---
Mt. Verd	61	27	---
Manila Chapel	23	---	---
Marshall Hill	82	---	---
Meadow Fork	29	---	---
New Bethel	81	14	---
New Hopewell	63	---	---
New Zion	110	71	---
Niota, East	136	62	---
Niota, First	130	46	---
Oak Grove	80	---	2
Old Salem	62	---	---
Pond Hill	164	37	---
Riceville	121	39	---
Rocky Mount	66	35	---
Rodgers Creek	70	26	---
Sanford	48	23	---
Shiloh	70	56	---
Short Creek	111	93	---
South Liberty	40	33	---
Union Grove McMinn	100	64	---
Union Grove Meigs	83	40	---
Union Hill	48	---	---
Union McMinn	84	---	---
Valley Road	55	---	---
Valley View	30	9	---
Walnut Grove	43	36	---
West View	102	61	---
Wild Wood	112	61	1
Zion Hill	69	38	---
Auburntown, Auburn	123	44	---
Bolivar, First	350	131	1
Bristol, Calvary	441	131	---
Mission	24	25	---
Tennessee Avenue	551	153	5
Chattanooga, Avondale	968	123	---
Brainerd	979	423	2
Calvary	330	98	---
Clifton Hill	207	75	70
Concord	395	193	1
Eastdale	496	142	2
East Lake	570	143	12
East Ridge	732	256	21
Northside	420	102	1
Oakwood	279	101	---
Red Bank	1100	331	6
Ridgedale	645	214	3
Ridgeview	256	89	2
St. Elmo	443	126	1
Second	201	67	---
Spring Creek	392	194	1
Whitwell	221	58	4
Clarksville, Gracey Avenue	202	95	5
Cleveland, Big Spring	302	128	---
Calvary	192	62	---
First	660	233	2
North	272	116	---
Clinton, Second	491	133	3
South	238	69	---
Columbia, First	538	175	---
Riverview	65	37	---
Highland Park	344	183	1
Cookeville, First	526	116	2
West View	204	75	---
Crossville, First	227	92	---
Mt. View	34	18	---
Pleasant Hill	15	---	---
Dandridge, Piedmont	128	55	---
Swans Valley	113	---	---
Dover, First	81	38	---
Dyer, New Bethlehem	158	103	---
Dyersburg, First	777	302	3
Hillcrest	269	111	5
Elizabethton, Oak Street	170	83	2
Etowah, First	373	128	---
Fountain City, Central	1216	303	1
First	461	191	---
Smithwood	804	309	4

Gallatin, First	596	121	---
West Eastland	58	20	---
Gladeville	127	37	---
Gleason, First	189	43	---
Goodlettsville, First	345	107	---
Union Hill	145	60	2
Grand Junction, First	107	68	---
Greeneville, First	307	85	---
Greenbrier	264	74	---
Hendersonville	118	38	---
New Hope	140	63	---
Hixon	380	182	5
Huntingdon, First	523	234	8
Iron City	131	---	---
Jackson, First	950	211	---
Parkview	469	144	1
West	959	468	1
Jefferson City, Buffalo Grove	57	32	---
First	652	317	4
Mansfield Gap	83	---	---
Mill Spring	101	55	---
Northside	202	87	---
Johnson City, Pine Crest	201	113	---
Unaka Avenue	319	78	1
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	230	85	---
Glenwood	381	139	3
Knoxville, Broadway	1298	480	8
Fifth Avenue	790	234	---
Inskip	669	196	2
Meridian	351	90	---
North	420	115	3
Wallace Memorial	284	116	5
LaFollette, First	355	101	2
Lebanon, Fairview	331	82	---
Immanuel	309	87	1
Rocky Valley	87	36	---
Lenoir City, Calvary	241	68	1
First	722	260	21
Kingston Pike	83	32	3
Pleasant Hill	245	127	1
Lewisburg, First	593	164	---
Loudon, Blairland	275	80	---
First	365	88	---
Mission	82	34	---
Malesus	158	64	2
Martin, Central	232	64	---
First	370	100	4
Maury City	136	56	2
McKenzie, First	296	60	---
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	335	139	---
Forest Park	41	---	---
Northside	122	54	---
Madisonville, Chestua	101	61	2
First	326	146	1
Mission	80	40	1
Maryville, Broadway	595	203	1
Everett Hills	533	166	---
Forest Hill	212	144	---
Madison Avenue	175	86	---
Memphis, Airview	177	82	---
Ardmore	601	217	1
Baptist Center	51	44	---
Bartlett	286	106	2
Barton Heights	249	124	---
Bellevue	2674	1063	13
Berclair	101	38	1
Beverly Hills	459	212	10
Boulevard	873	302	8
Brooks Road	152	100	7
Brunswick	158	56	---
Calvary	250	94	---
Charjean	444	195	3
Cherokee	675	373	18
Cherokee Mission	78	---	---
Cherry Road Mission	125	62	2
Colonial	424	136	14
Eads	68	38	3
East Acres	94	38	---
Egypt	174	99	3
Elliston Avenue	179	55	---
Eudora	534	142	4
Fairlawn	343	150	3
Faith	119	79	8
Fisherville	147	42	4
First	1300	331	4
Forest Hill	85	29	---
Frayser	831	292	5
Glenview	111	69	---
Graham Heights	150	85	3
Greenlaw	263	137	2
Highland Heights	1372	633	8
Kennedy	419	130	---
LaBelle	578	253	5
LaBelle Chapel	197	110	2
LaBelle Mission	61	28	---
Lamar Heights	769	286	4
Leawood	773	277	1
Levi	303	95	2
Malcomb Avenue	266	91	---
McLean	502	170	2
Merton Avenue	508	117	2
Millington, First	495	245	3
Mt. Pisgah	92	68	---
Mullins Station	96	66	---
National Avenue	467	176	2
Orchi	80	49	---
Parkway	738	283	3
Poplar Avenue	397	135	2
Scenic	137	49	8
Southland	233	110	2
Southmoor	225	83	---
Sylvan Heights	529	109	2
Temple	1267	415	1
Thrifhaven	375	118	6
Trinity	648	239	56
Vanuys	40	22	2

Wells Station	393	116	12
West Memphis	539	171	—
Whitehaven	552	—	4
White Station	21	10	—
Willowdale	19	15	—
Winchester	241	100	3
Minor Hill	124	64	—
Murfreesboro, First	587	135	2
Calvary	87	—	—
Powell's Chapel	97	76	—
Third	308	106	4
Wards Grove	97	52	—
Woodbury Road	167	81	2
Nashville, Antioch	87	43	—
Belmont Heights	1191	376	6
Brookside	84	49	—
Jordonia	50	—	—
Madison Street Mission	58	17	—
Bordeaux	153	50	4
Dalewood	348	117	2
Donelson	646	144	2
Eastland	643	150	3
Edgefield	569	209	—
North Sixth Street	83	74	3
Elkins Avenue	138	48	1
Fairview	148	67	1
First	1303	473	4
Grace	909	314	1
Grandview	484	133	—
Green Hill	92	40	2
Grubbs Memorial	243	92	—
Inglewood	1129	300	1
Judson	840	151	—
Lockeland	613	199	—
Maplewood	96	42	4
Mill Creek	162	83	—
Park Avenue	780	230	4
Saturn Drive	319	84	2
Scottsboro	106	78	—
Seventh	305	117	3
Cloverdale	25	9	—
Third	61	16	—
Una	281	135	—
Westwood	254	105	—
New Market	89	38	—
Dumplin	90	37	—
Flat Gap	94	50	—
Good Hope	66	28	—
Nances Grove	61	44	—
New Hope	72	43	—
Pleasant Grove	100	55	—
Rocky Valley	93	57	—
Newport, First	532	162	1
River View	27	—	—
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	702	231	6
Old Hickory, Rayon City	96	40	—
Oliver Springs, First	182	58	—
Paris, Fairview	161	75	1
Philadelphia	181	38	—
Pigeon Forge	182	65	—
Pinson	97	46	—
Rockwood, Eureka	126	83	—
First	578	225	—
Rogersville, First	488	133	—
Henard's Chapel	214	78	—
Rutledge, Oakland	112	37	—
Sevierville, Alder Branch	140	64	—
First	588	153	—
Shop Springs	135	76	—
South Pittsburg	193	69	1
Strawberry Plains, Piney	125	48	—
Sweetwater, First	444	117	4
Mission	8	—	—
Oakland	66	32	—
Talbott	70	45	—
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Tennessee Topics

by ROY W. BABB, Winchester

North Edgefield Church, Nashville, is engaged in a general remodeling and re-decorating project. New pulpit furniture, plastic tile on auditorium floor, and complete paint job are making the building take on a new look. Pastor Raymond Coolidge is painting a baptistry scene. Committee in charge consist of L. L. Morris, Norman Briley, and Jess Stewart.

Life Service Band of Belmont College held services in Chattanooga and Manchester churches Feb. 11-12. Bob Sadler and Glen Hester did the preaching and Curran McKenzey led the singing for Saturday evening and Sunday morning services at Mountain Creek Church, Chattanooga. John O'Master preached and Douglas Gunter led the singing at Baptist Welcome Mission, Manchester, on Sunday evening. A Belmont student, Ed Phillips, is pastor of the mission.

Dr. F. T. Smith, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, one of largest in Brisbane, Australia, was guest speaker at Inglewood Church, Nashville, Sunday morning and at Lockeland Church, Sunday night, Feb. 19. He is on tour of Southern Baptist Convention territory.

Tom Wells of Park Avenue Church, Nashville, was speaker for Federal Building Employees' prayer group recently.

Missionary and Mrs. C. D. Tabor of New Duck River Ass'n vacationed in Cocoa, Fla.

Seventh Church, Nashville, elected the following men as deacons: Marvin Bobo, Bennie Matlock, John A. Hill, Clyde Heyboer, Clifford Gibson, Chas. T. Fulghum. Ordination service is planned for March 11. Carmack S. Penuel is pastor.

F. M. Dowell, Jr., conducted prayer service at Belmont Heights, Nashville, where he is now a member since becoming Secretary of Evangelism. Pastor Harold Purdy was leading Religious Emphasis Week at Murray State College, Ky.

G. Allen West, Jr., observed 14th anniversary as pastor of Woodmont Church, Nashville, Feb. 19.

Joelton Church, A. Sidney Waits, pastor, voted to begin construction immediately of educational building that will cost approximately \$50,000. Elected to serve as a Fund Raising Committee are Robert Anderson, Horace Bennett, Alvin Gillem, J. C. Midgett, Jack Riley, Billy Rigsby, Dean Anderson, Willard Dickens, Charles R. Jones, and Clyde Midgett.

Riverside Church, Nashville, ordained Everett Shannon as deacon Feb. 19. Revival services will begin March 18 with Neal Jones from Texas as evangelist. Ernest B. Myers is pastor.

J. V. Braswell, pastor of Belle Aire Church in Murfreesboro, named postmaster at Smyrna. He will continue to serve the church.

Gallatin Road Church, Nashville, has completed and is using their \$30,000 educational building. Church is now planning for new auditorium. W. W. Harrison is pastor.

Mrs. Younger Pitts is serving as part-time educational secretary of First Church, Fayetteville, D. D. Smothers, pastor.

First Church, Mt. Pleasant, will begin revival services April 16 with J. Victor Brown of West View Church, Cookeville, as evangelist. Mrs. Harold Purdy of Nashville will teach Mission Study on the Indians, March 9. J. Lowell Knupp is pastor.

Youth Service at First Church, Franklin, Sunday evening, Feb. 12, was led by Jerry Chester as preacher and Sam Hardy directed youth choir. Hugh L. Myers is pastor.

Christian Home Revival will be conducted by Joe Burton at First Church, Shelbyville, April 23-27.

First Church, Clarksville, elected the following men to serve as deacons for a period of five years: James Holleman, Jr., Garnett Ladd, Sr., Lacy Richardson, and Ralph Turney.

Greenbrier Church has voted to increase size of parsonage by finishing space upstairs. William A. Foote is pastor.

Immanuel Church, Nashville, showing filmstrip "Youth Week." The church and about 100 members were used as cast in preparing this filmstrip. Gaye L. McGlothlen is pastor.

Roy M. Gabbert of First Church, Smyrna, conducted Revival at Dania, Fla. While he was away Charles McKay of B.S.S.B. supplied at Smyrna.

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Urges Clergy, Doctors Cooperate In Solving Alcoholism, Divorce

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(RNS)—Chaplain Russell L. Dicks of Duke University Hospital, Durham, N. C., urged clergymen and physicians to work together to help solve alcoholism and divorce, which he termed "two of the greatest problems in American life."

Dr. Dicks addressed more than 1,000 hospital administrators and directors of welfare and health institutions attending the annual convention here of the American Protestant Hospital Association.

He said that an increasing number of men and women are "taking their troubles to their doctor instead of their pastor."

"These troubles include problems that are basically emotional and spiritual," the chaplain added, urging that medical and theological schools give more training to students for dealing with problems of marriage and alcoholism.

Lillian McKenzie, graduate of Louisiana State College, has been called as organist for Inglewood Church, Nashville, and accompanist for graded choir program. She will also be assistant in kindergarten.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. F. Norman Smith, Sr., who died at her home in Clarksville Feb. 18. She was a sister of Miss Mary Northington.

Nashville BSU Center, under direction of Alma Lee Whitfield and Nancy Taylor, held reception Sunday, Feb. 19, to introduce new BSU Director George W. Jones and Mrs. Jones from Springfield, Mo. He succeeds Dave Alexander who is now with B.S.S.B.

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Youth Challenged to Prepare for Leadership

Leaders are *made*, not born. One's efficiency and influence as a leader depend on the development of specific leadership traits. Even as the youth of Baptist churches serve on committees, hold offices in various organizations, and participate in activities of the church program, they receive valuable training—but *that is not enough*. They must be instructed and guided in their development of leadership ability and in the laying of plans for needed education and training. Some will be more adept at leading than others will, but mature and informed counsel is needed by each of them.

Because of the urgency for *trained* Christian leadership, materials for the 1956 convention-wide April Emphasis on Christian Education has been produced on the theme, "*Prepare for Leadership*." The purpose of this special Emphasis is to stimulate each Intermediate and young person in Southern Baptist churches to consider seriously his leadership potential, make an evaluation of the characteristics in his personality which need improvement, and consciously attempt to develop them to their full capacity.

The annual Emphasis is sponsored by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in cooperation with the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board. Its success depends upon pastors, Training Union personnel, and other leaders in the churches. Packets of sample materials are being mailed to more than 24,000 pastors. Each sample kit contains complete information and procedures for a thoughtful study of leadership qualities. Because many churches will schedule the Emphasis in connection with Youth Week, April 1-8, the Leadership *Plan Sheet* outlines in detail a special program to be presented as a part of the Sunday evening service during that week. Kits containing materials for five Intermediates or Young People may be ordered from the Education Commission, 127 Ninth Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

The theme study pamphlet, "*Prepare for Leadership*," was written by Howard Foshee, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina. Mr. Foshee discusses leadership qualities, the view of Christian leadership, dedicated vocations, and choosing the right college.

Six check lists on various phases of leadership are given in the booklet to encourage each Intermediate or young person to evaluate personally his potential as a leader and to challenge him to improve those traits which need betterment. The Leadership *Plan Sheet* gives a detailed study outline for guided discussion on the booklet during a part of the Training Union time in the Intermediate and Young People's departments.

The kit also includes: "I Missed the Christian College"—in which Dr. C. Hoyt Watson presents four definite and important reasons for attending a Christian college; "The Pastor's Part in Christian Higher Education," outlining specific responsibilities of the pastor to his young people and giving methods for accomplishing them; and the Vocational Interest Chart displaying thirty-one professions in which Southern Baptist boys and girls are most interested. The chart is based on the Career Inventory survey made during 1955 April Emphasis. The Intermediate Training Union lesson for April 8 refers to this chart and it is suggested that each Union have one to post during that lesson period.

Among other materials included are: a statistical report on Southern Baptist schools showing location, size, faculty, endowment, etc., and a folder listing subjects offered in these schools—valuable information in helping boys and girls select the Christian college which best fits their individual needs; a form for requesting additional information on a particular college; "Planning for College"; a colorful pamphlet, "How About That?", prepared by the Brotherhood Commission. Each packet contains an order form for ordering sufficient materials for distribution among Intermediates and young people in the churches.

Other Southern Baptist agencies have joined with the Education Commission in promoting through their publications the Christian Education emphasis. Articles, features, and suggestions will appear in the April Training Union magazine; Adult, Young People, and Intermediate quarterlies (April-May-June quarter); and W. M. U. periodicals. The *Brotherhood Journal* is dedicating the April-May-June, 1956, issue to Christian Education. Six major articles and editorials have been prepared for this issue by Southern Baptist leaders in the field of Christian Education.

The ministry to the youth of Southern Baptist churches is vital if their potential is to be captured for Christian leadership. Careful, detailed planning by church leaders will produce a Leadership Emphasis which challenges the young people to prepare for their roles of leadership, using their God-given talents and abilities to the fullest extent in key position.

On Unconscious Members

By Bruce H. Price

"I am not sure where I'll have the funeral; whether in the church or not. Last night in the hospital he joined the church while he was unconscious," she related to two members of her husband's family and to me.

You did not misread, and I did not misunderstand: "He joined while he was unconscious."

In detail she told how she came from the kitchen into the living room, found her husband lying on the floor unconscious. An ambulance rushed him to a local Catholic hospital, where his condition was diagnosed as a blood clot on the brain. Without regaining consciousness, he was dead within an hour.

Receiving the word, I made an immediate visit to the home because the deceased was a member of the church I serve, and had been since childhood when he attended service with his late father, a faithful deacon, and his mother, a devout Baptist.

After his marriage to a Roman Catholic he had neglected the local Baptist church, but retained his membership and was on the mailing list, receiving the church bulletin each week, and always courteous to the pastor and others who called on him seeking to renew his interest.

His membership in the Catholic church was after this manner according to his bereaved wife: "The priest asked if he had been baptized, and I told him that he had been as a Baptist. The father replied that it would only be necessary to give my husband the last rites. This was done and he became a member."

At first all of this seemed very odd, until I recalled practically the same thing happens in some protestant churches. They do not receive members who are "unconscious", but they do receive members who are "not conscious".

May I tell you about a pastor in a protestant church who dipped his fingers in water, said a few words, permitted a few drops of water to fall on the baby's head, called it baptism, and included the child's name on the church roll? The baby was conscious, but it was "not conscious" of the significance of what was taking place, and it was done without the baby's knowledge or consent as was true of the man mentioned above.

Let us look again at the unconscious man breathing his last in the hospital. It was he who started me writing. On second thought, it was not he. He had nothing to do with what happened to him. So, we shall turn away from him and look at the wife and priest.

With them in mind, I wish to speak a word of warning to all protestants who are contemplating a mixed marriage. It could happen to you.

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Amendment, By-Laws Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Convention

Article IV Section 6—Duties

Recording Secretary and Assistant Recording Secretary. Delete "and the Executive Committee"

Article VI Section 9

"The Executive Board shall have an Executive Committee composed of the President, the First Vice-President, two Vice-Presidents from the divisions, (designated by the President) the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Secretary of Youth, and six members of the Executive Board from the local association where the Union headquarters is located." This *Article VI Section 9* does not make the Recording Secretary and Assistant Recording Secretary members of the Executive Committee. This makes necessary the amendment proposed.

Prayer Requests for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions

These are personal requests from four of the direct missionaries of the Home Mission Board. Please report these requests to your society during the Week of Prayer Services. My Prayer Request:

Rev. Ismael Negrin
1328 White Street
Key West, Florida

"For more souls, more consecration and more Bibles in both English and Spanish for free distribution. Pray for missionary's health since he is not well, and for guidance to do HIS will in all things."
My Prayer Request:

Miss Christine Aguilera
704 E. Kuhn
Edinburg, Texas

"For two Spanish-speaking families that are not Christians and whose children come to the kindergarten and to Sunday school. But the parents don't come to any activities."

Our Prayer Request:

Rev. & Mrs. Genus Crenshaw
Route 1 Box 384
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

"Many non-reservation Seminole Indians of Florida are opposed to Christianity. Join us in prayer that they might see their need for Christ and accept Him."

My Prayer Request:

Rev. Lawrence Thibodeaux
754 Goode Street
Thibodeaux, Louisiana

"I have just begun a mission church in Houma, Louisiana, and we have many of our French-speaking people in the area, who are in need of Christ. Pray that many French-speaking people will be saved and that this work will be a great help in advancing the kingdom. We are in need of buildings and so pray that God will provide them as needed."

Royal Ambassador Congress

The Third Tennessee Royal Ambassador Congress will be held at the First Baptist Church in Nashville on April 27-28.

The speakers will be Horace "Bones" McKinney, Wake Forest College Basketball Coach; Dr. Rogers M. Smith, an Associate Secretary for the Foreign Mission Board and Rev. John Ryberg, Assistant Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

The meeting will be presided over by Wayne Brown, Union City, Tennessee and Fred Rolater of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee. Wayne is the State Ambassador-In-Chief and Fred is the State Recorder from Johnson City. Keith Wilson is the Pastor Advisor and Pastor of the Southland Baptist Church in Memphis.

Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 27, at the First Baptist Church. The congress will close, Saturday, April 28, at noon.

Further information is to be mailed soon to the local churches.

Young Men's Mission Congress

A young men's mission conference is to be held at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 16-22, 1956. It will include conferences led by outstanding missionaries, worship at beautiful Ridgecrest, instructions for Royal Ambassador men and fellowship in games all accompanied by three hefty meals daily.

All Brotherhood men and young men fifteen years of age and up are urged to attend.

Total cost for six full days will be \$26.50. You can't live at home much cheaper than that. Reservations are limited to 300 so make them early.

Those wishing to make reservations should contact the State Royal Ambassador Office, Belcourt at 16th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee, as soon as possible.

Back-to-Country Trend

CUSHING, Okla.—(RNS)—America is headed for the biggest back-to-the-country trend in history, the first rural conference for Oklahoma Baptists was told here.

Dr. S. F. Dowis, Atlanta, Ga., secretary of cooperative missions for the Southern Baptist Convention, said "more and more people are moving to the farms and suburban areas because they have found that the souls of men cannot hear where there is too much noise."

He said that although fewer people will be earning their living from the farm, it is the opinion of rural leadership forces that more will select the country to live and rear their families.

Dr. Dowis predicted that the results of the meeting here will sow the seed for a 25-year rural program to be fostered by Southern Baptists.

John W. Fields, Atlanta, field secretary of the Home Mission Board's country church program, said a special survey will be made to diagnose the most vital needs in the religious life of the grassroot communities.

Gayle Miller Accepts Church



Gayle Miller, a student at Union University, Jackson, has been called as pastor of Walnut Log Church of Beulah Association. He was ordained to the ministry by Salem Church, Trenton, December 18, 1955.

Chowan Gets \$15,000 For Student Building

MURFREESBORO, N. C. — (BP) — Chowan College here will have a student union building soon, made possible by a gift of \$15,000 by John O. Askew, of Harrellsville, N. C.

Although the estimate for constructing the student union building is \$24,000, college officials hope to stay within the \$15,000 gift by eliminating the contractor's part of the building cost.

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Ajloun Work Continues

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, reported that damage to Jordan Mission property from rioting which occurred at Ajloun in January is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000. The rioting was occasioned by the political tension in the Near East, growing out of the Baghdad Pact, which took an anti-American slant in Jordan. Dr. Cauthen explained, "It was not an anti-missionary or anti-Christian up-rising, though any kind of rioting in that part of the world will include some religious fanaticism."

Rioters who attacked Mission property were from about eight villages. Greatest damage was done to the Baptist school building, the home of the business manager of the hospital, and the building which houses the clinic, pharmacy, and laboratory.

The work of the hospital is going on, and the missionaries remained at their posts of service. Reports indicate that conditions have improved somewhat since the rioting occurred and there has been no further disturbance.

Orient Secretary Asks Young Pastors to Face Mission Task

The February report of Orient Secretary J. Winston Crawley was devoted to the need for more new missionaries during 1956. "With seven of our nine Orient Missions still only a few years old, advance and consolidation depend on adequate personnel," Dr. Crawley said. "Furthermore, the decision to enter Pakistan, a new land of 80,000,000 people, cannot be carried out without recruits for the task."

Dr. Crawley made an urgent plea for volunteers who are available now. This means that volunteers must come from among those men and women whose training has already been completed and who are now active in the pastorate or in other types of Christian service.

"Several fields of the Orient have been calling for experienced student or youth

workers and for men to do publication and promotion work (similar to that done by Southwide Sunday school and Training Union workers in the homeland)," Dr. Crawley explained. "Medical personnel of all kinds is urgently needed. We have one call each for specialists in agriculture, mechanics, handicrafts, and kindergarten work.

"Surprisingly, the chief shortage in Orient appointment possibilities for 1956 is for general evangelistic workers. . . . There are probably more than 5,000 Southern Baptist ministers who have completed seminary training and are in active service, yet are not too old to be considered for missionary appointment. Many perhaps have never faced the question of God's will in the light of Asia's overwhelming challenge."

Sponsors Tours to Latin America and Orient

The Foreign Mission Board is sponsoring two tours to overseas mission areas during this summer—one to Latin America and one to the Orient. Expenses will be borne by the individuals who make the trips or by the groups who send their pastors or others.

Congress Aids Chinese Prof. at Baptist College

PHOENIX, Ariz. — (RNS) — Congress has passed a special bill to allow Prof. Shih Ming Wang of Baptist-owned Grand Canyon College here permanent residence in this country.

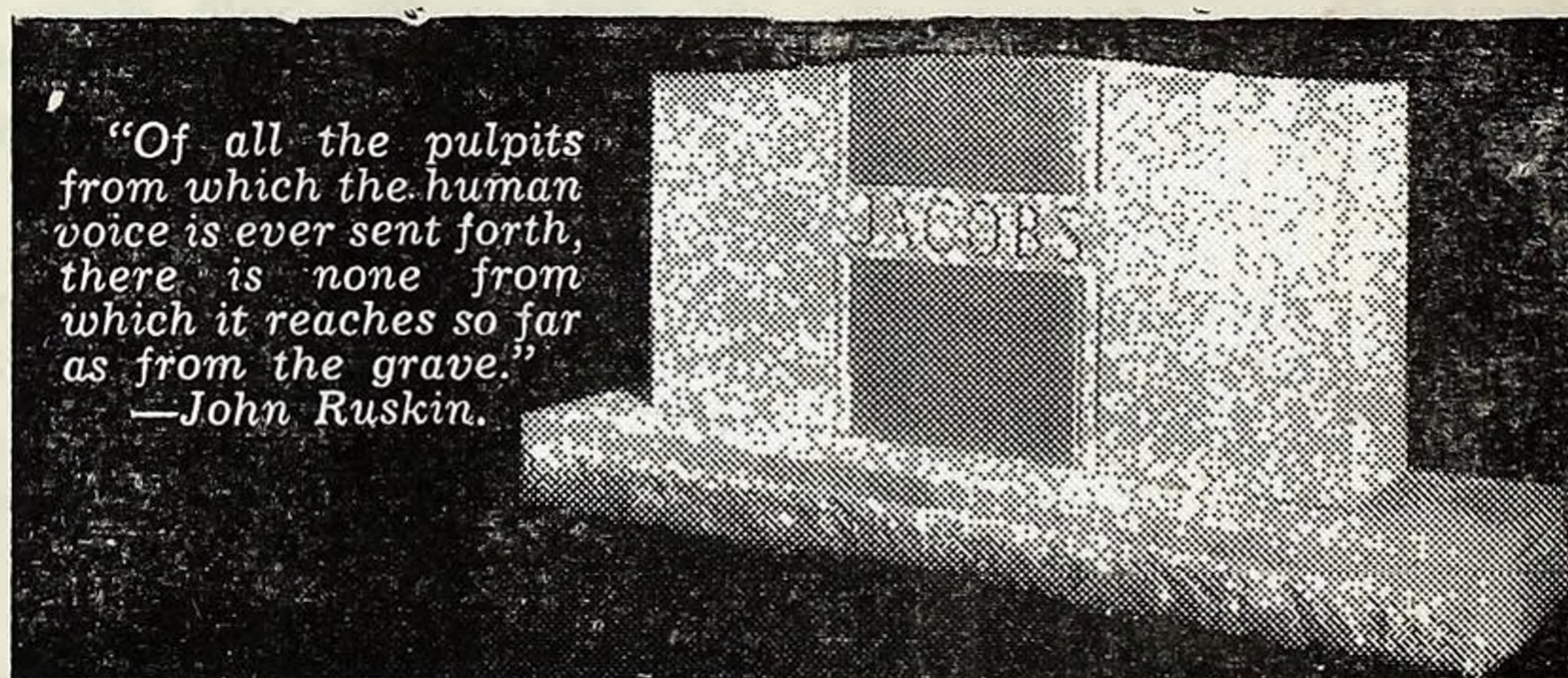
Prof. Wang has been teaching mathematics and science at the school for more than two years. At present, he is acting head of the science department.

Dr. Arthur M. Lee of the college has led a 14-month fight to prevent Prof. Wang's deportation to Java, because no quota was available for Chinese nationals.

As a result of passage of the Wang bill, the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has notified the professor that he will receive a visa for permanent residence in this country.

Once head of the science department at the University of Nanking, Prof. Wang fled China when the Communists took over. As an administrator of Chinese schools in Java, his strong opposition to Communist infiltration of the schools incurred Red anger. He fears retaliation by the Communists if forced to return to Java.

The instructor entered the U. S. on a student visa which expired. Three of his children are in this country as students and Prof. Wang hopes that his wife and son can join him now.



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