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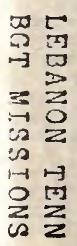
# Greeting to the Convention . . .



DR. NORTON

One of the greatest privileges which Tennessee Baptists enjoy is that of meeting together in our annual conventions. May I encourage each of you to look forward to the 82nd session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention with a prayer in your heart that we might glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through all the activities of our convention. As we look forward to the fellowship, business, and the inspiration of our meeting together, may we have a united purpose—that of promoting and proclaiming the cause of Christ in our churches throughout our great state. Our responsibility is great and the task tremendous, but Tennessee Baptists must have the faith and determination to fulfill this purpose in a greater way than ever before if we assume our share of responsibility in the world-wide program of Baptists.

I extend to each of you a warm, heartfelt welcome to this convention. May our reports of the past year give us encouragement as we accept plans for the coming year, and may the days spent together strengthen our fellowship with each other and with our Lord as we dedicate ourselves anew to our great task.—Ralph Norton, President Tennessee Baptist Convention.



# The Mailbag

### **Alumni Meetings at Convention**

• Rev. Fred Wood, Memphis, Rev. S. M. Mulkey, Knoxville, and I have been asked by Dr. Ralph Norton, President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, to serve as a correlation committee to correlate the meetings of the different schools.

Following is the schedule of the meetings of the different alumni groups:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14:

New Orleans Seminary Breakfast, 7:30 A.M. Southern Seminary Breakfast, 7:30 A.M. Southwestern Seminary Breakfast, 7:30 A.M. Carson-Newman College Lunch, 12:15 P.M. Union University Lunch, 12:15 P.M. Pastor's Wives Dinner, 5:00 P.M.

Most of the above meetings will be held at the S & W Cafeteria. Each school, however, will publish on its ticket the exact meeting place. Tickets will be available at a central booth for al the schools.—C. A. Dabney, Chairman

### Reports 6% Increase In Enrollment at Union

Union University's cumulative registration total of 637 shows a six per cent increase over last year's figure of 602.

Men outnumber women on the campus at Jackson by approximately two to one. About one third of the men and sixty per cent of the women live on the campus. The others are permanent residents of Jackson, boarders in private homes, or commuters from nearby towns.

Union's Bible Extension School at Memphis State College has announced an enrollment of 128 bringing the grand total for the University to 765.



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### Ministers Decry Visit Of Klansmen To Church

MOBILE, Ala.—(RNS)—The Mobile Baptist Pastors Conference adopted a resolution decrying "the presence or financial contributions" at worship services of any group "whose purpose in coming may be to glorify itself." The clergymen acted after 100 robed Ku Klux Klansmen visited a Baptist church in nearby Whistler.

Forty ministers, attended a special meeting of the conference and unanimously adopted the resolution the morning after hooded but unmasked klansmen called at the Culvert Street Baptist church in Whistler shortly after its evening service had started.

The church organist continued playing "Onward Christian Soldiers" throughout the Klan visitation which lasted about ten minutes. The robed men filed up the church aisle, placed individual money contributions on the altar and then marched out. There were no incidents, and the church service continued as usual after they left.

E. G. Barnard, a Klan spokesman, later told reporters that Klan members had visited other churches in the area before but this was the first time they had come in their robes.

The resolution adopted by the ministers emphasized that worship services in Baptist churches "are conducted for the glory of God and to bring men and women to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ."

"We welcome to our services those individuals who desire to worship God in sincerity and in truth and who come in repentance and faith," it said.

"We do not welcome either the presence or the financial contributions of any group which may come to our churches and leave in such manner as to interfere with our services of worship and whose purpose in coming may be to glorify itself and to secure for itself the sanction and approval of the church."

### Near East Officials Recognize Baptists

Jordan's King Hussein recently paid an official visit to the Baptist hospital at Ajloun and presented a Medal of Honor to Dr. Lorne E. Brown, Southern Baptist missionary doctor.

During the past year, Southern Baptist mission work in the Near East has been recognized by official visits to the mission compounds by the rulers of Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt. President Camille Chamoun, of Lebanon, was present at the dedication of the beautiful building of the Baptist church in Beirut in March. Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser, of Egypt, visited the Baptist hospital in Gaza last spring after it had ministered to the injured following one of the Egyptian-Israeli border incidents.

### Carter Succeeds Greene As Brotherhood Chairman

MEMPHIS—The Baptist Brotherhood Commission, meeting here, elected Bruce Carter, president of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami, Okla., as chairman. He succeeds A. Roy Greene, business man of Nashville.

Elected vice-chairman was M. F. Keathley, Memphis. C. Steadman Burgess. Atlanta, is recording secretary, and R. B. Reeve, Medera, Calif., is assistant recording secretary.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary, said the Commission is looking with favor on a world-wide organization of Baptist men to be organized through the Baptist World Alliance, similar to present BWA groups for women and young people.

The Commission discussed its work with Royal Ambassadors. The boys' organization is in process of transfer from the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention to the Brotherhood Commission. Transfer will be complete at the end of 1957.

Commission members inspected the first unit of a four-phase building program at Brotherhood offices in Memphis. The \$56,-000 new wing to an older building was occupied only recently. Other units are conditioned on the Southern Baptist Convention's allocation of capital budget funds for 1959-64, according to Schroeder.

### **Graham Says Dedication** To Christ Only Answer To World Crisis

FRANKFORT, Ky.—Evangelist Billy Graham addressed 5,000 state government workers, officials, ministers, townspeople and students gathered outside the State Capitol here.

"I believe the most patriotic thing a man can do is give his life to God," he told the crowd. The evangelist is conducting a month-long crusade in Louisville.

He asserted that the only answer to the world crisis "is for Christians to be just as dedicated to Christ as the Communists are to Communism."

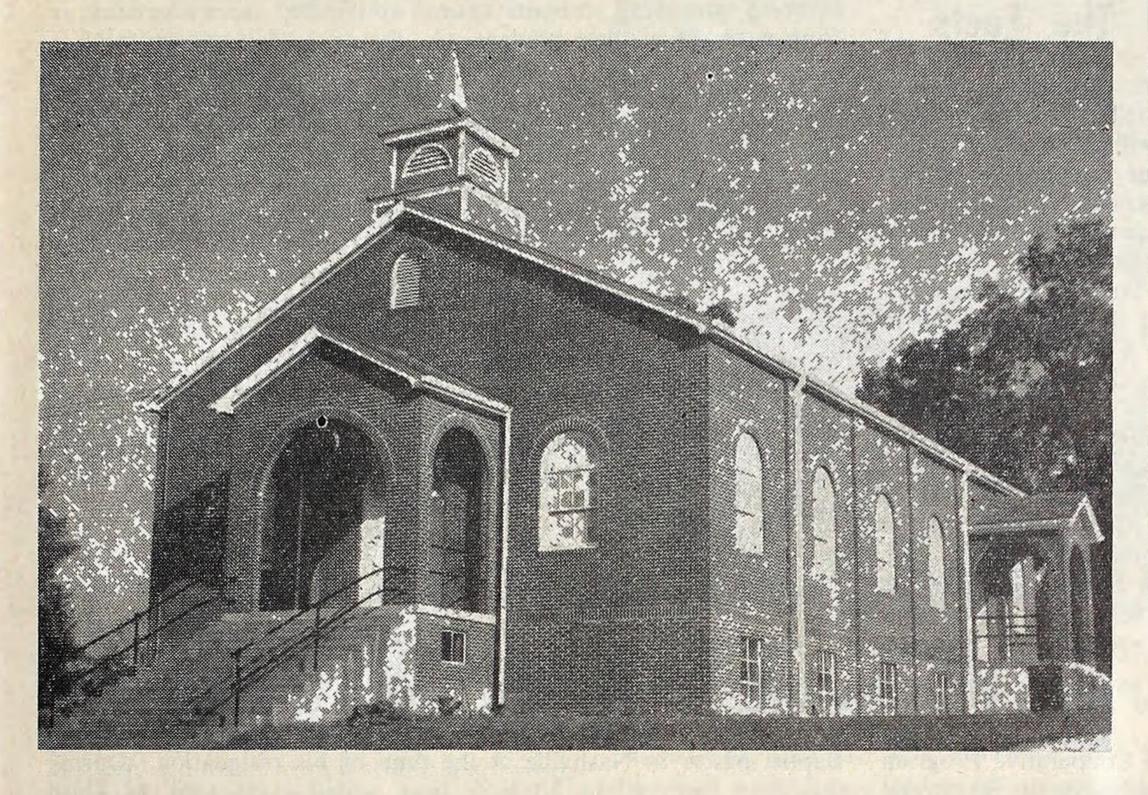
Mr. Graham said he could hear "the tramp, tramp of young Communists' feet—dedicated Communists, surrendered to the philosophy of Communism."

"I've seen the Communist evangelist give the invitation to receive Communism and see men come forward to receive Communism as their savior," he said.

When the evangelist asked who would "surrender your will to Christ" many persons in the crowd raised their hands.

More than 196,000 persons attended meetings during the first two weeks of Mr. Graham's crusade in Louisville's fairgrounds coliseum.

### FROM STABLE TO SANCTUARY



Twelve years ago a small group of people met to constitute a Baptist Church. Many months before under the leadership of Mr. Parks Keller, who has been used of the Lord in the beginning of a large number of the younger churches in Chilhowee Association, and Missionary Charles D. Martin, a Sunday school had been started. For want of any other place this group had been meeting in the loft of a barn. Possibly there was scoffing at such; but our Lord himself was born in a stable and was of lowly heritage.

On that particular Sunday, November 19, 1944, the weather was so cold, the owner of the barn, William J. Sandidge, invited the group to move to the living room of his house. Here the Wildwood Church came into being with Mr. Sandidge as one of the charter members.

Sunday, October 14, this church was dedicated free of debt. Valued at \$48,000 it has been built and paid for amidst many obstacles and difficulties. The church has grown from ten members to 241. It has all organizations, a Standard Sunday school, and ranked seventh in the association last year in total gifts to missions. During the ceremonies Mr. Sandidge laid the conerstone, Mr. Keller spoke, Miss Sue McNiell gave a history of the church and the sermon was by Fred J. Wohlwend, pastor of McGinley Mission in Maryville. Brother Wohlwend was recently ordained by the Wildwood Church.

The church completed a Training Union Study Course in which 64 awards were earned, and began a revival October 28 led by Clyde Whitehead, of Bethel Church, Townsend. William F. Hall, Sr., professor

### Criswell Proposes High School in Church Plant

DALLAS—(BP)—W. A. Criswell, pastor of the 11,481-member First Baptist Church here, has proposed that his congregation start a Baptist high school in its \$5 million, four-building plant.

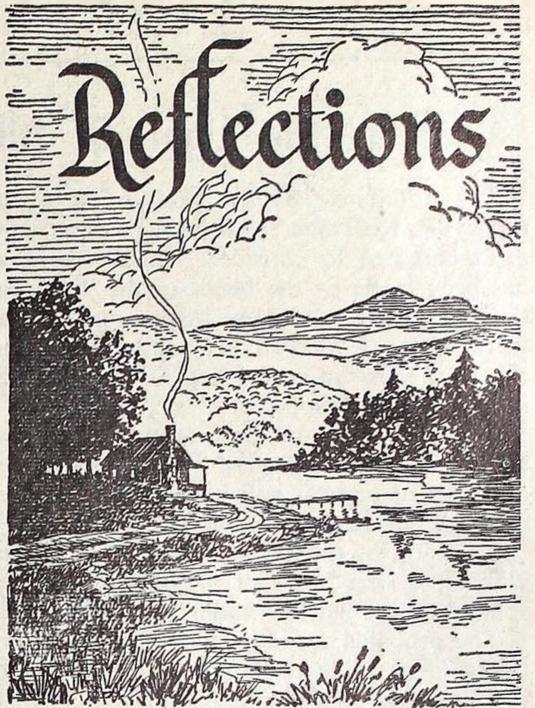
He pointed out that the church's downtown facilities already include a cafeteria, a gymnasium, classrooms, playing areas and parking space. Most of these facilities remain empty and unused during the week, Criswell remarked.

"I have not presented the proposal in terms of segregation at all," Criswell explained. "I have presented it in terms of having a Baptist high school. The idea has been turning over in my heart for years. The U. S. Supreme Court ruling on integration did nothing to hasten my decision in recommending the proposal."

Cost of the proposed school was estimated at \$50,000 for equipment and \$150,000 for operation on the basis of a maximum student group of 500 pupils.

of Bible at Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, is pastor.

The building consists of a beautiful sanctuary, 12 Sunday school rooms and a church office.



It is impossible to represent the Christian fellowship with one figure. Fellowship is precisely the "between us" aspect of our faith. A Christian can no more remain a healthy Christian without his brethren than an egg can remain a healthy egg without its shell.—Vernard Eller, "Nor East or West," Link

When you go into an orchard and see lots of sticks and stones under a tree you know that tree has borne some fruit. This little observation should be consolation to those who tend to get discouraged under criticism. No one bothers much about throwing verbal brickbats at people who are doing nothing. The more active and fruitful your life the more you will receive criticism.—Friendly Chats.

"World missions must always start with personal witness."—Porter Routh

"World missions is leading someone else to Christ, whether it be across the room, the street, or the equartor."

"There is hardly a place in the world whose people are not found in the United States."

"Men know more about gadgets than God, more about cars than the cross, and more about raising flowers than a family."

"If you bought yourself a ten-cent ice cream cone every day of the year, you would have spent the same amount the average Baptist will give per day to his church during the same time."

"The 36,000 international students now living in the United States constitute a revolving mission field. They are here only temporarily, yet their impression of American Christianity will live permanently in their minds."

# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

### Act In The Light Of All The Facts

The Tennessee Baptist Convention at its coming sessions at Knoxville, November 13th through the 15th will have many matters of importance to consider. Among these will be a request that has been made by the heads of the Tennessee Baptist schools that the capital needs of these institutions be placed within the framework of the Cooperative Program. Educational leaders presented this to the Executive Board's Administrative Committee at a meeting Tuesday, October 16, at the Baptist State Board Building in Nashville. The matter is being brought to the Executive Board at its meeting on Monday night prior to the Convention. If favorably passed upon it will be presented to the Convention itself for action Wednesday morning.

Inclusion of the capital needs of the Tennessee Baptist schools within the framework of the Cooperative Program will necessitate some readjustment of present percentages in the Program.

The probable recommendation will be for Cooperative Program funds to be divided with 44% going to Southwide causes; 49% for Statewide operation expenses; and 7% for Capital Needs of the Tennessee Baptist Schools, with the following division: 2% each to Carson-Newman, Belmont, and Union, and 1% to Harrison Chilhowee.

This calls for a reshuffling of the present 56% of the State's part of the Cooperative Program.

The 1955 Convention in Memphis divided Cooperative Program funds on the basis of 56% for State causes and 44% for Southwide causes after deduction of Administrative and Promotional Expenses. The Convention also took action that before the division of the State's share of the Cooperative Program should be made that an amount equivalent to 5% of the State's share be set aside for expenses of the Foundation, Historical Society, Education Commission, Hospital Commission and for the payment of Audits, with has wrought well through the busy years. any remainder of this 5% to be added to the Reserve Fund. Also a fixed sum of \$50,000 as a preferred item was allocated to the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis.

After these preferred items should be cared for, the Tennessee Convention divided the first \$1,500,000 of the state's part of Cooperative Program funds as follows:

Orphans' Home	16%
Carson-Newman College	10%
Union University	10%
Belmont College	10%
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	4%
Ministerial Education	2%
East Tennessee Baptist Hospital	8%
Mid State Baptist Hospital	6%
State Missions	34%
	100%

All State funds from the Cooperative Program in excess of \$1,500,000 follow the same formula of division except State Missions which receives 4% less and Ministerial education does not share. Its previous share of 2% plus 4% from State Missions go to Carson-Newman's share which now becomes 16% in all funds in excess of 1,500,000. Thus in the second (excess of 1,500,000) phase of the Cooperative Program Carson-Newman is upped from 10% to 16% by gaining 2% from Ministerial Education and 4% from State Missions percentages, while all other percentages remain the same.

At the beginning of 1955 a United Campaign for Tennessee Baptist Schools was promoted for \$1,800,000. Counting various types of pledges and subscriptions this goal was reported as reached. The Campaign was promoted through the Tennessee Baptist Foundation and collections have been made through it. Pledges were to be paid over a three year period. Collections have not come up to expectations. Building programs by the schools have

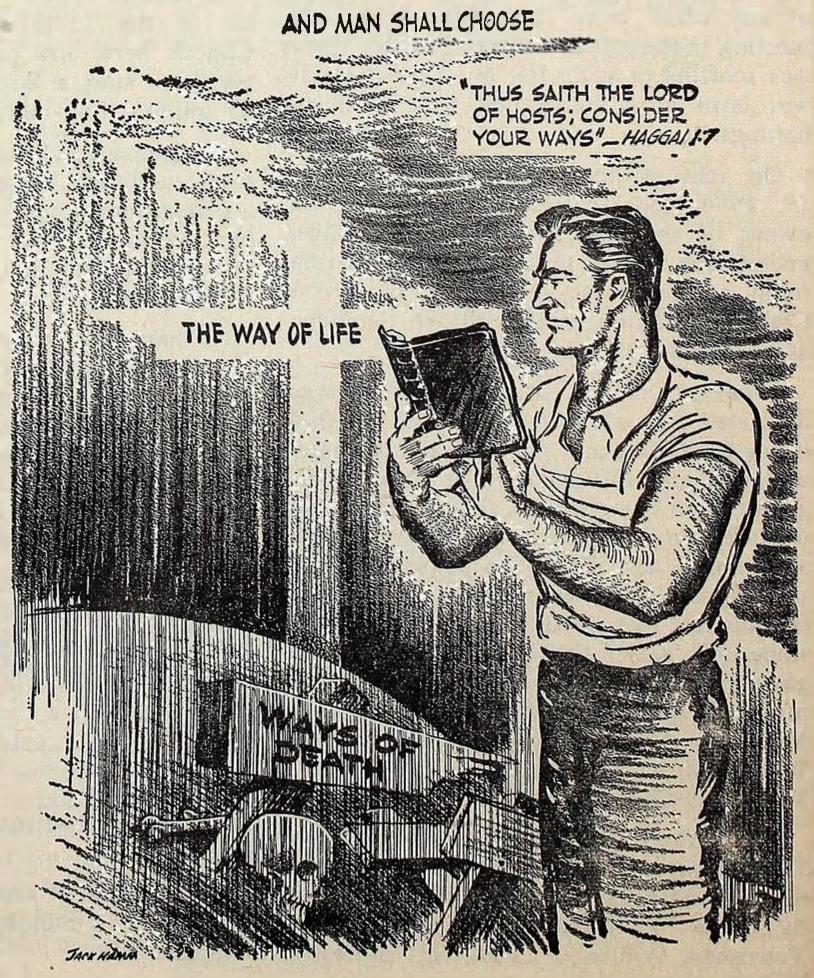
involved borrowing amounts against anticipated receipts coming in from payment of these pledges.

Messengers to the Convention should have opportunity to hear the situation of our Tennessee Baptist schools. In the light of all the facts, the Convention should act with wisdom for the future effectiveness of the schools. Since the request is being made by the schools that their capital needs be placed within the framework of the Cooperative Program all the other interests included within the Cooperative Program and their needs must also be prayerfully weighed and carefully considered in balance with education needs.

Realizing the danger involved in debt the State Convention in 1943 undertook a United Campaign to free all its institutions of indebtedness. Enough cash was raised thirteen months later to pay off all indebtedness at that time. Within recent years various commitments have been made in building programs on the part of several of our Tennessee Baptist institutions. The Convention needs a clear picture of the extent of these present debts on its institutions.

### Forty Six Years Service

After forty-six years in the active pastorate Rev. Bunyan Smith has now retired. His last service with the Third Baptist Church, Nashville, was on Sept. 30. He had served this church for twentyseven years, a longer period of time in the pastorate than any Baptist pastor in Nashville at the time of his resignation. During this time from 40 to 50 have been added every year to Third Church. The members have been devoted in love and appreciation to this faithful man of God. Despite an illness during the summer, Bro. Smith has now regained his health to the point that he looks forward to keeping busy in various engagements as pulpit supply. He is a man of deep faith, and loyalty to the Word of God, who



By Bruce H. Price Newport News, Va.

### **Three Great Opportunities**

After asking Dr. Solon B. Cousins to pronounce the benediction at a burial service in a Richmond cemetery, we expressed words of sympathy to the bereaved family, and turned aside for a short visit together.

From his long experience as pastor, university professor, and denominational leader, Dr. Cousins spoke some words of wisdom which every pastor should bear in mind. "There are three times in a pastor's ministry when he has a great opportunity." His musical and pleasing voice trembled slightly, adding emphasis to what he was saying, as he continued, "Births, marriages and deaths are very important in the lives of people. These three often open doors for a minister to render the best of Christian service."

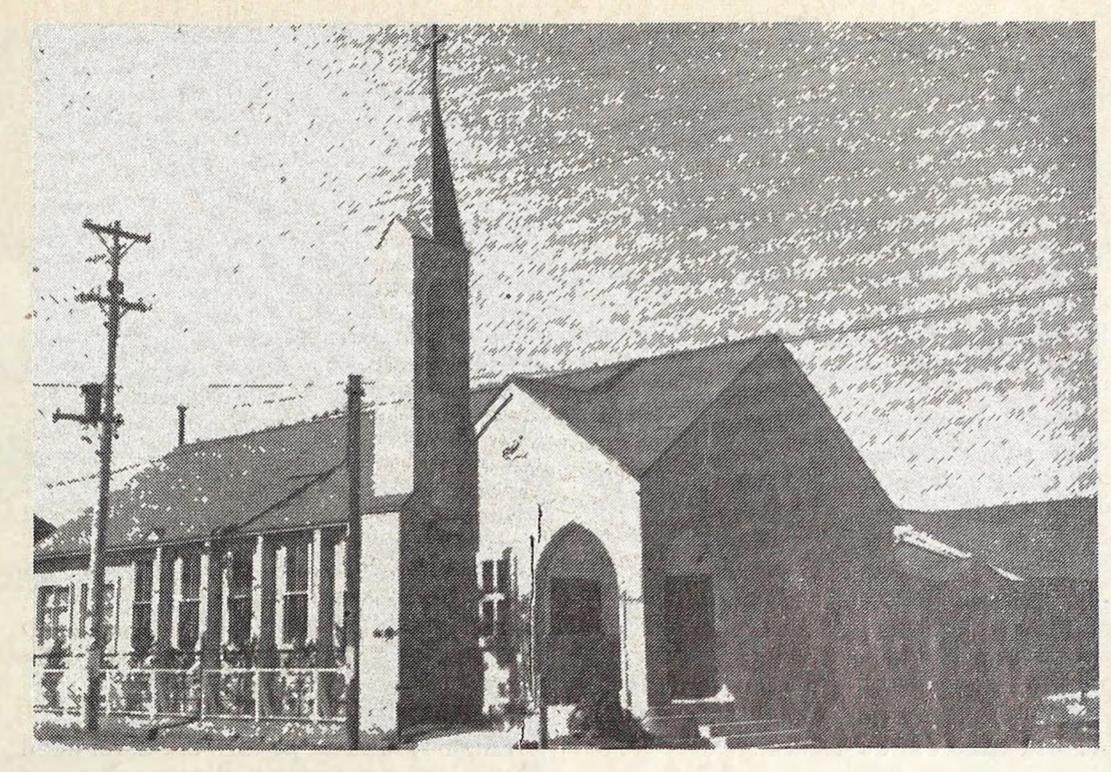
A visit with parents who have a new baby and consider it truly to be a bundle from heaven, shows all who come that way that the blessed event is one the happy mother and dad like to share with others. A fine boy having come into the home of Dr. and Mrs. Cousins years ago, the preacher remembers the occasion as yesterday, and can bear witness that a kind word of congratulations to the parents, and a short prayer for the baby and its future, are appreciated. At such a time, the servant of God has a unique opportunity to draw the little family closer to Christ and his church.

A recent marriage and death in his own family had tended to stress on the good minister the momentous significance of these two events. The previous week he had been to Chicago to perform the marriage ceremony for his only son. As he related about the trip and spoke feeling concerning the bride and groom, there seemed to be a mingling of joy and sorrow in his heart; happy for his son's happiness and delighted to have a new daughter, but having a little feeling of emptiness as if something had been removed. On such an occasion spiritual help is usually welcome.

Referring to his mother's death a few weeks ago in his native Georgia, the Baptist leader was filled with emotions of gratitude to God for the love and affection of a devoted mother whom he had for more than sixty-five years. Looking down at the ground he said, "She was a wonderful woman, a wonderful woman."

As we separated the words kept turning over in my mind, "She was a wonderful woman, a wonderful woman." And the thought came to me, "Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses," and this good mother with them, leaning over the balcony of heaven, she must have responded in a voice so loud that it echoed down the golden streets and around the pearly gates, saying, "He is a wonderful son, a wonderful son."

Whether minister or layman when these three events come to those about us, let us respond to the opportunities they present by being a spiritual blessing.



AOMORI, JAPAN—Baptists in this north Japan port-city of Aomori marked their first year of progress October 5 with the dedication of the Aomori church building and pastorium, shown here.

Missionaries Carl and Ruth Halvarson, Rev. Toshiro Toyohara, and forty church members joined with Aomori civic leaders and representatives from the Japan Baptist Convention to dedicate the new building.

Considered ideal for a church plant in Japan, the building forms one unit to include a same-tuary seating 150, educational annex, kindergarten-youth hall, and a pastor's home. The building has complete and modern facilities for a day kindergarten accommodating one hundred children.

The Halvarsons lived in Nashville during 1948-49 when Mrs. Halvarson was associated with the Sunday School Board, and Rev. Halvarson received his M.A. at George Peabody College. He was pastor of the Fall Creek Baptist Church at Norene, Tennessee.

### **STEADFAST**

". . . . he shall be like a tree. . . . "

When beautiful Alumni Memorial Chapel of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was in the planning stage, it was found that a towering beech stood in the way. Workmen went to work to dig the tree up by the roots. Day after day they toiled. Gradually a great mass of roots was revealed.

Here was the secret of the strength and endurance of the tree. Here was how it had been able to stand through the storms of a century, a thing of beauty.

The righteous man is like the tree in the quality of steadfastness. He cannot be removed from his upright stand for truth and righteousness. He has integrity. He cannot be bribed. He is not blown about by the winds of false doctrine. He is able to give every one a reason for the hope that is within him. In the storms of adversity and sorrow that may beat upon him, he is able to stand. For the hidden roots of his life are fastened upon Jesus Christ and his righteousness.

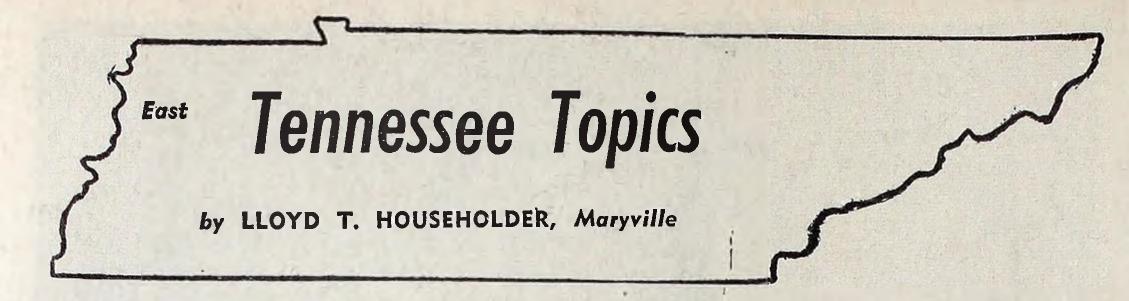
### God's Forgiveness

LONDON—(RNS)—Among the last words of Laszlo Rajk, former Hungarian Communist leader who was executed during a 1949 purge, were prayers to God for forgiveness, the Budapest Radio reported.

It said the disclosure was made by another Communist leader who survived the purge.

Rajk, who was executed in the Stalin era for allegedly plotting against the Budapest regime, was recently rehabilitated. His body was taken from a traitor's grave and given honorary burial in a cemetery that is to become a national pantheon.

God's man is a man of endurance. He is not a hothouse plant. He is not brought up in artificial surroundings. He stands in the heat of the day. The winds blow upon him and the elements beat upon him. But in all of his being tossed about, he develops strength of character. For his life is nourished by the living Christ.—Erwin L. McDonald, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville 2, Ky.



Revival services began October 14 at Oak Street Church, Elizabethton, Fred O. Ponton, pastor. Charles High, pastor of Gallaher Memorial Church, Knoxville, did the preaching and Charles Pless, music director at Calvary Church, Elizabethton, led the music.

Hardin H. Conn of Nashville was the evangelist in a Layman's Revival at First Church, LaFollette, Vern B. Powers, pastor. Music was under the direction of Jack Cox of Knoxville. Roger Duncan of Jacksboro was the organist and Wiley Johnson of Knoxville was the pianist.

While Pastor Hugh F. Ensminger of North Athens Church was on vacation, Roy Creasman of Etowah supplied the pulpit. Charles Runyon of Athens was the preacher in a revival at this Church which began September 30.

Dr. John L. Hill of Nashville was the guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Brotherhood of First Church, Oak Ridge.

Clinton Association Notes: Lemuel Phillips is the new pastor of Clinch River Church. Farmer's Grove has called Everett Crass as pastor. Longfield has called George DeLozier. New Home's new pastor is Andrew Taylor. Oliver Springs, First, has James Binkley as pastor. Herbert Heatherly is the new pastor of Willow Brook Church. At the annual meeting of the Association Paul W. Turner was elected moderator; Homer McElyea, assistant moderator; O. B. Shoopman, clerk, and W. K. Ghormerly, treasurer.

South Harriman, Lynn Claybrook, pastor, has remodeled and refurnished the basement of their building. A new Primary Department has been added and the Beginners Department has been enlarged. Brother Claybrook indicates that the church has 42 pews for sale.

The officers of Big Emory Association for the new year are Wallace H. Carrier, moderator; Branson Wiggins, vice-moderator; Mrs. Eva Jean Smith, treasurer, and Earl C. Waggoner, clerk.

Ralph Murray, pastor of Smithwood Church, Knoxville, did the preaching at First Church, Lake City, M. W. Bodlien, pastor. Lawrence Luallen directed the music.

During the revival at First Church, Chattanooga, in which Dan Kong, pastor of First Church, Wahawia, Hawaii, was the evangelist there were 25 additions to the Church. Carl V. Martin, Jr. dedicated his life to the ministry. The Church was given an opportunity to make an offering for the Building Fund of this church in Hawaii which amounted to \$2,500. Carl J. Giers is pastor.

Pastor Ansell T. Baker of Central Church, Chattanooga, returned to a former pastorate at Canaan Church, Bessemer, Alabama. There were 44 additions to the church, 41 for baptism.

James E. Singleton has come from North Atlanta Church to be educational director at Central Church, Chattanooga.

# HOW TO CHOOSE AND USE A HEARING AID

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Evangelist Henry Stamey of Chattanooga, led Maplesville, Alabama, Church in a revival which resulted in seven additions.

Jack C. Parrott, son of Pastor W. H. Parrott of First Church, Powell, was ordained as a minister recently. Dr. Charles A. Trentham preached the ordination sermon. Others participating in the service were H. W. Parker, Alfred Boyer and Lawrence Trivette. Brother Parrott has been called as pastor of Big Emory Church. Harriman.

While Pastor Millard R. B-own was engaged in a revival at Glendale, Kentucky, L. Dan Taylor, member of the faculty at Carson Newman College, supplied the pulpit of Island Home Church, Knoxville, October 7.

Jimmie Nelson, pastor of Colonial Hill Church, Snyder, Texas, was the evangelist in a meeting at Calvary Church, Knoxville, Eugene B. Roberts, pastor.

Charles Ausmus, pastor of Lincoln Park Church, Knoxville, assisted Pastor Alfred Royer and Glenwood Church, Knoxville, in a revival.

Dr. John D. Freeman, former editor of the Baptist and Refector and later executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was guest speaker at Smithwood Church, Sunday evening, October 14. Dr. Freeman represented United Temperance League.

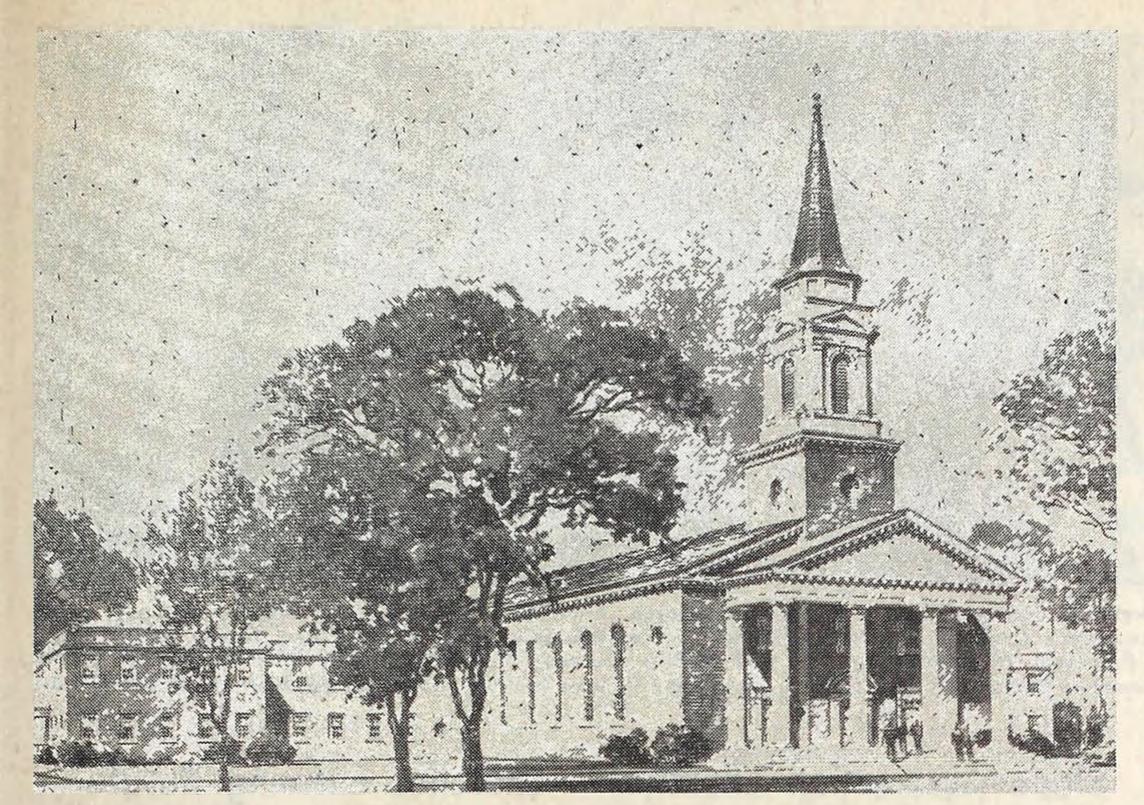
First Church, Knoxville, has purchased property directly behind the present building for future expansion. The property is occupied now by two large apartment buildings.

Pastor Henry Chiles of Central Church, Bearden, assisted Gillespie Avenue Church, Knoxville, and Pastor Kenneth Cobble in a revival. Central Church is being assisted in a meeting by Sammy DeBoard. Bill Jenkins, B.S.U. Director for Carson Newman College, supplied for Brother Chiles while he was away.

Knox County Association met in its 154th annual session October 15-17. The first session was held at Beaver Dam Church, the Church in which the Association was organized. The second day's session was at Immanuel Church and the third day at Fort Sanders Church.

First Church, Jefferson City, ordained W. L. Weierman and Herman Wilson as deacons. Mr. Weierman is public relations director of Carson Newman College and Dr. Wilson is a recent addition to the English Department of the College.

Mrs. Mildred Oakes has come from Waverly Place Church, Roanoke, Virginia, to be educational director at First Church, Morristown. She was formerly secretary to Dr. L. C. Kelley at Mountain Preachers Bible School at Clear Creek, Kentucky.



KNOXVILLE—This is the architect's drawing of the new Bell Avenue Baptist Church now nearing completion in the beautiful Chilhowee and Holston Hills section. The \$600,000 structure is on the new four-lane highway leading out from Knoxville east toward Asheville and is approximately four miles from the present location of the church. Shifting populations prompted the re-location. The air-conditioned auditorium will seat approximately 1200 and the educational plant will care for 1600. "Our plans now are to move into the new building in December. The harmony and unity that has prevailed in our church has been excellent and far beyond our expectations," states Pastor W. L. Williams, "There is only one answer, it was God's will."

Holston Valley Association Notes: Mount Pleasant Church has voted to organize a Training Union. Big Creek Church has called Coleman Brown as pastor. Howe's Chapel has called John Way. Henard's Chapel had an evangelistic service in the Junior Department on Promotion Day which resulted in 11 conversions. Howard Thompson has resigned as pastor at West View and will enter Southern Seminary.

Otis C. Strickler has resigned as director of music and education at Lynn Garden Church, Kingsport, to accept a similar position at Tabernacle Church, Cartersville, Georgia.

While E. Gibson Davis, pastor of First Church, Kingsport, was in a revival at Cambridge, Ohio, Dr. W. R. Rigell of Johnson City supplied the pulpit on October 7. Dr. Rigell was pastor of the Cambridge Church during college days at Denison University.

First Church, Elizabethton, observed the fourth anniversary of Pastor Herman W. Cobb on October 7. The love and esteem in which he and his family are held by the church was expressed in a lovely reception and beautiful gifts in connection with the observance of the anniversary.

Fred J. Wohlwend, a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary, has been called as pastor of McGinley Street Mission, Maryville. This Mission is operated by First Church, Maryville, in a thickly populated section of the city.

G. W. Splawn has resigned as pastor of Monte Vista Church, Maryville, to become pastor of Boyd's Creek Church, Sevier County Association.

Calvary Church, Alcoa, observed the fourth anniversary of Pastor Clyde Glass. He has done a fine work as pastor of this Church.

Broadway Church, Maryville, experienced a genuine revival under the leadership of Pastor S. M. Mulkey of South Knoxville Church as the evangelist. Visible results were 32 additions to the Church, 25 by baptism. Two young men gave themselves to definite Christian service. His brief stay of eight days was a blessing to the Church and community. Lloyd T. Householder is pastor.

C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Protestants and Other Americans United, spoke at McCalla Avenue Church, Knoxville, at the morning service on October 14 and at Immanuel Church in the evening. He spoke also to the Knoxville Baptist Pastors Conference on Monday, October 15.

Willis R. Allen, who has done a very fine job as pastor of the Church at Strawberry Plains, Knox County Association, has accepted a call to be pastor of Friendsville Church, Chilhowee Association.

Cherokee Church, Morristown, were led in revival services by Paul Hatfield, association worker for Nolachucky Association. This Church has outgrown its temporary home and is perfecting plans for a chapel

### Dedicates New Auditorium

First Church, Dunlap, dedicated a new auditorium October 28. Construction on the \$30,000 structure began April 16, 1956. The Colonial style building is the second unit in a program begun in 1952. The first unit, a two story brick education building valued at \$26,000 was completed in 1954.

Dr. Ralph Norton, pastor of Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, and president of Tennessee Baptist Convention, preached the dedication sermon. Other features of the service were the ringing of a six hundred pound bell which has not been heard since it was removed from the belfry of the old auditorium several years ago, and the giving of a brief sketch of the history of the Church along with a visual history of actual construction.

Following the dedication revival services are being led each night by Rev. Clyde Voyles of Owensboro who is assisting Pastor A. W. Bassette.







to be erected on the east side of the new street connecting Algonquin and Mohawk streets. The first unit will be of brick and will have a seating capacity of 230. Philip Newton is pastor.



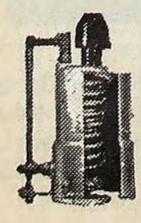
Royal Ambassadors of First Church, Coodlettsville, take part in a service at the church. Front Row (left to right) Winston Gamble, James Hoover, Glen Swift, Ray Metzgar, Terry Lee Lamberth, Counselor Alfred P. Skinner, Ernest Ragsdale, Paul Bryant, Jerry Stone, Jimmy Smith; Back Row, Michael Busby, Bob Garrett, Jerry Galbreath, Gerry Strother, Ben Collins, Billy Crabtree, Jim Collins, Larry Galbreath, Grady Bryant, Byron Sheldon, Joe Fitzpatrick. In the background is Pastor B. Frank Collins. David and Richard Binkley and Willie Turnage (not in the picture) also participated in the service.

# Dr. and Mrs. Pope Honored By State Board Workers

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Pope were honored at a dinner given them by workers at the Baptist State Building, Nashville, Saturday, October 20. A chest of silver and two books of remembrance containing letters of appreciation and photos of groups of workers in the various departments at the Baptist State Building were presented to Dr. and Mrs. Pope at the conclusion of a program shared in by a number of employees of the Executive Board. Mr. Charles Norton was master of ceremonies. One hundred and ten were present for the occasion which was at Mrs. Brown's establishment on Highway 100. The family including the grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs. Pope were also guests for this occasion.

Dr. and Mrs. Pope are planning to move to their home in Tallapoosa, Georgia following the completion of his work as executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, October 31. Dr. Pope who has served in this capacity for 14 years tended his resignation June 12 to take effect at the end of this Convention year.





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# Stone Association Churches 100% For C. Program

Stone Association was one hundred per cent for the Cooperative Program during the past year. All 26 churches contributed through that channel to the various missionary benevolent causes fostered by Tennessee and Southern Baptist Conventions. One hundred and fifty baptisms were reported this year. Membership now is approximately 5,000. The new church constituted last January at Algood was admitted to the Association. First day sessions were held with the Algood Church, and the second day with the First Church, Gainesboro.

We appreciated the privilege on the second day of being present at the sessions of the body which were presided over by Moderator Guard Green of Monterey. Clerk J. Victor Brown presented the Association's budget for the coming year. Fine work has been done here by Henry Guy Jackson who is serving as missionary in this and also Riverside Association. Miss Vaughtie Rowland also makes this the center of her fine work as a general missionary.

Brother H. J. Tallent brought a strong doctrinal message at the close of the morning session on the second day. Mrs. Edd Dedmon presented and discussed the W.M.U. report. We are indebted to Mrs. J. T. Rogers for an able report on the Baptist and Reflector. T. P. I. located at Cookeville presents one of the largest fields in the state with respect to Baptist student enrollment. A Baptist Student Center costing \$28,000 is being built to help minister to the large student body in Cookeville. First Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. John M. Sykes is spearheading this important work.—R.N.O.

Pastor Don J. Pinson and Minister of Music Will Blailock led Eastland Church, Nashville, in an eight-day revival resulting in 25 additions, eight being by baptism.

## Churches Entering Rural Development Program Now

Tennessee Baptist churches are making known their decisions every week now to join the Convention's Rural Church Development Program according to L. G. Frey, Superintendent of Missions. These churches are now reporting the fact to the Missions Department, Belcourt at Sixteenth Ave. S. Nashville. Earliest churches to make known their vote to get into the program were Keith Springs, Winchester, First of Benton, Friendship and Mt. Zion in McNairy Association. With the largest number or churches in the plan McNairy now leads the associations.

The plan for rural church development outlines four major projects. These list 49 specific suggestions to improve and strengthen a rural or village church. Churches enter the plan by voting to do so, then appointing a three to five member committee to keep the program before the membership. When the chairman of this committee's name and address are sent to the Missions Department, full instructions are sent to the chairman on how to proceed.

Winning churches in each association, region and in the state will be announced at the sessions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in November 1957.

One of the best series of meetings Immanuel Church, Nashville, has ever had was the Spiritual Enrichment week recently led by Dr. E. H. Westmoreland of Houston, Texas. The week was marked by excellent attendance. The Church soon enters another phase in its building program with construction of a 2-story 100 by 60 foot educational unit. This new structure will help meet a very real need for more space in the Sunday School. Dr. Gaye L. McGlothen is the pastor.

### RURAL STEWARDSHIP

A friend once said to me, "I'm not interested in foreign missions. I do not want to give my money to force someone else to take my religion any more than I would want him to compel me to accept his religion." The true Christian concept, however, is that God has given us opportunities and privileges, the very acceptance of which makes us want to share them with others. The person who has been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ naturally wants others to experience that same salvation.

(In some such way, stewardship includes all there is of life. Stewardship is much broader than the scriptural tithe, though scriptural tithing is inevitably the foundation for adequate stewardship.)

### The Stewardship of Energy

What is the opportunity and responsibility of the rural Christian in his relationship to an over-all accountability to God?

We would like to say first that God gives us a variety of abilities. He has given us these abilities in order that we might use them for him. For example, God gives us time. Time, of course, is life and we are only stewards of whatever time God chooses to give us to live. That should mean to the Christian that he owes a considerable portion of his time to God. Time is not given him to waste, to use selfishly, or to squander exclusively upon his own interests.

God gives us talents and skills. These he also expects us to use partially for ourselves and partially for the church and the kingdom of God. (For example, God gives a person leadership ability. That leadership ability is given that a man might use it through his church to the honor of God.) In most rural churches it has seemed exceedingly difficult to get people to visit specifically in the interest of the church. Rural church members are inclined to say, "Well, Jim knows the church is here. Let him come if he wants to." This indicates a lack of stewardship of one's influence. If you have an influence over an individual or a group of individuals, God wants you to use that influence to his glory. (If it is within your power to help someone know Christ as Saviour or to attend worship services, then you have a stewardship of that influence.) You use it for other purposes; why not use it for the church?

I suspect many of us Christians are lazy church members. We are perfectly willing to come to church on Sunday, but please don't ask us to do anything else. Many rural churches find it very difficult to enlist sufficient teachers and officers for the Sunday School and leaders for Training Union and the Auxiliaries. This ought not to be. (If we could only realize that our energies are given us as a gift from God and we are responsible as stewards for the way we use these energies, I believe we would give more of them through the church.)

#### Stewardship of Finances

Many rural churches are growing quite rapidly in their financial program. Where this is true, it seems that the members have become conscious of the privilege of tithing and stewardship. Where churches are experiencing serious financial difficulties, it is usually because the members are not tithing.

I have heard farmers say that a farmer could not tithe. I would like to call your attention to one of the earliest mentions of tithing in the Bible. As I feel it, tithing was set up for farmers. At least, this is the basis of its inclusion in the Mosaic Code. Tithing was instituted in order that the farmer might have a chance to have a part in worship services. Moses gave us two things that we ought to tithe.

We should tithe the seed of the land and the fruit of the tree. "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord" (Leviticus 27:30). Thus, the farmer was to tithe all of the harvest that grew upon his land.

Second, Moses mentions the tithe of the herds and flocks. "And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord" (Leviticus 27:32). Thus, we are to tithe the increase of our cattle. The tithe, then, was begun on an agricultural basis.

Of course, the Christian believes in tithing. It is taught in the Old Testament and in the New. Jesus said, "These ought ye to have done" (Luke 11:42). The Christian idea of stewardship means that the Christian will go beyond the tithe. This is indicated in the phrase "tithes and offerings."

A lot of people whose income is from the farm are saying they do not know how to figure their tithe. This used to disturb me somewhat for I knew many farmers did not keep records. I'm not quite as sympathetic now, however, because the United States Government requires a farmer to make a report on his income for income tax purposes. Thus, I am pretty sure that almost every farmer can figure his actual net income, and once he knows this, there is no difficulty in figuring his tithe.

There are two methods that have been found useful in recent years to assist all of us in the stewardship of our finances. One is the plan of giving through the envelope system, which makes it convenient for the individual to make his offering and to keep a record of what he has given.

The second is the budget, which is the church plan of handling the money which its members contribute. These two techniques provide a businesslike and sensible plan for fulfilling our stewardship to God.

#### Stewardship of Resources

In the beginning God created the earth and put upon it all living things and then, as a climax of his creation, made man. He created the world for the use of man, and he created man to exercise dominion over the earth. Man was to subdue it, but not to destroy it. I believe each generation ought to leave the world a better place. On the contrary, we have burned the forests, destroyed wild life and exploited our minerals.

You cannot make a thimble full of soil. God made it for our use, but we have allowed much of it to wash down the river. In the brief history of America, we have destroyed enough top soil to feed 60 million people. If this continues at the present rate, America will be starving within 200 to 500 years. As rural Christians, we have here a distinctive stewardship responsibility.

I believe also that every Christian should have a part in supporting a vigorous mission program. I am not content unless I can be a steward of the gospel around the world. Are you?







# AWARD OF MERIT for Doyle Baird

Congratulations to Mr. Doyle Baird for being the first Tennessean to receive the Award of Merit for the completion of his Young People's Diploma with the ten seals.

Doing Training Union work has long been a challenge to Mr. Baird. Here is his own account: "According to your request, I am listing some ways in which Training Union has featured in my life. The first work which I ever did in a religious way outside my local church in Jellico, Tennessee, was in associational Training Union work. My first experience as a vocational Christian worker came in Training Union work. While a student at Carson-Newman College I served as a Junior leader at First Baptist Church. Later, while a teacher in the Harriman High School I served as an Intermediate Leader. I've had the privilege of working with Young People's Unions in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Texas. For the past four years I have been director of the Young People's Department at the First Baptist Church, Denton, Texas. At the present I am counselor of the Sentinel Union in the Young People's Department at the First Church, Nashville. Most of the summers of '37, '38, and '39 I spent as a field worker for our state Training Union Department. It was my privilege to make all the Regional Conventions in '40, '41, and '42. I served as State Training Union President two years just prior to going to the service in the United States Marine Corps."

Currently Mr. Baird is serving as Director of Administration in the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. We are delighted to have him back in Tennessee and are grateful for his continued participation in Training Union work.

We trust that many others will follow his example and fulfill the requirements for the Award of Merit. Foreign Mission Board Adopts '57 Budget Of \$8,128,000

The Foreign Mission Board of the SBC meeting in Richmond, Va., October 9-10. adopted a budget of \$8,128,504.34 for 1957, an increase of \$627,422.66 over 1956; appointed 18 young people for overseas service, bringing the total number of active missionaries to 1,098; set a goal of 130 appointments for 1957; appropriated approximately \$230,000 of current and advance program funds for its work on foreign fields; looked with favor on exploring possibilities of entry into new areas; and heard a progress report of its building and planning committee.

#### Officers Elected

Dr. L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond book publisher, was re-elected president of the Board (he begins his 25th year as president and 42nd year as a member); Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., re-elected first vice-president; and Dr. Howard L. Arthur, Richmond, elected second vice-president.

Dr. Herman P. Thomas, Richmond, was elected recording secretary; Miss Mary Elizabeth Fuqua, Richmond, re-elected assistant recording secretary; Dr. Oscar L. Hite, Richmond, re-elected medical adviser.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, said in his report: "While only a few minutes are required to actually conduct the appointment of these missionaries, a very long path leads from the time of their decision until the moment they stand before the Board.

"A new peak has been reached in the number of young people volunteering for missionary service. Never in the history of the Board have there been as many young people indicating their feeling that God is leading them into foreign missionary service.

"All budget requests have been carefully studied on the mission fields. Missions meet in annual session where every need is examined thoroughly; and, because missionaries know that it will not be possible for all their needs to be supplied, they present

### Gibson Association Holds Leadership School

The Training Union Leadership School, held October 1-4 at the First Baptist Church in Trenton, was the best that we have had in Gibson Association in many years.

With the State Training Union Leaders and approved local workers comprising the faculty, the School, under the leadership and direction of Associational Missionary Rev. W. H. Pitt, had an enrollment of 279 and an average attendance of 204. This enrollment represented the great response of 27 out of our 44 churches.

The work of our Lord through the Training Union has been advanced in Gibson Association as a result of this school.

John Skiles

Associational Training Union Director

only the most urgent matters for consideration.

"The 1957 budget is made possible through the growth of Southern Baptist giving. Support of world missions through the Cooperative Program is of vital importance to every Southern Baptist. On October 8 I received the following telegram from Dr. Porter Routh: 'Cooperative Program gifts received this morning completed \$10,000,000 basic budget and added \$41,888.11 for home and foreign missions on first day of advance.'"

"We enter World Missions Year at a time when Southern Baptists have focused their attention more definitely upon the world task than at any time before in our history. We believe this attention will remain; and, as we move into the period of Jubilee Advance leading up to 1964, there will be a sustained drive which will accelerate advance on all lines both at home and abroad."

#### Missionary Personnel

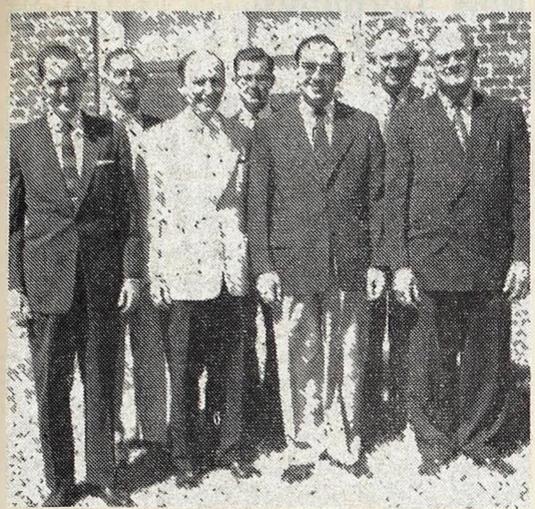
Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., the Board's secretary for missionary personnel who spent five weeks in Latin America this summer studying personnel needs, said in his report: "One is stirred to the depths by the critical needs for additional personnel on every hand. No group of Christians since the first century has faced a greater call to witness than claims our allegiance today."

Mr. West shared figures from a recent study made by the personnel department in an attempt to appraise future possibilities for missionary appointments. In the volunteer division (all young people of college age and under who have dedicated their lives to foreign mission service) are 2,621 names. "Our aim is to help as many young people as possible to conserve the commitments they have made to Christ," Mr. West said.

In the candidate division of the personnel department (all mission volunteers now in theological seminaries and in medical and other graduate schools and beyond) are 1,418 names.

Mr. West said the number of missionary candidiates has doubled in the past two years. "Although all of these are beyond college many of them are from three to six years away from appointment," he explained. "With a reservoir of more than 1,400 candidates and more than 2,600 volunteers, the prospect for the appointment of an increasing number of new missionaries in the years ahead is most encouraging."





Pastors of Standard Schools in Carroll-Benton Association are Front Row, (Left to right) Robert Campbell, Hopewell; Robert A. Sanders, Camden; Jonas L. Stewart, Huntingdon and W. J. Herndon, Howse. Back Row, George T. Willingham, Atwood; John T. Brown, Bruceton; and L. H. Hatcher, McKenzie.

# Testimonies From Standard Schools In Carroll-Benton Association 1955-56

"Arthur Flake once said 'one may look high and land low, but one can never look low and land high.' The First Baptist Church of Camden, in working together to attain the Standard, realized more than before the high aims of the church in its teaching ministry. With increased attendance, revived interest, better trained teachers and officers, we are working and praying for, and looking forward to our best year in the Sunday school."

Robert A. Sanders, Pastor First Baptist Church Camden, Tenn.

"A Standard Sunday school has many features that appeal to us. First, it brings pride in achievement. We can take pride in meeting the standard. Second, it means efficiency in doing the job. Third, the Standard Sunday school means growth. No Sunday school can be standard and fail to grow. Fourth, a Standard Sunday school will win the lost and reach the unaffiliated Baptists. Fifth, it will bring a larger audience to the preaching service. We believe in a Standard Sunday school."

L. H. Hatcher, Pastor First Baptist Church McKenzie, Tenn.

"In reaching and maintaining the Standard our church has been drawn closer together spiritually. Teaching has been improved because of better trained Teachers and a well laid plan of work. Our attendance has gradually increased. We are looking for a greater year as we maintain the Standard this New Year."

George T. Willingham, Pastor First Baptist Church Atwood, Tenn. "The Standard has given us an anchor for our objectives. Using it as a guide has resulted in more trained workers, better organization, more far-sighted visions, and greater efficiency. All of these have contributed to reaching more people, better teaching of the Word, and seeking the lost with more compassion. Having already reached the Standard (1956), we plan to reach the Advanced Standard this year (1957)."

Jonas L. Stewart, Pastor First Baptist Church Huntingdon, Tenn.

"In January 1956, when the matter of reaching the Standard was brought to our attention, we had only two teachers who could qualify for the Worker's Diploma. Further study revealed that lack of training was our great weakness. The matter was brought before the church and enthusiastic approval was given to setting the Standard as an immediate goal. In April the Standard was reached and to date our workers have earned over 600 awards with 31 teachers and officers receiving diplomas. This program is a great blessing in many ways and has especially resulted in better Bible teaching, better attendance, deeper consecration of teachers and officers and a healthy over all feeling of achievement. I feel that the Sunday School Standard of Excellence is one thing that can prove a wonderful blessing to every church."

> John T. Brown, Pastor First Baptist Church Bruceton, Tenn.

"We have received many blessings in attaining the Standard of Excellence in Sunday school, in our church. We have been blessed in setting higher goals and working to reach them. We have been blessed in the work put forth in completing the study course books. Our Sunday school has profited greatly because our teachers have become burdened for lost souls more than ever before, therefore, making our Sunday school more Christ centered."

Robert Campbell, Pastor Hopewell Baptist Church Lavinia, Tenn.

"Reaching the Standard has helped our church become more conscious of the need of better Bible teaching. In order to have better teaching we must have better trained teachers. Better Bible teaching results in the lost won to Christ and more consecrated living on the part of the saved. Using the Standard has proved a real blessing to our church."

W. J. Herndon, Pastor Howse Baptist Church Atwood, Tenn.

Note: These are the churches that helped make it possible for the Carroll-Benton association to attain the Associational Standard during 1955-56.

December 2-7, 1956 has been suggested as Standard Application week in Tennessee for this year.

Woman, s Missionary Union



# Young Woman's Auxiliary 50th Anniversary

Young Woman's Auxiliary is celebrating its 50th. birthday this year. Today there are Y.W.A.s in every state in the Southern Baptist Convention and in 19 countries.

Many plans have been projected by the Southwide W.M.U. Office for observing the Anniversary year. First, a state Y.W.A. Anniversary chairman was elected. Our chairman is Mrs. George B. Jones, Calvery Church, Memphis.

She is the Y.W.A. Counselor in her own church and is the Associational Counselor for Shelby County Y.W.A. Council.

Mrs. Jones loves to work with Y.W.A. counselors and members. Just a few weeks ago twenty-four girls received their Citation Key in an impressive ceremony at their council meeting. Shelby County started the year off with 44 Y.W.A. organizations and closed the year with 60. You can see how the promotion of the Citation increased the number of Y.W.A. organizations in the association. One of the requirements is that two or three girls may work together in organizing a Y.W.A.

Each local Y.W.A. should, also, have an anniversary chairman.

A beautiful anniversary wall chart has been prepared for use. You will find ten goals suggested; and as each goal is reached, it may be marked by a seal representing a gold nugget. A certificate will be awared at the close of the year to the Y.W.A. attaining at least eight of the ten goals. (Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBrice Y.W.A.s have nine suggested goals with awards for the attainment of seven.)

The charts are being mailed to all Y.W.A. counselors. If you do not receive your wall chart, it is because we do not have your name on our mailing list.

This should be the greatest year in the history of Y.W.A. The concerted effort of the members and counselow will make it so.

### ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS, OCTOBER 21, 1956

Church	s.s.	T.U.	Add.	First		222 334	
Alcoa, Calvary	256	122		FriendshipGallatin, First	176	58 145	-2
Central	210	135	-	West Eastland	. 38	28	
First Mission		162	**	Gladeville Gleason, First		86 63	
Athens, Antioch Bethel Springs	_	63	****	Greenback, Niles Ferry		69 120	
Bethsaida	30	28		Trenton Street	518	167	1
East First	482	163 255		Henderson, Antioch		57 98	
West End Mission	73 249	72 71	3	Hendersonville, New Hope	. 113	80 102	2
Calhoun	105	22	-	Emmanuel	258	55	8
Clear Springs		14		First Huntingdon, First Huntingdon, First		188 124	16
Clearwater		62 69		Iron City	. 101	64	
Conasauga	35		*	Jackson, Calvary First	. 982	290 236	10 5
Decatur, First		56		North Parkview		172 146	2
Double Springs	64	32		Pleasant Plains	106	50	i
Englewood		61 72	***	West Jefferson City, Buffalo Grove		518 35	10
Etowah, EastEtowah, North		28 153		First Mansfield Gap		349	11
Etowah, West	51	27		Mill Spring	122	57	
Five Point Good Hope		14		Mountain View		90	4
Good Springs	100	58		Johnson City, Central	_ 777	163	6
Hiwassee	72	44		Fall StreetMidway	138	68 82	1
Lake View		46 25		TempleUnaka Avenue	_	116 151	2
McMahan Calvary	. 85	52		Kenton, Macedonia	_ 118	87	
Mt. Harmony No. 1 Mt. Harmony No. 2		72 35		Kingsport, Cedar Grove		91 229	2
Mt. Pisga	. 44	22	-	GlenwoodLitz Manor	. 381	126	****
Mt. Verd Marshall Hill	-	32	-	Lynn Garden		81 136	1
Meadow Fork		17		Mission Kingston, First		203	-
New Hopewell	191			Knoxville, Bell Avenue	823	263	****
New Zion Niota, East		58	****	Broadway Central (Bearden)		548 241	12
Niota, First	. 162	71	1	First	1134	263	6
Oak Grove				InskipLincoln Park	_ 1118	256 322	3
Pond HillRiccville		34 50	****	Mt. OliveMeridian		103 135	2
Rocky Mount	44	24		North	425	135	i
Rodgers Creek Sanford		46 42	****	Sevier Heights		401 286	2 7
Short Creek	. 128	84		Wallace Memorial	. 353	139 121	8
South Liberty	14	45		LaGuardo	. 126	85	
Union Grove McMinn Union Grove Meigs		57 56		Lawrenceburg, First	_	117	
Union McMinn	. 126			Highland Park	153	78	4
Valley Road		16		Lebanon, Fairview		106 272	14
Walnut Grove		35 50		Southside		97	4
Wild Wood	103	65		Rocky Valley	. 92	50	* *
Zion Hill Bolivar, First		40 121	****	Lenoir City, Calvary  Dixie Lee		110 112	5
Bristol, Calvary		117 31		First		223 60	
Tennessee Avenue	. 529	194		Loudon, Blairland	_ 207	97	
Brownsville Byrdstown, First		145 72	7	First Malesus		119 109	****
Chattanooga, Brainerd	. 933	377	****	Martin, Central	. 249	87 104	1
Concord East Lake		183 140	1	Southside	. 81	34	
McCarty		51 147	1	Maury City		52 54	****
Red Bank	913	349	6	McLemoresville	75	43	1
Ridgecrest Ridgedale	_	44 200		Mt. Pleasant, First		103	
Ridgeview	. 246	88 76	-3	Sandy Hook Scott Town		1	
South Seminole	- 98	44	4.5	Swan Creek	. 23		
White Oak Clarksville, Gracey Avenue		107 103	2 5	McMinnville, Magness Memorial  Forest Park		120	7
Cleveland Big Spring	255	158 77	1	Northside		51 59	1
North	248	140	4 44	First	. 274	131	-
Waterville Clinton, South	132	68 71	4	Mission Maryville, Broadway		46 260	-
First	- 607	192 120	4 11	Everett HillsFirst	487	181	5
Second Columbia, First	467	206	4	Mission	113	72	
Riverview  Highland Park		24 160	-	Madison Avenue Memphis, Airview		88 78	4
Cookeville, First	507	211 98	3	Baptist Center		29 132	9
Cowan		50	and a	Bellevue	_ 2582	1122	15
Mission		53	5.5	Berclair Beverly Hills		367 288	6
Antioch	29	15	1	Boulevard	836	280	2
Dcep Springs French Broad	52		4	Brooks RoadCalvary	260	100 98	5
Piedmont	139	79		Central Avenue		376 179	1 8
Swans Chapel Dayton. First	. 265	99	2	Cherokee	668	354	5
Cave Mission				Cherry Road		81 95	2
Dover, First	- 79	40 61	1	Collic rville DeSota Heights	258	111 110	3
Dyersburg, First	770	250		Eads	62	43	
Elizabethton, First Reservoir Hill	_ 571	218	2	East ParkElliston Avenue		68 82	2 3
Oak Street	_ 150	98	1	Fairlawn First	_ 347	110 353	5
Siam Erwin. Calvary	272	121 83	1	Forest Hill	_ 89	31	
Etowah. First Fountain City, Central		129 331	1	PrayserMission		271 126	26

### New Dormitory Dedicated

Carson-Newman College dedicated its new Alumni Memorial Dormitory October 27 in connection with the annual homecoming on the campus at Jefferson City. Visitors inspected the dormitory following the program. It was opened September 4, providing modern facilities for 196 male students.

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Glenview	96	49	-
Graceland	300	148	2
Graham Heights	203	128	2
Greenlaw	226 1381	128 695	3 5
Highland Heights	388	138	2
Island 40 Mission	30	24	1
LaBelle	521	261	3
LaBelle Chapel	300	127	2
LaBelle Mission	51 111	24 55	2
Lamar Heights	787	310	
Leawood	767	270	3
Longcrest	143	95	155
Lucy Walley Waights	88 341	48 191	6
Mallory Heights	233	50	0
McLean	554	198	2
Millington, First	448	213	2
Mt. Pisgah	110	61	
National Avenue	81 434	58 197	
Oakville	274	75	5
Poplar Avenue	369	150	5
Prospect Park	122	69	
Raleigh	589 137	264 57	2 3
Richland Scenic	148	67	1
Seventh Street	511	197	6
Southland	239	141	4
Southmoor	245	104	2
Speedway Terrace	856 583	251 179	2 2
Sylvan Heights Temple	1281	413	8
Thrifthaven	392	131	-
Trinity	577	299	2
Union Avenue		439	11
Vanuys Wells Station	83 420	24 190	2 4
Whitehaven	545	112	3
White Station	36	38	3
Whitten Memorial	148	43	2
Milan, First		173	
Morristown, Buffalo TrailMurfreesboro, First	232 584	129 195	5
Calvary	73	175	10
Mt. View	183	79	
Powell's Chapel	115	86	-
Third	280 66	122 34	-
Belmont Heights		430	6
Brookside	59	22	-
Donelson		126	5
First	1240	531	9
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### Dallas Baptists Plan For Junior College

DALLAS—(BP)—Preliminary plans for a new \$3 million Baptist junior college here have been made by Dallas Baptist Association.

The association at its annual meeting directed that a special committee immediately work to secure a minimum of 100 acres as campus site and the necessary funds. One-half of the \$3 million is for buildings and other capital needs, the rest for endowment.

Dallas Baptists set 1960 as the date when they hope to complete the junior college. It's estimated that in 1960 there will be 4,000 Baptists among the 25,000 seniors graduating from the city's public high schools.

The college-school system of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which the proposed junior college would become a part of, already includes 11 institutions.

In Dallas, there are 210 Southern Baptist churches and missions, plus numerous offices of the state Baptist convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

### To the Baptists of Tennessee

Be it known unto our fellow baptists of Tennessee that the Tennessee Valley Baptist Association, and the Tennessee Valley Baptist Ministerial Conference of Dayton, Tennessee, has withdrawn fellowship from G. N. Francis of Dayton, Tenn., and Benny Miller of Spring City, Tenn.

The said preachers, through their doctrines and practices, have already left the doctrines, practices, and customs of Southern Baptists.

We, the Executive Committee of the Tennessee Valley Association of Baptists, wish to inform our fellow Baptists that the said preachers, whether operating under the pretense of a Baptist or otherwise, are not desirable men to fill the pulpit of any New Testament Church.

This action was taken by an unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, and the Ministerial Association of the Tennessee Valley Association of Baptists, October 16, 1956.

Signed:

H. M. CARDEN, Moderator M. W. DENTON, Clerk JOHN HIPSHER, Missionary

### Gritz Receives Award

SHAWNEE, Okla.—(BP)—Jack Gritz, editor of Oklahoma's Baptist Messenger, recently received an award for "distinguished service in religious journalism" from Lambda Lambda Lambda. Tri-Lambda is an organization of religious journalism students at Oklahoma Baptist University here.

# Ask Ban On Sectarian Groups In United Fund

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Eight ministers of four Protestant denominations petitioned the board of the Albuquerque Community Chest to "eliminate sectarian institutions from the United Fund" before the annual budget for agencies is drawn up next year.

This action was the latest in a series of protests, extending over the past two years, by Protestant leaders who object to inclusion of Catholic Charities of Albuquerque in the United Fund on the grounds that it restricts its services to Catholics. They also objected that Catholic Charities has been receiving budget increases substantially larger than those of the other 23 agencies.

The Rev. William D. Wyatt, pastor of First Baptist church, said the purpose of the petition was to ask the Community Chest to set up a criterion which would eliminate agencies whose purpose is the propagation of a particular denominational faith.

### Missionary Gets Visa To Egypt

Rev. Finlay M. Graham, Southern Baptist missionary to Lebanon, has received a three months' visa to Egypt; and his plans were to be at Fayum on October 14 for the organization of another Baptist church.

"The establishment of this church is a deinite indication of progress in Egypt," Mr. Graham commented. "And I believe that at least two more churches can be organized within the next few months. However, our advice to the preachers of Egypt has been not to think of expansion of work so much as the proper establishment of that already begun."

### Gilliland, Robertson Moderator

New moderator for the Robertson Association is the Rev. John Gilliland, pastor of Hopewell Church. W. R. Parrish is vicemoderator and Rev. J. B. Ousley is clerk. The thirty-second session of the Association was held with the Battle Creek and Orlinda Churches. Two hundred fifty-five baptisms were reported by the 23 churches whose membership is 8,377. Total gifts for missions were \$52,918 and total contributions for all purposes were \$312,660. Both the Springfield Church and the church at Greenbrier are operating missions. These churches, together with six others, have the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in their budgets. The sessions were presided over by Moderator T. E. Mason.

### Colorado Issues Bid For Sixth Seminary

COLORADO SPRINGS—(BP)—Colorado Southern Baptists have invited the denomination to build its proposed sixth seminary in Colorado.

The invitation was issued during the annual meeting of Colorado Baptist General Convention here. The convention represents Southern Baptists in Colorado and five adjacent states.

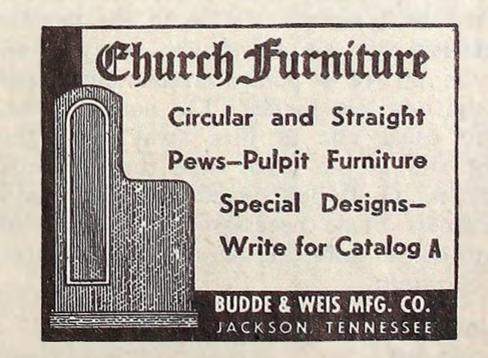
The convention also urged Christian conduct in the racial segregation issue. It supported Colorado Gov. Edwin C. Johnson in a tax to provide care for alcoholics.

A resolution provided for the convention to receive 185 acres of land about 4½ miles from Colorado Springs on which to establish a Baptist assembly, college, or seminary. The land, valued by convention officers at \$2,000 an acre, is a gift from real estate developers.

Sixteen new churches were recognized, joining with the others already represented in the convention to re-elect W. C. Bryant as convention president. Bryant is pastor of the host First Southern Baptist Church here.

The 1957 meeting will be held in Casper, Wyo., Oct. 1-3. Wyoming is one of the neighboring estates included in the geographical area of the Colorado convention. Work is also going on in Montana, North and South Dakotas, and western Nebraska.

515 persons registered for the convention. They approved a total budget of \$196,109. The Cooperative Program budget of \$107,-590 includes \$23,669 for work of the Southern Baptist Convention.



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## THE SUFFERING SERVANT

TEXTS: Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12 (Larger)—Isaiah 53 (Printed)—Isaiah 53:5 (Golden).

Dr. John R. Sampey in his book entitled "The Heart of the Old Testament" says that the materials for this lesson truly constitute the heart of the Old Testament and suggests the reason for its being so called is that here we see the heart of God revealed. One likes the designation as well as the reason. For it seems perfectly obvious that Isaiah here, guided by the Holy Spirit, foresaw Jesus Christ as God's Messiah and in terms of a servant who suffered. And the revelation of God that melts men's hearts into submission and trust is that of One who suffered in their behalf. The suffering was motivated by His love and compassion. What do the verses of the printed text indicate concerning the Suffering Servant?

#### Desirable But Not Desired (vv. 1-3)

When men beheld Him, once He had come to the earth, there would be no defect in His moral and spiritual make-up. His character would be absolutely perfect. All that men had ever hoped for themselves in the beauty of holiness they would find in Him. He would be altogether lovely and desirable. This would not be surprising since He would be the final revelation of God. Thus the search for God would be ended when men were permitted to see Him.

But while He would be desirable, completely so, many would not in fact desire Him. Why? There can be but one answer, in the final analysis. It lies in the terrible fact that men are filled with sin, and sin in the life of a person makes him blind to the best and highest. The nature of sin is to cause one to turn away from the light and at the same time turn towards darkness. God's holiness coupled with man's sinfulness made necessary the coming to earth of the Suffering Servant, Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

#### Sin-Bearing But Not Sinful (vv. 4-9)

God hates sin but loves the sinner. To the extent that we as Christians become like Him, we will do the same. All too often, however, those who call themselves by His Name reverse this by loving sin and hating the sinner. The sinner must be separated from his sinning before God can save him. In order for this to be accomplished two things must transpire: first, God must provide One who would bear the burden of sin without in any way neutralizing His justice; second, man must forsake his sins and place his trust in the One who took his place in the removal of sin's guilt and stain. Or as Strong in his "Systematic Theology" formulates it: "The Bible answers two questions: what God has done to save me, and what I must do to be saved". The above verses deal with

the first of these considerations in what is called the Atonement.

Only a person without sin in his own life could qualify to become the sin-bearer for men. Jesus Christ is the only person who has ever walked this earth who was without sin. Critics have searched in vain to discover a single instance of evil or wrong-doing in His life. Indeed, not even a slight mistake has yet been brought to light. The verdict, even after these hundreds of years of careful study of the records, yet remains: "He went about doing good". Honest investigators must join in acclaim concerning Jesus: "In Him was no darkness at all". The humanity of Christ joined with the deity of Christ furnishes the only satisfactory explanation of this unusual Person.

#### Dying But Not Dead (vv. 10-12)

To be bruised at the hands of sinful persecutors, as Isaiah foresaw Jesus, constituted a dire prophecy of His coming death. This was permitted by God who was both merciful and powerful, for there was no other alternative. Our Lord actually

# Liquor Stores Outnumber Churches

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Liquor establishments outnumber churches by better than four to three, the Methodist Board of Temperance declared here.

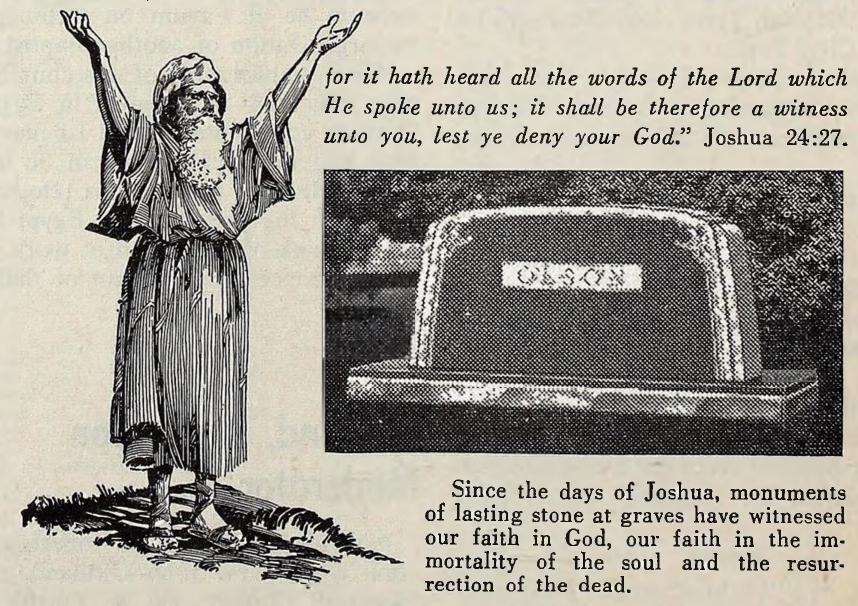
The board said latest Internal Revenue Service figures show that on June 30, 1956, there were 274,877 retail dealers in liquor and 168,180 retail dealers in beer in the United States, a total of 443,057. The Year-book of American Churches states that there were 305,449 churches and synagogues in the United States.

The Douglass Sunday School Lessons—1957 by Earl L. Douglass; Macmillan; 490 pp.; \$2.95. It offers Bible centered, evangelical, easy-to-teach "lesson helps."

died on the Cross because of God's great love.

But death and the grave had no lasting dominion over a sinless life. He was dead but now He lives and lives forever. In His death He conquered man's worst enemy, death itself. Thus He removes death's sting (I Cor. 15:55-57). So, too, Jesus was made perfect through suffering (Heb. 5:8, 9).

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# The Young South-

In one envelope, postmarked Powell, Tennessee, I received four friendly letters. I should like to know the story behind this envelope of letters. Two letters are from friends with one surname, and the other two writers have another name. I wonder whose idea it was to write the letters. Where were the letters written? Maybe one of these young friends will write me more about this. I'm happy to share the letters with you today.

From Martha Ammans, Beelertown Road, Route 1, Powell, Tenn.:

I am a girl twelve years old. I am in the sixth grade at Powell School. I go to the First Baptist Church of Powell and would like to have pen pals. My hobby is drawing pictures of girls and paper dolls.

From Judy Ammans, Beelertown Road, Route 1, Powell, Tenn.:

I am eight years old and would like to have some pen pals. I will try to answer every letter I get. My hobby is playing hopscotch. I would like to get a picture of each of my new pen pals.

From Patsy Beeler, Beelertown Road, Route 1, Powell, Tennessee:

I am almost ten years old and go to the First Baptist Church of Powell. I am in the fifth grade at Powell Elementary School. I would like pictures of all the pen pals I get. My hobby is reading. My birthday is December 7. I would like to have pen pals ages 7-12.

From Josephine Beeler, Beelertown Road, Route 1, Powell, Tennessee:

I am twelve years old and would love to have some pen pals ages 10-14. I will try to answer every letter I get. I go to the First Baptist Church of Powell. I'm in the seventh grade at Powell School. My hobby is collecting pictures. I hope to get a picture of all my pen pals.

From Sandra Smith, 317 Hillcrest Drive, Camden, Tennessee:

I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade. I go to the First Baptist Church of Camden where I am a member. I would like to have pen pals my age, or ten to 12. I will try to answer every letter or card that I get.

From Maudie McMahon, Route 1, Hornsby, Tennessee:

I am nine years of age. My birthday is October 1. I go to Rose Creek School and am in the fourth grade. I have blonde hair and blue eyes. I would like to get letters from pen pals.

From Linda Blair, Route 2, Englewood, Tennessee:

I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. I go to the First Baptist Church of Etowah. My hobbies are playing the piano and collecting little dolls. I would like to have some pen pals and will answer every letter or card that I get.

From Beverly Butler, Route 3, Jackson, Tennessee:

I am a little girl nine years old. My birthday is December 24. I am a Chrisian and belong to the Parkburg Baptist Church. I go to Malesus School and am in the fifth grade. I have a little sister five years old.

I would like to hear from boys and girls my age.



As I look back over today's letters, several questions come to my mind. I wonder if you have some of the same questions.

Did you notice that our two new friends named "Beeler" live on Beelertown Road? Evidently the road was named for someone in the family of Patsy and Josephine. I'd like to know more about that, wouldn't you?

One hobby mentioned today is a collection of "little dolls". I wish I could see that collection. Are there dolls from various countries, storybook dolls, and so on? Wouldn't it be fun to hear all about the dolls, how they were gotten, and so on?

At least one of today's new friends likes to read. I'd like to know what kind of books she prefers, how much reading she does, whether she borrows books from a library, and many other interesting bits of information. I'd be interested to learn the name of the story which Patsy considers her favorite, among all that she has ever read.

When I was a little girl, I, too, liked to play hopscotch. I wonder if Judy Ammans uses the same plan that we had. I wonder where she plays, and who plays with her.

There are several questions I'd like to ask each of these new friends. I imagine you will be asking them as you answer the letters you choose today. Be sure to add some interesting facts about yourself, when you write. Your new pen pal will want to know all she can learn about you. That will help to make your letters to each other much more interesting and exciting!

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

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

McTavish fell into the water. He cricil for help and a brave young man saved him.

Then they both rested on the bank for a while, breathing with difficulty it had not been easy for either. Finally Mclavish pulled his purse out of his pocket and, with a lavish gesture, held out a ten-penny piece to his savior: "Here, friend, I want you to know that you didn't do it for nothing!" The young man looked at the coin, took a deep breath, and repl'd, "I'm sorry but I can't make change."

Mrs. Walker could not believe that Anne would yield up the wonderful privilege of being her cook to go to work for Mrs. Sommers.

"Does Mrs. Sommers know you've only worked for me 6 wks?" she demanded.

"Yes, ma'am," Anne repl'd solemnly. "She said that if I'd managed to stay with you for that long it was a good enough reference for her!"

Opinion has been somewhat divided as to whether the principal of the elementary school was speaking profoundly, or whether his remark was just an inadvertent slip of the tongue.

It was the first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Ass'n and the principal was introducing the faculty to the assembled parents. "These," he said, "are the teachers your children will educate this year."

During a spelling lesson in school, Mary was asked to spell weather. "W-e-t-h-e-r." "Hmmm! That's the worst spell of weather we've had in some time," said the teacher.

"Behind the altar," said the cathedral guide to a party of tourists, "lies Richard II. In the churchyard outside lies Mary Queen of Scots. And who"—halting above an unmarked flagging in the stone floor and addressing a tourist from London— "who do you think sir, is a-lying 'ere on this spot?" "Well," answered the Cockney "I don't know for sure, but I have my suspicions."



### Aids Blind Baptist Ministerial Student

JACKSON, Miss.—(RNS)—A partially blind Baptist ministerial student at Mississippi College, Clinton, is being assisted in his college work by members of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Israel, Jackson's only synagogue.

Elson Smith, 30, a freshman at the school, studies from phonographic records of his textbooks made by 36 women of the Sisterhood.

Arrangement for the recordings were made through the Rehabilitation for the Blind office of the State Welfare Department which furnished a recording machine for the Sisterhood. The women buy the discs and record the textbooks at the temple.

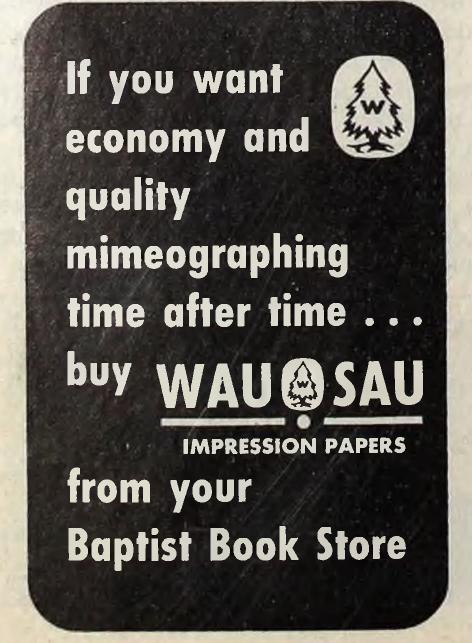
Working in shifts from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., they record the books Mr. Smith is using in the first semester classes and take a week's supply to him.

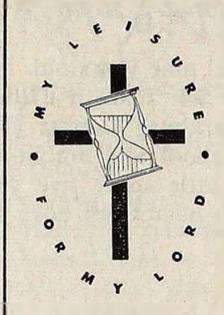
The idea came from members of a Sister-hood in another state who described a similar reading project. Becoming enthusiastic about the project, the Beth Israel Sister-hood asked the Rehabilitation Office for the name of a student they might help. The agency came up with Elson Smith.

Mr. Smith has a 20-70 vision in his right eye and can get around without assistance, but his wife is totally blind. They have been married seven years and have two children who have no known eye impairment.

The student says he has been nearly blind "as far back as I can remember." He graduated from the Mississippi School for the Blind and has been working with the Blind Industries. When he decided to go back to school to enter the ministry he found it hard to get a "reader" in college so he is very happy about the Sisterhood recording project.

Mr. Smith can read the large labels on the records and plans to put the names in braille on them and return them to the Sisterhood so they can be used again for totally blind persons.





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## CHURCH RECREATION SERVICE

At the 1948 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Sunday School Board was asked to set up a department or service of church recreation for the preparation of materials and to give guidance in the field of Christian recreation.—Digest of action from Southern Baptist Convention Annual, 1948

### **Church-Centered Recreation**

The Church Recreation Service seeks to help churches provide well-planned, properly supervised recreation as part of the program of religious education. No new organization is suggested. Simply a Church Recreation Committee to work through the established church agencies. The Church Recreation Service offers suggestions, plans, and materials for

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#### Materials

Church Recreation Bulletin, published quarterly, available upon request.

Free Promotional Leaflets. "The How and Why of a Church Recreation Program," "Church Recreation Bibliography," and other free pamphlets on various phases of church recreation. These materials may be requested from the Church Recreation Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

Playtime, by Pylant, \$2.25. Containing 41 planned parties for different age groups. "Choice Series" of booklets, 25c each—on parties and socials for department age groups. "Leisure for the Lord," the church recreation film, service charge, \$2.00. These priced materials are available at Baptist Book Stores.

### Promotion and Training

Recreational promotion and leadership training is offered at Ridgecrest and Glorieta, state recreation clinics, regional workshops, drama festivals, and conferences at state conventions, associational meetings, college campuses, and churches. The reciprocal co-operation of the Service with the other departments of the Sunday School Board and the state leaders in all phases of religious education work is sought and appreciated.

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