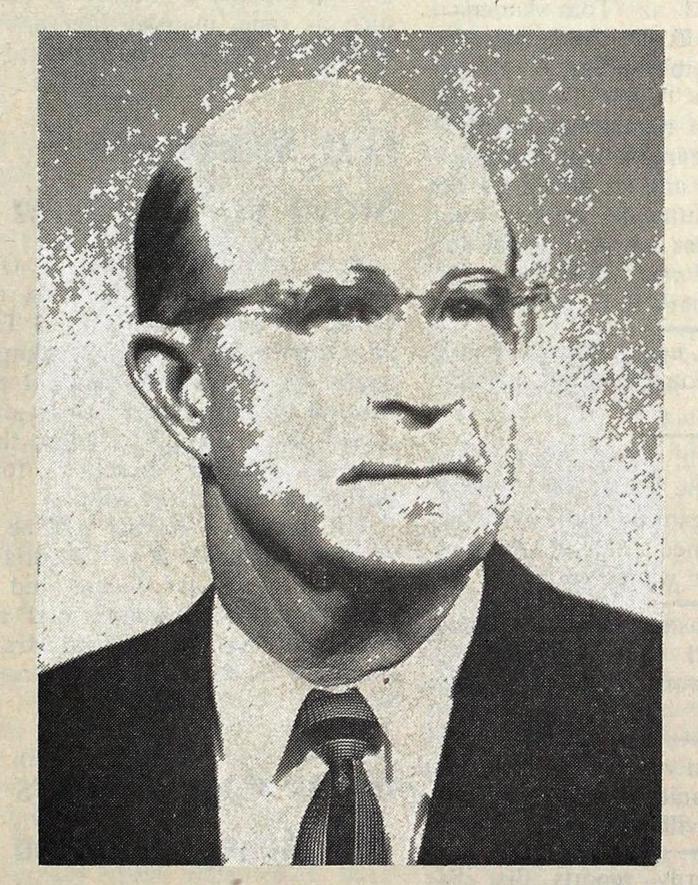
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DR. POPE



Dr. Kendall

On November 1, 1956, Charles W. Pope was succeeded by W. Fred Kendall was Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. When Dr. Pope came to the office in 1942 there were 2,260 churches having a membership of 427,323 affiliated with the Convention. Designated and Cooperative Program contributions that year totaled \$687,666.

As Dr. Kendall assumes his duties as administrative officer the Convention, according to latest reports, has 2,664 churches affiliated with membership of 687,393. During the year closing October 31, 1956 contributions through the Cooperative Program, totaled \$2,613,057.28.

# The Mailbag

#### ... Wants Baptist And Reflector Overseas

• I was stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky for two years with the 11th Airborne Division. I was licensed to preach at Clarksville, Tennessee. I preached in the mission for over a year. I feel that Tennessee now is my home.

I am interested in the work around Tennessee. I would like to take the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. I do not know what the subscription rates are.

I solicit your prayers for the soul-winning work over here for our Lord.—Jerry G. Heflin, Sp-3, RA25530452, "A", Btry 89th Abn. Fa. Bn., APO 112, New York, New York.

#### **Reids Change Address**

Dear Friend O'Mine:
This is a changing world they say,
And well we can believe it;
The moving van must come our way;
And our old house, we'll leave it.
But there's one thing that will not change,
Your friendship tried and true;
So please jot down our new address
And let us hear from you.
When you write us; Apartados 1436-1437
When you visit or wire;
Gabriel Castanos 22, Col. Arcos
Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico
—Orvil, Alma, and Anita Reid

A. L. Russell, Baptist Training Union secretary of Louisiana Baptist Convention, died at Alexandria of a heart ailment. Funeral services were held in First Baptist Church, Pineville, La., with Robert L. Lee, Louisiana Baptist executive secretary, oficiating.

In addition to Mrs. Russell, he is survived by one son, Justin, Baton Rouge; one daughter, Mrs. Billy Roy Snider, Fort Worth; and other relatives.



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# Richard L. Johnson Accepts Call To First, Shelbyville

Richard L. Johnson, pastor of North Jackson Baptist Church and president of the West Tennessee Pastor's Conference, has accepted the call as pastor of First Church, Shelbyville, effective December 2, according to an announcement by Ashton Wood of the Shelbyville Church.

A native of Ruston, Louisiana, Brother Johnson is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Accompanying Brother and Mrs. Johnson to Shelbyville will be two of their four children, Adelia, 15, and Betty Grace, 10. Another daughter, Louise, is a Junior at Union University. A son, Richard, Jr., recently completed boot training in the U. S. Naval Air Corps.

New Hope Church, Giles Association, designated October 21 as "Tom Anderson Day" honoring Mr. T. D. Anderson, 90, with gifts and remembrances. A church member for 65 years "Uncle Tom", as he is known, has been a regular attendant at New Hope for 55 years, taught a Sunday School class for 37, and as much as his health permits still attends regularly and is a willing worker, as we note from the Giles Association Witness which we have received from Missionary R. E. Wilsford.

W. Marion Lewter, new pastor at Scott's Hill in Giles Association, began his ministry there Oct. 14.

Oak Grove Church, Giles Association, now is on a full-time basis, the Sunday School has been re-organized and a Training Union is being planned. The church has put in gas heating for winter comfort.

W. H. Chaplin, pastor for about three years at North End Church, Nashville, has accepted a new work in Paul's Valley, Oklahoma.

Ground was broken officially November 1 for the \$36,000 unit of Lincoya Hills Baptist Church, Nashville.

Pastor Harold Purdy reports that 84 decisions were made in revival services at Belmont Heights, Nashville, in the meeting with Dr. Jess Moody as evangelist. About half of these came for membership. Dr. Moody addressed the Nashville Baptist Pastors' Conference October 29 before returning to Owensboro, Kentucky, where he is pastor of First Baptist Church.

Nashville Baptist Pastors' Conference endorsed the invitation to Billy Graham, evangelist, when the possibility of his appearance for one day in Nashville in the summer of 1957 was presented to them by James M. Gregg, pastor at Lockeland who was chairman of the Evangelistic Crusade led by Graham in 1954. Gregg will be chairman of a committee to effect arrangements for the visit of Graham.

# 60 Per Cent Arrests Related To Liquor

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—More than 60 per cent of all arrests made by police in the first six months of 1956 were due to crimes directly related to alcoholic beverages, the Methodist Board of Temperance said here.

The board said an analysis of the latest FBI Uniform Crime Report shows that out of 2,945,216 arrests for all offenses made by police in 1,771 reporting cities, some 60.66 per cent were related to alcohol.

These arrests included 1,273,919 for drunkenness, 325,935 for disorderly conduct, 137,098 for driving while intoxicated, and 50,195 for violations of state and federal liquor laws.

The total of 1,786,547 liquor-related arrests amounted to almost 10,000 a day, the board pointed out. It noted the figures did not include a number of other crimes, such as rape, manslaughter and homicide, in which liquor may have played a part.

# First Missionaries Arrive In Tanganyika

Rev. and Mrs. Winfred O. Harper. Southern Baptist missionaries, arrived in Dar es Salaam, the captial of Tanganyika, on October 20 to begin making arrangements for the establishment of the Baptist Mission of East Africa. Upon arrival they cabled Dr. George W. Sadler, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper will be joined by two other couples of the Nigeria staff, Dr. and Mrs. Jack E. Walker and Rev. and Mrs. Davis L. Saunders, and two newly appointed couples, Rev. and Mrs. James E. Hampton and Rev. and Mrs. Earl R. Martin.

# Wants Happy Tithers -Or Money Refunded

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—A member of First Baptist church here who tries the tithe for a three-month period will have his money refunded if he isn't satisfied with the tithing plan for financing the congregation's work.

The church is sponsoring a "Try the Tithe" campaign.

Nolan P. Howington, pastor, said 70 per cent of the church budget is subscribed by tithers.

"Baptists base their strong conviction about tithing," he said, "on Malachi 3:10: 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the doors of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive."

# OUR ONLY HOPE

A few nights ago I was alone at my home and I could not restrain the thoughts of certain unusual things about our state and the most unusual experiences that I have had during my life.

I recalled that Tennessee had reared the largest man in the world. He was Miles Darden who died in 1857 at the age of 59. He was 7 feet, six inches tall and weighed over 1,000 pounds at the time of his death.

Tennessee produced the most famous blind man, Sir Francis Joseph Campbell. He was born near Winchester, Tennessee and was knighted in England in 1909 for his outstanding contribution to international education—especially that for the blind of England.

Tennessee furnished the only President, Andrew Jackson, to pay off the national debt and balance the budget.

Tennessee furnished the first "dark horse" President, James K. Polk. He greatly extended our territory and established Annapolis.

Tennessee gave to the nation the first Admiral of the U. S. Navy. Born near Knoxville, Admiral David G. Farragut is one of the three Tennesseans in the Hall of Fame.

While I could list many other firsts, I wish to discuss some of my greatest experiences.

I have had the good fortune to see many of the great attractions of our nation. I have enjoyed the scenery at Grand Canyon. I have made a trip through Death Valley. I have walked into the Carlsbad Caverns. I have stood atop the Empire State Building and I have watched, in the Bowery, the wrecks of humanity as they attempted to trade their bundles of clothing for enough moncy to satisfy their appetites. I have visited Boys' Town, the great institution founded by the late Father E. J. Flannagan. These are but a few of the enjoyable experiences; I must admit that these were pleasant but do not compare with a number of experiences I have had with several notable men and women who have contributed so much to the progress, educationally and spiritually, of our world.

It was a number of years ago that I visited the Berry School, near Rome, Georgia. Miss Martha Berry came by the administration building the morning that a group of our students were visiting that part of the institution. I recognized Miss Berry and asked that she say a word to my group. She simply said, "We, at Berry, are interested in students here with character, health, and intelligence. If the student does

not have these, we suggest that they go elsewhere."

A number of years ago I was in Nashville when Dr. Kagawa, of Japan, visited that city. I was one of those fortunate enough to meet him at Scarritt College and to be a guest at the luncheon in his honor at that institution. The Rev. Pickens Johnson, of Nashville, invited me to be his guest. I have never failed to thank Dr. Johnson for his thoughtfulness of me on that occasion.

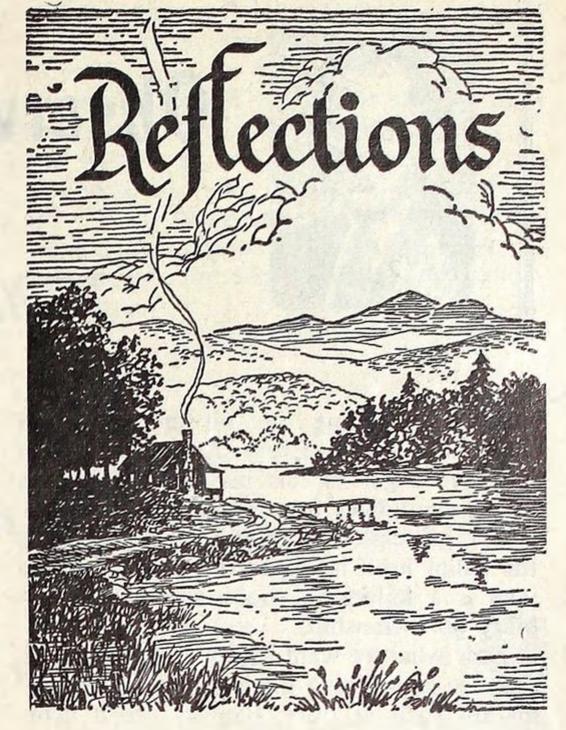
About a year ago I was at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to receive a Freedom's Foundation Award for our school. Dr. Billy Graham was a recipient of a major award that day. I had an opportunity to talk with him a few minutes. I was greatly impressed by his simplicity and humility. His great dedication to the cause of Christ is tremendously impressive. I took a student with me to the ceremonies. While I was talking to Dr. Graham he walked over about ten feet to introduce himself to the student with me. This was a tremendous surprise to my student; he could not understand why Dr. Graham would walk out of his way, shake hands with, and speak to an unknown youth.

I will never forget a visit I made to Tuskegee Institute while the late Dr. George W. Carver was there and was recognized as one of this nation's leading scientists. I went to Tuskegee with Mr. Glenn Ellis of the Y. M. C. A. of Chattanooga. We secured a few minutes to talk with Dr. Carver. He talked for a full hour. His conversation did not emphasize his many discoveries but it was a Christian testimony about the goodness of God. He told of turning over his life to the Lord at an early age. He constantly quoted from the Bible. He testified as to miracles that he had experienced and told of how he put Christ first in his life. This man appeared to be the most consecrated man I have ever met.

Temporal experiences are pleasant and our Maker would not say that the Christian could completely be separated from them. Our Bible says, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness".

There is no permanent joy attached to the experiences that are worldly. There is only permanent joy attached to those experiences which will be with us in our eternal home—Heaven.

The Christian needs every day to move a step closer to God and complete surrender to His Will. Then, many of our tensions, frustrations, and fears will be removed. "Ye are the salt of the earth", Jesus said on one occasion. Truly, the Christians of our day are saving our day from destruction. The Christians of today are our only hope for a little world tomorrow.



A Christian is not one who is seeking God's favor and forgiveness—he is one who has found them.—T. Roland Philips, "Where Life Begins," Moody Monthly.

No one has yet weathered the storm by storming at the weather.—Phil Mann, York Trade Compositor.

Sooner or later you young folks will discover that the more you grow up, the less you blow up.—Burton Hillis, Better Homes and Gardens

The moment our democracy ceases to respect God it will cease to respect your value as an individual. The moment it ceases to respect your value as an individual it ceases to be democracy.—
Thomas J. Curran.

The drunken driver is as great a menace to the dignity of human life as is communism.—Judge Luther W. Youngdahl, former governor of Minnesota.

To be a friend a man should recognize that the art of friendship is a lifetime study, that no man knows all the answers, and that he should add each day to his knowledge of how to live the friendly way.—Wilfred A. Peterson, Jaqua Way.

Religion ought to be our steering wheel, but too many of us treat it as a spare tire; useful only in a blowout.—Bendixline.

This is the precept by which I have lived: "Prepare for the worst; expect the best; and take what comes."—the late Dr. Robert E. Speer in A Man Sent From God (Fleming H. Revell.

Statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by intoxicating liquor where only one is killed by a mad dog. Yet we shoot the dog and license the liquor. Just what sense is there to this?—James Kurtz, Sunshine Magazine.



# Observations

By OWEN

# Ballots and Baptists

We are writing this on the eve of a national election. Every American citizen has been urged to cast his ballot regardless of the candidates for whom he will vote.

The principle is rightly being upheld that the ballot itself is important. The failure to vote is a failure to shoulder the responsibility of citizenship.

Now what we want to say in this article is that the same thing holds true in a denomination such as ours. Baptists are a democratic body.

Each church is a democratic body. The

# Welcome, Dr. Kendall

The new Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Dr. W. Fred Kendall, began his work as the administrative officer of the Convention November 1. We heartily welcome Dr. Kendall to Nashville and to his new position of leadership among Tennessee Baptists. He is highly regarded by all who know him and has been cordially received by all those with whom he will be working at the Baptist State Building in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Baptist and Reflector has received resolutions of commendation from the Madison-Chester Association commending Dr. Kendall to the fellowship and comradeship of Tennessee Baptists and commending the Executive Board for its discerning choice of the new Executive Secretary. "We yield this good pastor to his larger duty only in order that our Baptist fellowship might be profited by his wider field of service," the committee writes concerning Dr. Kendall, who has served the First Church, Jackson for the past eleven years.

The committee termed him as a pastor, "who has walked before us in all the beauty of holiness, in clean personal life and an unimpeachable Christianity". It stated that Dr. Kendall had inspired and encouraged others by his wonderful faith, his confident manliness, and his ready friendliness. He has discharged effectively and nobly every duty both to his own congregation and to the most exacting demoninational needs.

Dr. Kendall's ministry at First Church, Jackson has endeared him not only to the membership of that church, but to the people of the community as well. He comes to his new place of service with a hearty commendation from those whom he has faithfully served in a fruitful ministry.

Baptist Association is a democratic body. The Convention, whether State or Southern, is a democratic body.

It is highly important that the responsibility be accepted in the Convention of participation by messengers from the churches and of voting on the part of the messengers on all issues coming before the Convention.

Our Tennessee Baptist Convention meets next week in Knoxville. In the First Baptist Church of that city the 82nd annual session of the State Convention will be held from Tuesday, November 13 through Thursday, November 15. Our point is this: you as a Tennessee Baptist should see that your church is represented at Knoxville.

There needs to be more representation on the part of the churches in the sessions of the State Convention. The ballot is important in a political democracy. The ballot is important in a religious democracy.

The churches, generally speaking, realize that it is important that their pastors be present at the State Conventions. Most of the churches provide the expenses for the pastor's attendance.

It is likewise important for the churches to have the laymen present at the State Convention. Brother Layman, be present at the Convention along with your pastor. If every church in the Tennessee Baptist Convention had only one representative at the State Convention, there would be at least 2,644 present in the sessions next week at Knoxville. Yet last year these churches only had 795 messengers present at the State Convention in Memphis.

Be informed concerning the matters that come before the Convention. Cast your vote for what you believe to be in the best interest of the work of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for the year to come.

Baptist democracy depends upon the churches having messengers present, and those messengers fulfilling their responsibility by intelligent voting!

It is your State Convention! See that you are on hand.



# One Thing We Ought To Do In Knoxville

The Southern Baptist Convention in adopting "The Baptist Jubilee Advance" program for the period 1959 to 1964 at Kansas City, said in a resolution that "it will be necessary even now to think in terms of enlisting young people to serve as educational directors, music directors, church secretaries, writers, and in other full-time Christian vocations, as well as those who feel the call to definite service as ministers or missionaries at home and abroad . . . and to seek a unified and effective approach to their enrollment in our Baptist colleges and seminaries to the end that they may be adequately equipped for their divinely appointed life work."

Our hearts are thrilled as we think of the challenging plans that are already being carried out as we seek to expand our work on Foreign Fields, and the greatly increased number of new churches called for in our Homeland.

This program of advance is not only going to make unprecedented demands upon our Baptist Colleges for trained leaders, it is already doing so. Our colleges are bursting at the seams. Every school we have in Tennessee is in dire need of more buildings, more equipment, and improvements in some of the old buildings it now has.

Which leads me to say that we Baptists in Tennessee are lagging behind the Southern Baptist Convention, and nearly all the other State Conventions in the matter of providing for the capital needs of our schools in our Cooperative Program. The capital needs of our schools is an item that has never been included in the Cooperative Program. Had the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, and our Seminaries depended upon special offerings to provide all their capital needs, they would have suffered incalculable setbacks. Yet that is the policy we have relied upon in Tennessee to meet the needs of our four great schools. No wonder they are now in such dire need!

How blind can we get? Do we think we can have schools by simply providing the money for operating costs, forgetting entirely that pupils must have dormitories in which to live, classrooms in which to recite, equipment with which to carry on their work, forgetting entirely that buildings and equipment wear out, and a growing denomination and an expanding student body must have new buildings?

It is clear from the outcome of the recent state-wide campaign for the capital needs of our schools that we cannot emphasize the Cooperative Program by which our program of World Missions is supported, and expect our people to enthusiastically support big special campaigns. Whether that is the way it ought to be or not, the

fact remains, that is the way it is.

So I hope and pray that at the Convention in Knoxville this year Tennessee Baptists will do something about this matter. I hope they will do it in a way such that

our contributions through the Cooperative Program to Southwide causes will not be reduced. We are doing little enough for the world beyond our borders now. Let's find a way to include the capital needs of our schools in our State Budget, and put an end to so many big drives. Our schools are vital to everything we have, and if we are going to provide for operating expenses, we should provide buildings in which to operate.

Dr. W. C. Creasman, Nashville, Tennessee

# Think About It

Dr. Richard N. Owen's editorial—Baptist and Reflector Nov. 1—calls attention to a very important proposal regarding allocation of Cooperative Program funds. It is proper that some notice of this proposal should be given in advance of the meeting of our Convention. The proposal, if adopted by the Executive Board, will become one of its recommendations to the Convention.

The proposal is that 7% of Cooperative Program receipts be designated for capital needs of our schools. If this recommendation is adopted by the Convention, it will, in reality, change the whole allocation picture. All of the Cooperative Program dollar is now allocated on a percentage basis, and it is not possible to increase the allocation to one interest without taking an equal sum from other interests. Since all of our institutions have capital and current needs, we should take a careful look at the over-all effect of such a move.

Based upon the sum of \$2,500,000.00 as Cooperative Program receipts, the proposed 7% for capital needs would provide \$175,000.00. The gain and loss sides of the picture would be as follows:

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Carson-Newman College \$	50,000.00
Belmont College	50,000.00
Union University	50,000.00
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	25,000.00
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Total Gains for Capital Use Only \_\_\$175,000.00

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With the above facts and figures before us, we should decide whether this is the best way to meet the capital needs of some of our institutions. Is it better to make the needs of some of our courses a preferred item, or, would it be better to make concerted effort to increase our gifts to all of our causes? This proposal should have our careful and prayerful consideration.

# Record Enrolments At 21 Baptist Colleges

NASHVILLE — (BP) — The Southern Baptist Education Commission here reports record enrolments this academic year at 10 senior colleges and 11 junior colleges connected with the Southern Baptist Convention.

According to R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary, net enrolment at all Southern Baptist four-year colleges and universities totals 29,728. The comparable 1955 figure was 28,318.

Net enrolment for all Southern Baptist junior colleges has reached 7306 compared with 6838 at the same time a year ago.

Figures do not include enrolment for correspondence, extension, night, and special courses.

Four-year schools reporting record en-

rolments are Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.; Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz.; Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.; Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.; Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.; Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.; Tift College, Forsyth, Ga., and Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Junior colleges having peak enrolments are Campbell College, Buies Creek, N. C.; Campbellsville, Ky.; Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C.; Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky.; Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N.C.; Mars Hill College, Boiling Springs, N.C.; Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.; Norman College, Norman Park, Ga.; North Greenville Junior College, Tigerville, S. C.; Truett-McConnel Junior College, Cleveland, Ga.; Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Va.; Wingate College, Wingate, N. C.



Miss Kathleen Aycock

## New Worker

Miss Kathleen Aycock of Gordon, Ga., came to the Sunday School Department November 1st as Field Worker. She will work with the pre-school age-Cradle Roll, Nursery and Beginner.

Miss Aycock attended Bessie Tift College in Forsyth, Ga., and graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, receiving the BRE degree.

She has been with the Sunday School Department, Georgia Baptist Convention, for the past seven years and therefore has had good experience in State work.

We are happy to welcome Miss Aycock to our department and are sure she will mean much to Sunday school work in Tennessee.

### Training Statistics October 1955-October 1956

Churches Reporting Training Each Month

Huntingdon, First-Awards 161, Jerry L. Glisson, Pastor; Joe T. Kennon, Jr. Superintendent.

Parkview, Jackson-Awards 472, James A. Farrar, Pastor; L. M. Arnold, Jr., Superintendent.

Westover, Jackson-Awards 256, R. B. Patterson, Pastor; R. R. McLeary, Superintendent.

Hohenwald, First—Awards 260, Fred T. Evans, Pastor; O. R. Holley, Superintendent.

Belmont Heights, Nashville—Awards 487, Harold J. Purdy, Pastor; Morton McLean, Superintendent.

McLean, Memphis—Awards 351, H. C. Gabhart, Pastor; W. R. Harrington, Superintendent.

Church, Speedway Terrace, Memphis-Awards 500, Mark Harris, Pastor; Sam T. Lowry, Superintendent.

Immanuel, Lebanon—Awards 489, M. L. Arbuckle, Pastor; Charlie Tatum, Superintendent.

#### Ten Leading Churches in Training

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Church and Association	Awards
Highland Heights, Shelby	1,184
Broadway, Knox	
LaBelle, Shelby	
Cherokee, Shelby	789
Riverside, Nashville	
Lincoln Park, Knox	
Bruceton, Carroll-Benton	
Speedway Terrace, Shelby	
Immanuel, Wilson	4
Belmont Heights, Nashville	

#### TEN LEADING ASSOCIATIONS IN TRAINING

(Figured on percentage of churches reporting training)

Association	No. Chs.	Chs. With	% Ch.	Total
Shelby	95	85	89%	11,512
Hardeman	30	26	87%	419
Carroll-Benton	22	19	86%	1,443
Concord	32	24	75%	736
Nashville	87	59	68%	4,741
New Duck River	24	16	67%	383
Cumberland	28	18	64%	608
Bradley	46	28	61%	783
Gibson		27	59%	500
Wilson	28	15	54%	988

Woman's Missionary Union

# 1956 Foreign Mission Graded Series Theme: Japan

A new series of books on Japan showing how Southern Baptist work has grown since our first missionaries reached Japan in 1889 has come from the Convention Press in time to be studied before the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer, December 3-7. Order books from your Baptist Book Store.

A Leader's Guide for each book may be secured, free, from the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia, Box 5148. Many interesting items may be secured from your Baptist Book Store, among the items are: Map-Placemats, in color, 12 for .50; Place Cards 12 for .85; napkins 100 for .60; paper parasols .05 each; paper lanterns .25 each.

The adult book for study is Japan Advance by W. Maxfield Garrott. It is a readable, popular style book, presenting earnest, mature Christians of Japan coming to grips with political and economic situations as they take their place in building a democratic nation. Early missionaries who began the work are briefly presented, especially those who are still on the field;

and possibilities for future work are discussed.

Japan's New Baptists for Young People is written by Carl M. Halvarson and tells of the experiences of young Japanese Baptists today set against their own environment of home, school, and business.

The Tarnished Helmet for Intermediates by Lois Whaley tells of the struggle of the young people in breaking away from ancestor worship to accept Christ. It is a thrilling book of fiction based on fact that will hold teen-agers' interest to the end.

Koji of Japan for Juniors is a delightful study of the customs of boys and girls in Japanese homes (beds on floor, etc), it also tells of our mission work.

The Lantern and the Song by Mrs. Ernest Lee Holloway tells what two Japanese children find out about a big lighted lantern they see one night and about the strange song they hear. It is a delightful story for boys and girls of Primary age.

The Adult and Young People's book are .60 each, the Intermediate, Junior and Primary are .35 each.













by Carl A. Clark, Associate Professor, Pastoral Ministry and Rural Church Work Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

# WHY CHURCHES DIE

Why should rural churches die? It is an actual fact that over twenty thousand American country churches have ceased to exist during the last twenty years. I think none of us feel that rural churches should die. Since some of them are going out of business, however, it is well for us to inquire into the reasons as to why they should cease to exist.

The most interesting study we have seen along this line is a doctoral thesis written by W. H. Allison of Missouri. Dr. Allison is Superintendent of Stewardship and Missions for the Missouri Baptist General Association. He wrote a thesis on the subject "The Deterioration of Rural Churches in North Missouri" which he submitted to Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas.

In the thesis Dr. Allison made a very extensive research into all the churches in the northern half of Missouri which had ceased to exist between 1930 and 1950. This study is a very scientific approach assembling vast amounts of factual material regarding these churches and isolating some of the causes for this deterioration with proposed remedies to prevent the same thing happening to other churches.

I would like to give you some of the results Dr. Allison found in twenty selected churches over the twenty year period of time.

#### Weak In Bible Teaching

Out of these twenty churches for a twenty year period of time Dr. Allison found that only one church had ever had a Sunday school study course and that only one time. In other words, there was no effort on the part of these churches to train Sunday school leadership. Without trained leadership, any church is very likely to die.

Only one of the twenty churches has had a religious census, and someone came in from outside and took the census after the church was disbanded. This indicates that the churches did not have adequate concern for the unsaved and unenlisted people in their communities.

Of the twenty churches, fifteen ceased having revivals some years before they became inactive. I am quite surprised that the churches would stop having revivals, but I am not at all surprised that after ceasing to hold revivals they became inactive. Any church that does not have a vigorous evangelistic program is certainly on the way down.

For the entire period of time there was not even one stewardship revival held in the entire twenty churches. This looks like there was little concern for stewardship and tithing. Inevitably the financial programs of the churches were seriously inadequate without definite stewardship training. Without stewardship conviction on the part of the individual members of the church, no church can finance its program.

#### Weak In Training

Fourteen of the churches had Sunday schools with from two to five classes. This indicates that the Sunday schools were not adequately graded and organized, because a Sunday school of most any size ought to have more than five classes. Without the provision of adequate classes and departments a Sunday school will not enlist new people and thus the church will not grow. Failing to grow, it soon deteriorates. Thirteen of the twenty churches made spasmodic efforts at some Training Union work. Many of these had only a young people's union or had a Training Union for only a brief period of time. The other seven had no Training Union work at any time during the twenty years. This meant an absence of training in church membership. Untrained, church members are not likely to carry on an active church program.

Seventeen of the twenty churches had no Woman's Missionary Union at all. Only three attempted Woman's Missionary Union work and these did not last very long. There was not a single Girl's Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador, Sunbeam or Young Woman's Auxiliary organization in any of the twenty churches at any time during the twenty years. This shows that the people of these churches had very little, if any, real missionary interest. There certainly was no interest in training the children to be missionary-minded. Honestly, the best way to have a missionary-minded church membership is to start a generation ahead of time. If you do not train the children to be missionary-minded, you will not have a missionary church in the next generation. In these cases you do not have any church at all.

There was not a single brotherhood organization in the entire group. It looks like these churches were operated for and by women and children.

Fourteen of the churches apparently never had any kind of prayer meeting. Seven of them did attempt to have prayer meeting at various intervals. I think none of these lasted through the entire twenty years. The

power of a church comes because the people meet together for prayer. Without a praying congregation you will have a dying congregation.

Seventeen of the churches had no Vacation Bible School whatsoever. Only three churches had attempted any Bible school work during the twenty years. Two of these had only one Bible school each, leaving nineteen years without a Bible school. One church had Bible schools for a three year period but did not have Bible schools for the other seventeen years. This means that these churches lost their finest opportunity for enlisting the children of their respective communities in the church program. No wonder they died.

#### Weak In Evangelism

Dr. Allison gives a very interesting summary regarding the pastoral leadership situation. He combines the entire twenty churches for a twenty-one year period and says this means they had a total possibility of 420 years of pastoral leadership. However, during a large portion of this time the churches reported having no pastor. In fact, there were 231 possible years in which these churches did not have pastor. In only 189 years did they report a pastor. This means they were without the spiritual blessings of pastoral leadership 55% of the time. These actual facts seem to indicate that unless a church keeps a pastor a very high percentage of the time it is a declining church and will soon cease to exist.

Another interesting summary which Dr. Allison gives is regarding the number of years in which the churches reported baptisms. Again, he figures on the basis of the twenty churches for the twenty-one years 1930 to 1950 inclusive. This again is a total possibility of 420 years. No baptism was reported in the church minutes 306 of these years. This means that in 71% of the years no one was won to Christ, not even one. In only 29% of the years was there a report of souls being won to Christ. The church that is not baptizing people is surely a dying church.

We would not moralize too much on these startling facts. We would rather present the facts and let you draw your own conclusions. This is simply what happened to a group of twenty churches that were on the way down. We are deeply indebted to Dr. Allison for this very enlightening research.





# Middle Tennessee Topics by ROY W. BABB, Winchester

First Church, Goodlettsville recently observed the ninth anniversary of B. Frank Collins as pastor. A comparison reveals that the Sunday School enrolment has increased from 362 to 602, Training Union from 148 to 180, value of church property from \$25,000 to \$150,000, gifts to the Cooperative Program from \$1,108 to \$7,367. Ninety five new members were added during the year.

Prof. Gordon Clinard, official representative of Southwestern Seminary at the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is a native of Springfield, Tennessee and graduate of Union University. He is of the seminary's department of preaching and has been pastor of the First churches in Burleson and Huntsville, Texas.

First Church, Mt. Pleasant, enjoying remodeled and re-decorated sanctuary, baptistry and choir rearranged, new lighting and rug.

J. Ed. Nelson accepted the call and has already moved to the field of Northside Mission, McMinnville. He came from Gainsboro, but is a native of Paducah, Ky.

Dr. Cecil H. Cantrell and John H. Porter were ordained as deacons by First Church, Winchester.

Nat McKinney is serving as associational missionary in both New Salem and Bledsoe Associations.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Slamming of London, England, were guests at Glendale Church, Nashville, week of Nov. 4. He lectured each evening on Old Testament and is recognized as an authority on the Tabernacle.

Schools of Missions were conducted in several of the churches of New Salem Ass'n the week of Oct. 22.

David Stone, who serves as pastor of West End Chapel, Nashville, is now Registrar at Belmont College. He has been employed by BSSB.

First Church, Carthage, ordained W. C. Day, Turney Ford and M. D. Fuqua as deacons.

J. L. Marlow who recently resigned at Monteagle is now serving as pastor of Clifton Hill Church, Chattanooga.

Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, ordained James H. Brewer, B. C. Clouse, Robert S. Cook, Odell Crowe, Ernest J. Dickerson, Herschel H. Foust and Hubert B. Smothers as deacons.

NASHVILLE—The congregation of Woodmont Baptist Church will hold first services in their new sanctuary pictured here November 11, at which time the entire congregation will be able to be assembled as one. The church established in August, 1941, has been led since December, 1941, by Dr. G. Allen West as pastor. The new sanctuary seating 1100, and costing approximately \$400,000 is the third unit constructed by the church. The chapel in which dual Sunday morning services have been held is to the left, and the educational unit to the left and rear of the new structure.

Judson Memorial Church, Nashville has found good use for the new educational building dedicated October 21. This is the first unit in a building program which eventually will replace the present auditorium and Sunday School facilities. The church is located at 2120 8th Avenue South. Rev. Hobart Ford is pastor, of this church, which has 1200 resident members and 1,400 enrolled in Sunday School.

William E. Lyles became pastor of First Church, McEwen October 16. Brother Lyles served First Church Obion as pastor for the past three years and seven months.

Elkins Avenue Church, Nashville observed the third anniversary of the pastorate of Dale Godfrey, Nov. 4. Fifty-one have been added to the church during the past two months, 39 of these by baptism. The church now owns two buildings and has 230 enrolled in Sunday School, with a thousand prospects in walking distance of the church location at 3504 Elkins Ave. Worship services are being conducted in the Adult Assembly awaiting thte construction of the new sanctuary in 1957.

Tusculum Hills Church, Nashville, purchased property on Nolensville Road for site. Property was dedicated on Nov. 4 and revival started that night led by Hobart Ford of Judson Memorial Church, sponsor of the new church.

Youth led revival conducted at Edgefield Church, Nashville by Byrns Coleman, evangelist, and Dean Butler, song leader, both from Belmont College.

Pastoral changes: Lewis E. Lee new pastor for Union Hill Church. George Snelling resigned at Bordeaux and has moved to Georgia. Scottsboro Church called J. C. Fuller, member of Old Hickory Temple, as pastor.

Smith Fork Church, Wilson Ass'n, celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary with homecoming Oct. 21. Richard Johnson of Lebanon is pastor. Smith Fork was the third Baptist church constituted in Wilson County.

Woodmont Church, Nashville, will conduct Thanksgiving revival services, Nov. 18-25 with Pastor G. Allen West and Song Leader Dee Wayne White leading.

Youth led revival at First Church, Clarksville, was directed by Youth Board headed by Pat McCutchen. Eric Rust of Southern Seminary was the speaker. He also taught the book of Romans during day services.

Revival services at First Church, Crossville were led by Don Pinson of Eastland Church, Nashville.

Wilson Ass'n observed second youth night at Round Lick Church, Watertown. Don Strother was speaker.

First Church, Murfreesboro, held revival services led by Walter Warmath of Arkansas.

### STORY OF A SONG

He had never received such a letter before, and I dare say you have not. The expression on his face as he read, and the tone of his voice as he handed the letter to me saying, "What do you think of this?" assured me I was about to read something unusual.

Glancing at the postmark: "Fountain Inn, S. C.," revived two slumbering memories of my early pastorate in the Palmetto State. It was in the little city of Fountain Inn that I saw, standing in the yard of Robert Quillen, a monument to Mother Eve. Since no one had thought to erect a memorial to the mother of us all, the popular syndicate columnist raised a stone to the first woman. My second thought was about a series of letters I had read in a daily newspaper by the same Mr. Quillen. For many months each Saturday afternoon, I looked eagerly on the editorial page for the column addressed to "My Red Headed Daughter" and signed by "Your Bald Headed Daddy." So my brief contacts with Fountain Inn had prepared me to be not surprised at anything coming from there.

Because of gratitude the devout woman wrote from her sick-bed, her constant companion during the past seven years. She related that more than fifteen years ago, she was visiting her sister in Amelia Court House, Va., and one morning heard someone singing "Amazing Grace." At first she thought it was from a radio, but it turned out to be a ministerial student who was home for summer vacation, singing as he worked in his father's garden.

She did not meet the student, but learned his name was Nathanael Habel. The song was a great spiritual blessing to her, as much as if God had sent an angel to sing. Indeed, she is convinced that God did send the messenger with the encouraging message which her soul needed then; a message that has been an even greater blessing during these years of illness. That is why she writes, "I realize more and more how amazing his grace is, he has been so good to me." This additional word will be of interest: "The Spirit-filled message, I received, has led me to pray numbers of times for you and your work."

Nathanael has forgotten the early morning song, he remembers nothing of the occasion, he has never seen the woman, and he did not know she heard him sing, but his unconscious influence and blessing to Miss Belle Boroughs, has not been forgotten by her, and never will be.

A religious song, a kind word, a good deed, a friendly smile, a devout faith, an unwavering devotion—these Christian acts of love performed in the ordinary course of life, almost unconsciously—may have a great influence on others without our knowledge. What a blessing if years later someone is thoughtful enough to say, "I thank you." Or perhaps you should write such a letter.

Amazing Grace.

# WMU Officers Elected

Nashville challenged by the theme "Hearts Open-Heads Up" more than four thousand women and young people attended W.M.U. Divisional Meetings held throughout Tennessee the week of Oct. 29-Nov. 2. Among officers elected for the year 1956-'57 in the various divisions were the following:

1956-57 Divisional

Northeastern: President, Mrs. J. D. Thomas, Johnson City; Director of Youth, Mrs. J. S. Aiken, Bristol; B.W.C. President, Mrs. Henry King, Johnson City.

Eastern: President, Mrs. G. P. Mahan, Knoxville; Director of Youth, Mrs. C. R. Belt, Clinton; B.W.C. President. Mrs. Guilford Simpson, Knoxville.

Southeastern: President, Mrs. W. S. Moore, Etowah; Director of Youth, Mrs. Grover Lee, Cleveland; B.W.C. President, Mrs. P. S. Taylor, Etowah.

Southcentral: President, Mrs. B. E. Cockrum, Cowan; Director of Youth. Mrs. H. J. Rushing, Lawrenceburg; President. B.W.C. Miss Alma Reed, Columbia.

Northcentral: President, Mrs. S. S. Dibrell, Sparta; Director of Youth, Mrs. H. C. Huddleston, Sparta; B.W.C. President, Mrs. A. M. Nicholson, Murfreesboro.

Central: President, Mrs. Joe W. Burton, Nashville; Director of Youth, Mrs. Gardner Burden, Clarksville; B.W.C. President. Mrs. Granville Miller, Nashville.

Northwestern: President, Mrs. J. M. Anderson, Union City; Director of Youth, Mrs. C. N. Hawks, Dyersburg; B.W.C. President, Mrs. Carmon Lannom, Dyer.

Southwestern: President, Mrs. Eldon Roark, Memphis; Director of Youth, Mrs. A. O. Herrington, Memphis; B.W.C. President, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Jackson.

Watch the W M U page in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for a more complete listing of new officers and places for the 1957 meetings.

# New Hospital Proposals

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—(BP)— North Carolina Baptists will consider in an annual convention here whether to expand their hospital ministry to include two more institutions.

Sites in Cherokee, in western North Carolina mountains, and in New Bern, along the coast, are those considered. The convention presently operates one hospital, Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

A recommendation before the convention will be that a committee be appointed to study the matter of establishing additional hospitals. This committee would report back at the 1957 state convention meeting.

# Storers Given \$5270

Members of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma presented their retiring pastor, J. W. Storer, and Mrs. Storer with \$5270 as a love offering. Storer, their minister for 25 years, becomes executive secretary of Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville, Nov. 15.

Richard R. Lloyd, pastor at Jellico has become pastor at Big Stone Gap, Va. Campbell County Association, which he served two terms as moderator, drew up resolutions commending his faithful ministry both as pastor and moderator, a copy of which has been forwarded to BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR from the resolutions committee, by Marshall E. Rasnake, of La Follette.

First Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., has invited H. Hansel Stembridge, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Forest City, N. C., to become pastor of the Virginia congregation.

C. Oscar Johnson, pastor, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.; was speaker for the annual missions emphasis week at Southern Baptist Seminary, Nov. 6-9. His subject: "The Gospel to All the World."

A committee of the Methodist Church has recommended that the denomination consider having its own "convention center" for meetings. "What we need," a committee spokesman said, "is a suburban type hotel in a campus atmosphere (with) an auditorium large enough to accommodate our largest meetings. . ."

# Illinois' New Churches

CARBONDALE, Ill. — (BP) — During the twelve months which closed Sept. 30, more new churches were organized within the Illinois Baptist State Association than in any other year in the history of the association.

43 new churches were constituted during this period, according to Noel M. Taylor. executive secretary of the association.

The Capital Baptist, newspaper of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, became a weekly publication Nov. 1. For the past two years, the 4,000 circulation newspaper has been issued semi-monthly. James O. Duncan will continue as editor of the newspaper and director of promotion for the district convention.



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members. Ten thousand of these are lost each year through resignation, death, and retirement. That by 1975 we will need half a million faculty members.

.... THAT the cost each year for higher education in America is now fifteen billion dollars and that this bill will reach fifty billion dollars in twenty years.

.... THAT our Baptist schools face some serious problems. These are: a well qualified faculty, student procurement, public relations, educational and denominational aims, finances, desegregation, lack of overall planning, resident and nonresident students, autonomy of the college, and the new sense of urgency on the part of denominational leaders and laymen.

.... THAT our Baptist schools are moving from the periphera to the center of our denominational program. At the present time the denomination in most cases is only one of six major constituencies from which the total support of our college is coming.

tist schools and church relatedness. The local pastor and the local church should be a vital part of the Baptist program of Christian higher education.

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meet the emergency that is now evident on every hand, we, as Baptists, must support the leadership of our denomination at the World, National, State, Associational, and local level.—Clayborn E. Landers, pastor, Kansas City, Missouri

# Louisville Baptists Ask Branch College

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—Long Run Baptist Association has voted to establish a branch Baptist college in Louisville by 1960, subject to approval of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

The college would be a branch of Georgetown College, which the state association operates in Georgetown, Ky. The branch campus would offer freshman and sophomore courses.

If the state association approves the plan for the Louisville college, Long Run Association agreed to "take the lead" in finding a suitable campus and \$1,100,000 in funds.

The money would include \$500,000 for

a classroom building, \$500,000 for endowment, and \$100,000 for operating expenses.

The branch college plan was endorsed recently by R. Orin Cornett, Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

Branch colleges, he said, would share the accreditation and prestige of the parent school as well as meet the need for education facilities in big cities like Louisville, etc.

Branch colleges in large cities would generally draw "day students," students who live at home and commute to college. Therefore, no outlay for dormitory accommodations becomes necessary.

Georgetown College is the only four-year college of Kentucky Baptists. However, the state association also operates three junior colleges and three other schools and institutes.

#### Training Union Department

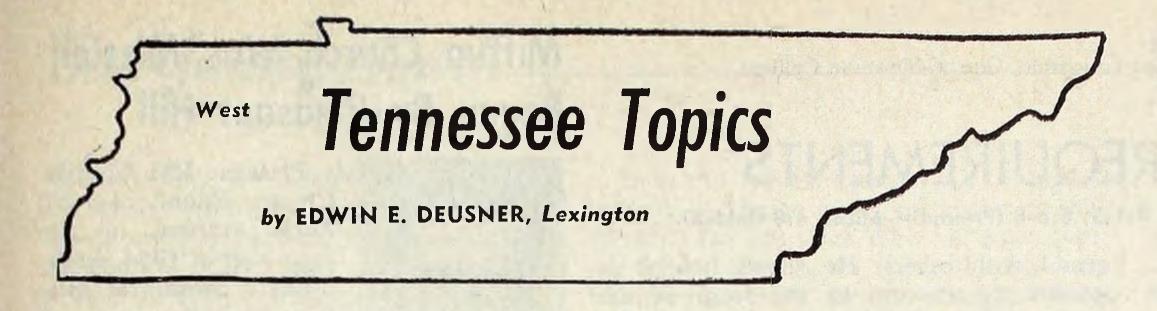
# **Associations Set Goals**

During the week of October 22 through October 26, the first week of our Regional Planning Meetings were held. We are listing below the goals set by associations for the coming year.

SOUTHWESTERN REGION

ASSOCIATION	Stan. Unions	Stan. Tr. Unions	New Tr. Unions	Awards	Churches Reached With Study Course	Sword Drill	Speakers' Tournament	Youth Week	Youth Night
Beech River	2	1	3	250	10	4	4	2	Yes
Big Hatchie		1	1	1,200	25	5	5	5	Yes
Fayette	2	2	2	300	10	4	2	5	Yes.
Hardeman		1	2	600	20	12	7	12	Yes
McNairy	3	1	3	600	25	15	6	12	Yes
Madison-Chester	4	2	3	1,800	35	20	20	10	Yes
Shelby	99	9	9	10,000	99	29	29	49	Yes
		NOR	THWE	STERN REG	ION				
Beulah	3	1	4	1,000	25	5	5	5	Yes
Carroll-Benton	20	2	2	750	12	10	7	10	Yes
Crockett	3	1	3	300	9	8	5	5	Yes
Dyer	5	1	3	1,500	20	12	6	10	Yes
Gibson	12	2	4	1,000	40	12	6	3	Yes
Weakley		1	4	500	10	3	3	10	Yes
Western District	3	1	2	600	16	3	3	6	Yes
		SOU	TH CE	NTRAL REC	SION				
Duck River	10	4	4	1,000	19	10	10	10	Yes
Giles		1	4	250	12	2	2	2	Yes
Indian Creek		1	2	300	8	3	3	3	Yes
Lawrence		2	5	500	30	17	5	17	Yes
Maury	50	4	2	500	15	5	5	7	Yes
New Duck River	. 6	2	2	750	15	8	5	12	Yes
William Carey	3	1	3	500	15	5	5	10	Yes
CENTRAL REGION									
Bledsoe	_ 3	1	3	400	15	3	3	3	Yes
Cumberland		1	1	600	15	5	3	7	Yes
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Nashville		5	4	5,356	85	30	15	40	Yes
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Short Creek	127	38 79		Sevier Heights	16	248	Madison Street Mission	95	27 78
South Liberty	10	39		South Wallace Memorial	382	119	Brook Hollow	240	106 170
Union Grove McMinn	73	59		LaFollette, FirstLaGuardo	124	83	Edgefield	633	223 574
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Valley View Walnut Grove	62	60 67		Lebanon, Cedar Lick	623	249 115 _	Grandview	629	142
West View	108	76		Southside Hillcrest Immanuel	32		Hermitage 8 Immanuel	93	61 116
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Bristol, Calvary	33	118 33		Dixie Lee	222	130 192	9 State School	102	136
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Pastor and Mrs. Hayward Highfill observed their ninth anniversary with First, Humboldt, October 7. There have been 1,022 additions, a new educational building has been erected and the general program of the church greatly strengthened.

Calvary, Parsons, Coy C. Thurston, pastor, entered their new building November 4. Plans are in the making for another unit.

L. R. Riley, Mayfield, Ky., delivered his famous sermon "Why I Am A Baptist" at Seventh Street Church, Memphis, November 4.

The building fund at First, Milan, has grown to \$13,142.50.

The mission of Frayser, Memphis, was constituted a church October 31. It is located at 835 Millington Road.

Little Miss Julia Claire Acuff has come to grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Acuff, Ripley. Joe is on the staff of First Ripley. The Acuffs have an older child, Stewart.

Trace Creek Church, New Johnsonville, has three \$500 Broadway bonds for sale. Inquiries may be directed to Pastor Robert L. Armour.

New pastors in Carroll-Benton Association are Robert Foster, Enon; J. B. McMillan, Fairview; and James Glisson, McLemoresville.

Larry Stewart, son of Rev. and Mrs. Jonas L. Stewart, Huntingdon, is receiving much publicity for his gridiron feats,—all of which are richly deserved. He is the leading scorer in Tennessee and will probably be named all-state. By his fine Christian testimony and clean living he has become a wonderful example to the youth of Huntingdon. While there are no oneman teams it must be pointed out that last year Huntingdon did not win a game. This year they haven't lost a game.

Sweetwater, First	458	90	
Oakland	55	37	-
Talbott	77	56	
Toone	135	76	
Trenton, Salem	128	70	-
Tullahoma, Highland	228	135	
Grace Mission	107	46	-
Rutledge Falls	113	87	-
Union City, First	740	230	1
Samburg	110	73	anni.
Second	227	108	
Watertown, Round Lick	214	112	
White Pine	256	107	
Nina	51	****	-=
Wrigley	86	****	-

Pastor and Mrs. W. Fred Kendall were given a farewell reception by First Church, Jackson, October 28. Some of the statistical gains of this eleven year pastorate are as follows: additions, 1,943; budget from \$32,000 to \$124,300; Sunday school enrolment from 995 to 1,578; Training Union enrolment from 204 to 321; average attendance at Sunday school from 552 to 934; average attendance at Training Union from 132 to 198. A new educational building is going up.

#### Revivals

Boulevard, Memphis, had J. E. Williams, Park Avenue, as guest preacher. C. M. Pickler, pastor.

Union Avenue, Memphis, had a week with the new pastor. Stanley Wilkes, doing the preaching.

Prescott Memorial, Memphis, heard the pastor, J. B. Hester, in special services.

First, Humboldt, Hayward Highfill, pastor, had H. C. Chiles, Murray, Ky., with them.

First, Dyer, R. J. Cooper, pastor, had Walter M. Martin, Antioch Church near Humboldt, as preacher.

First, Bolivar, will have David Q. Byrd. West Jackson, as preacher, Nov. 4-11. W. Floyd Cates, pastor.

Seventh Street, Memphis, will hear the pastor, T. J. Tichenor, Nov. 11-18.

O. E. Turner, Paris, did the preaching in a meeting at Robertsville, Oak Ridge, the first of October. W. C. Summar, pastor.

First, McKenzie, will have H. Franklin Paschall, First, Nashville, as guest preacher, December 10-16. L. H. Hatcher, pastor.

First, Huntingdon, had Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg, in a meeting, October 21-28. Jonas L. Stewart, pastor.

Bernard Scates, pastor at Ripley, will preach at New Providence near Clarksville, November 18-25.

Brownsville, James F. Yates, pastor, had John Huffman, Mayfield, Ky., as guest evangelist.

Calvary, Jackson, will have Leonard Sanderson, Dallas, Tex., in a revival, November 18-25. James A. Canaday, pastor.

First, Selmer, has had a great meeting with Homer A. Cate, Immanuel Church, Knoxville, as preacher. There were 26 additions. All attendance records were broken. O. G. Lawless, pastor.

# J. Carl McCoy Plans Retirement January 1

J. Carl McCoy, superintendent of missions for the Shelby County Baptist Association for 16 years, will retire effective January 1.

Retirement of the 73-year-old minister was announced at the 52nd annual meeting of the association at Highland Heights Church, Memphis.

Thirty-one churches have been organized by him and admitted to the association since he took over the job of promoting the formation of churches outside Memphis in April, 1940.

A native of Batesville, Arkansas, and a graduate of Southern Seminary, he came to Memphis in 1916 as pastor of Temple Church. He later served as pastor of Prescott Memorial Church.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy reside on Elmore Road, Memphis. They have one son, Martin McCoy of Kansas City.

#### Planetarium To Stetson

DeLAND, Fla.—(BP)—The newest gift to Stetson University, Baptist college here. is a small planetarium used in studying constellations.

Laban L. Rice, former chancellor and president of another Baptist college, is the donor. The planetarium projects the heavenly bodies on a dome 20 feet in diameter.

Operated mechanically, a full display of sun, moon, stars, and planets in 24 hours may be shown in about six minutes. The device can be stopped in any position for more detailed viewing.

Approximately 40 persons can watch the display at a single showing.

The donor has had a life-long interest in astronomy. Rice is a graduate of Cumberland University, former Baptist college at Lebanon, Tenn. He later served as chancellor and president at Cumberland University.

Union University has been presented with a Bible that is to serve as a memorial to Mrs. Emma Water Summar who was librarian at the college for 23 years and librarian emerita until her death in August, 1955. The pulpit-sized Bible, presented to the college by the grand neices and nephews of Mrs. Summar, has been placed on a stand beneath a picture of Mrs. Summar in the Emma Water Summar Library which was constructed in 1947.

O. G. Lawless, Selmer, was with Pastor R. T. Daughtery and the Church at Williamstown, Ky., in a Stewardship Emphasis Week and this was followed by a revival with Bro. Lawless as the preacher. This was his first experience of this kind.

A new church building is underway at Henry. Members are doing some of the work and the future of the Church is bright.

# THE LORD'S REQUIREMENTS

TEXTS: Micah 4 and 6 (Larger)—Micah 4:1-5; 6:6-8 (Printed)—Micah 6:8 Golden).

Micah and Isaiah were contemporaries. The former dwelt and ministered in the rural areas, while the latter did the same for the city and especially for Jerusalem. Micah had the ear of the comman man, while Isaiah moved among the royalty. Maclaren comments upon both in these words. "The two prophets stand, to a large extent, on the same level of prophetic knowledge. Characteristic of both of them is the increasing clearness of the figure of the personal Messiah, and the increasing fulness of detail with which His functions are described." Our attention focuses, in this lesson, upon Micah (particularly the printed text) to notice two things that the Lord requires. The two go together and must not he separated. What are they?

#### Reign Of The King (4:1-5)

First, it will be universal ("many nations shall come"). When Jesus returns to the earth all will bow to Him in recognition to His sovereignty and lordship. The Bible so teaches. If, at times, we may feel that we are on the losing side in our following and serving Him let us recall this truth.

Second, it will be peaceful ("neither shall they learn war any more"). Think of the effort and material, to say nothing of the suffering and sorrow, connected with war both in its preparation and prosecution. What a burden! What a tragic waste! But the time will come when men will "study war no more" (as the spiritual has it). The reign of Jesus will be that time.

Third, it will be righteous ("we will walk in His paths"). It will be founded upon justice coupled with mercy, therefore it will endure forever. God's will is to be final and supreme. This is the essence of His kingdom. This is what He taught us to petition, "Thy will be done".

#### Religion Of The Subjects (6:6-8)

Micah is careful to give vitality to the system of offerings which lies at the heart of the Jewish religion. His plea is that it shall always be observed by worshippers whose hearts are right first with God and

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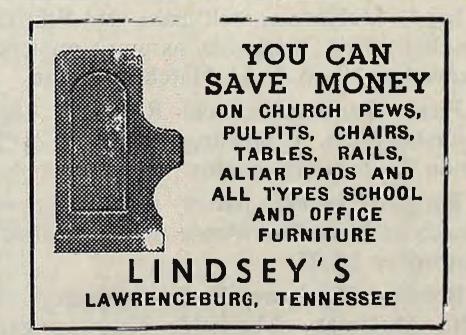
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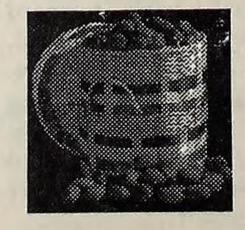
second with others. He shows how it is possible to conform to the form in the system without possessing any of the substance. Thus he comes to give to all men of all times one of the great verses in the Bible in the Golden Text, from which the essence of the Christian religion stems and in which the subjects of His Kingdom are to be characterized.

First, they are to be just ("to do justly"). This justice, upon the part of His subjects, is to be a reflection of God's justice and righteousness. All too often men, even Christian men, have tried to separate religion from morality. God reminds us, through Micah, that it cannot be done or that if it is attempted then religion loses its significance and meaning. Let this abiding truth ever be kept in mind.

Second, they are to be merciful ("to love mercy"). Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful". To be full of mercy is, again, to be like God. One who is without mercy says, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"; but the King and His subjects say, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". The merciless cry for revenge but the merciful remember that vengeance belongs to God. His subjects are not only to be merciful but to love to extend it on every occasion.

Third, they are to be humble ("to walk humbly with thy God"). Pride is always unbecoming of one who calls himself a Christian. Our age magnifies the aggressive so that even some leaders within the church often manifest the exact opposite of what is taught here in this verse. This is not to discount the aggressive but it is to be warned against pride and its fruits. For "pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall". Truly the Lord requires at least the above items. The language is clear.





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# Mifflin Church Was Mission Begun By Pleasant Hill



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Pleasant Hill Church, Chester County, led by Buck Morten, in the early part of 1954, established a mission at Mifflin, ten miles north of Henderson. Boyd Le-Croy, who at the time was evangelist at Pleasant Hill and Robert L. Newman, Madison-Chester Associational mission-

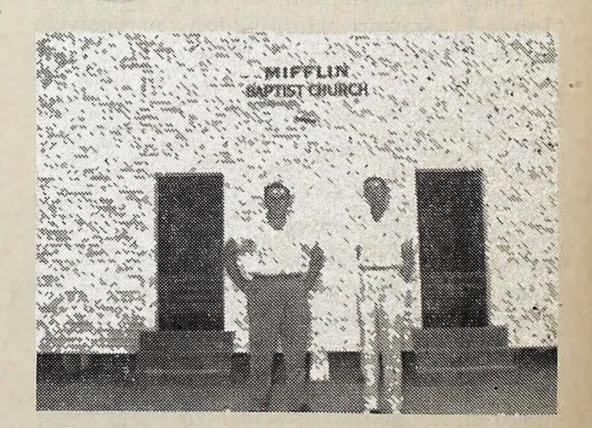
ary, offered encouragement to the project.

At first on a concrete slab in a pasture Sunday afternoon services were conducted. Later in the year, a pastor for the mission was called. Then a full program of preaching, Sunday school, and Training Union was undertaken. A vacated residence was used; later a store building. When the pastor resigned, Omen Crowder, Jr., layman of the sponsoring church, became the leader.

Clyde Hamilton was called August 12, 1955, and accepted charge of the work. One year later the mission was constituted as Mifflin Baptist Church and called Hamilton as pastor. He was ordained to the full ministry, December 4, 1955, at Meridian Church near Jackson.

When Hamilton assumed his duties as pastor there were only 18 in attendance. One year later, 75 attended Sunday school and 70 Training Union. During the same time, 14 joined by letter and five by baptism. Mifflin is now a four-star church with Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and a Royal Ambassador chapter. The church has adopted the unified budget plan and rented a house for the pastor who now lives on the field.

When churches are willing like Pleasant Hill to sponsor missions, we can naturally expect results like the ones above.—L. G. Frey



Mifflin Baptist Church as it appeared the day the Church was organized. Two Sunday school rooms have been added. Plans call for construction of two more rooms. Gas heat is also being installed. Pastor Hamilton stands here with Boyd LeCroy, who conducted a revival recently.

# The Young South-

I have only four letters to share with you today. Some of our Young South friends must be especially busy at school and church. Maybe they are having some interesting experiences about which they will write us soon. Wouldn't it be nice to get a letter from each friend, telling what he has enjoyed most this fall, or sharing some of his Thanksgiving plans?

You will enjoy all of these letters. I hope you will answer at least one of them—today!

From Linda Rose Fritz, 4809 Curtis Circle, Chattanooga 5, Tennessee:

I have written to you once before, and I got four pen pals. I only have two now.

At Sunday school we elected officers, and I am a Group Captain. I belong to the G.A. I am a member of Red Bank Baptist Church; our pastor is Dr. Ralph Norton. I also belong to the Carol choir.

I am in the fourth grade at Red Bank Grammar School. My hobbies are writing, reading, cooking, swimming, and watching TV.

My birthday is April 30. I would like pen pals ages 8-11 and will answer every letter I get.

From Kay Shown, 2201 Eighth Ave., S., Nashville, Tennessee:

I am eleven years of age. My birthday is March 26. I go to Clemons School and Judson Memorial Baptist Church.

My hobbies are watching TV and reading books of biography. I would like pen pals any age and will try to answer every letter or card that I get.

I have just read a book that I think is very good. It is about Queen Elizabeth II.

I go to nearly all of our church activities. I enjoy G.A. and the Junior choir.

From Nancy Ruth Shown, 2201 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee:

I am seven years old. My birthday is January 25. I go to Clemons School and Judson Memorial Baptist Church.

My hobbies are watching TV and playing house. I would like to have pen pals up to nine years of age.

I like to sing and play games. I also like to "do" cheers.

From Glenda Jackson, 117 Jackson Street, Rogersville, Tennessee:

I am twelve years of age. I go to the Westview Baptist Church. I have been a Christian for three years.

I go to Rogersville City School. I would like to have a pen pals from the ages of 12-15.

My hobby is playing a trumpet.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1956

Which of today's letters will be of special interest to Junior boys and girls who like to read? Do you think they will enjoy writing letters about good books they've read, friends they have met in books or some funny or exciting stories they have read?

Boys and girls who have favorite TV programs may write about them. It would be interesting to learn how many of the same TV programs are seen in various sections of the state. Perhaps the friends will share something new they have learned from TV.



Young trumpet players will probably want to begin writing to Glenda Jackson. It would be nice to tell how you first became interested in that particular instrument—how many lessons you have had, whether you have are a member of a school band, and so on.

Primary boys and girls (6-8 years) may want to answer Nancy Ruth Shown's nice letter. Perhaps they like the same things she does—or they may want to tell of other favorite activities. They might describe a favorite game, or share a new "cheer."

Every boy and girl may write about an experience pictured in today's Young South. What kind of trees do you have? What color are the leaves now? Have you been on a walk or ride to see some of the reds and browns and golds of autumn? Have you helped to rake the lawn and keep it neat and pretty? How many leaves do you suppose have fallen in your yard!

Write to your pen pal this week—and please write to me!

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

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

In this age of rock 'n' roll it isn't surprising to see a sign in a Brooklyn drag store: "Teen-age spoken here."

Policeman to man who had just collided with a woman driver: "I'd settle if I were you, sir. After all, it's your word against literally thousands of hers."

The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work.

This one, voiced by a 12-year-old. may be the Question of the Decade: "Hey, Pop. will a guided missile do more harm than a misguided miss '11?"

Ardent dog fanciers, a-young couple had always had their home overrun with canines. When a baby arrived everybody wondered how the infant would get along with all the 4-footed pets.

A friend inquired. "Does the baby talk yet?"

"Not yet." the mother said. "but he's learning how to bark."

An experienced politician is one who can toss his hat into the ring and still talk through it.

One of the hard things about business is minding your own.

A statesman is a man who thinks he belongs to his country: a politician thinks the country belongs to him.

There isn't much fun in medicine, but there's a great deal of medicine in fun.

A little girl returned from her first day at school and proudly proclaimed, "I'm the brightest one in my class!"

"How is that?" her mother asked.

"Well," she said, "the teacher told each of us to draw a picture on the board and then the other children were to guess what the picture was. Mine was the only one no one could guess!"

A hillbilly at an observatory paused to watch a man peering through a large telescope. Just then a star fell.

"Man alive," he exclaimed, "you're a fine shot!"

A salesman tried desperately to sell Grandpa a hearing aid. Grandpa admitted he would like to have it, but told the saleman to call back after November 6.

"Why November 6 specifically?" asked the salesman.

"Politics, son," replied the old man. "I'll wait until the politickin' is over, so I can hear something worthwhile.

# Corporation Established For Hospital At Miami

MIAMI—(BP)—Miami Baptist Hospital. Inc., a non-profit organization, has been established to sponsor a Baptist hospital project in Miami.

Trustees of the corporation were elected by Miami Baptist Association with C. Roy Angell, pastor of Central Baptist Church, chairman. James W. Parrish, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, is vice-chairman.

Trustees will serve as members of a campaign executive committee to plan, organize, and project a public fund-raising campaign for the proposed new hospital.

"Our objective," declares Angell, "is to build a Baptist hospital with 200 beds at first, but capable of being expanded as the need arises." The hospital project is subject to final approval of the Southern Baptist Convention in its 1957 session at Chicago.

The association is considering a single hospital or possibly two hospitals under one management. Two sites have been offered. One is near Jackson Memorial Hospital in downtown Miami, the other on a 55-acre tract near Kendall. south of Miami.

The Kendall site is the one offered by retired millionaire Arthur Vining Davis.

Angell said the first step in campaign organization "will be to form a committee of 100 to help guide our fund-raising project." On this committee will serve leaders in Miami business, industry, and professional life.

The corporation has opened a special campaign office.

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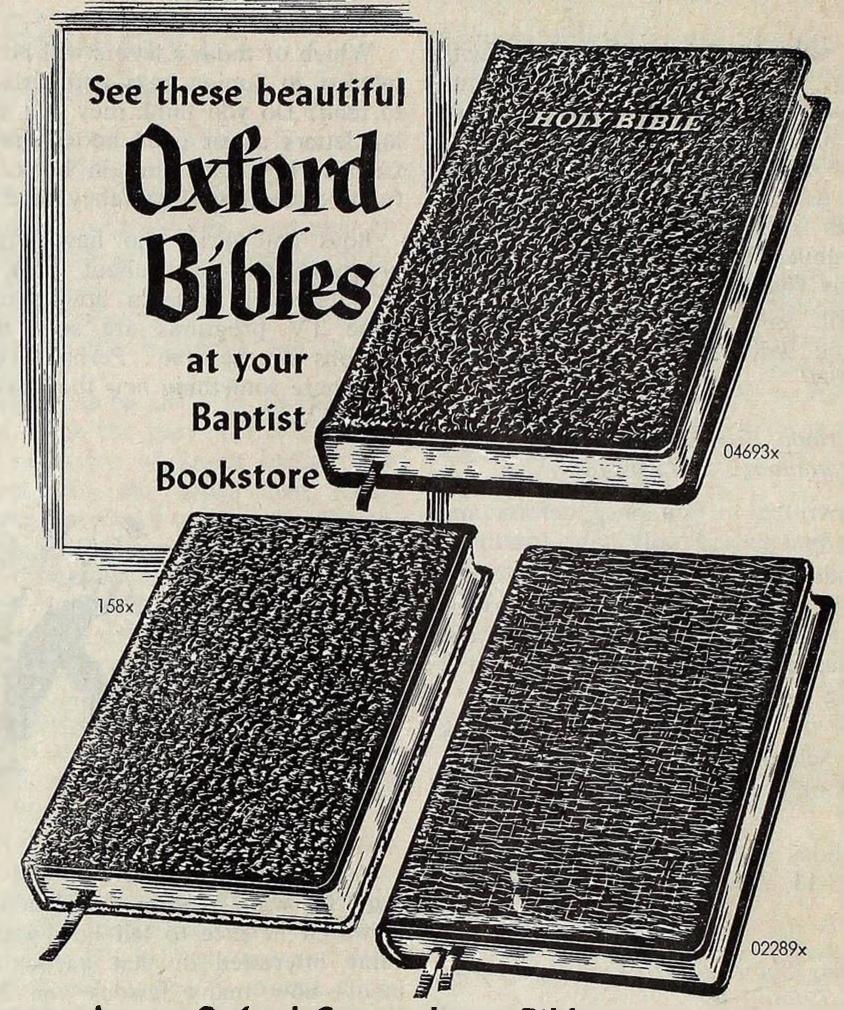
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