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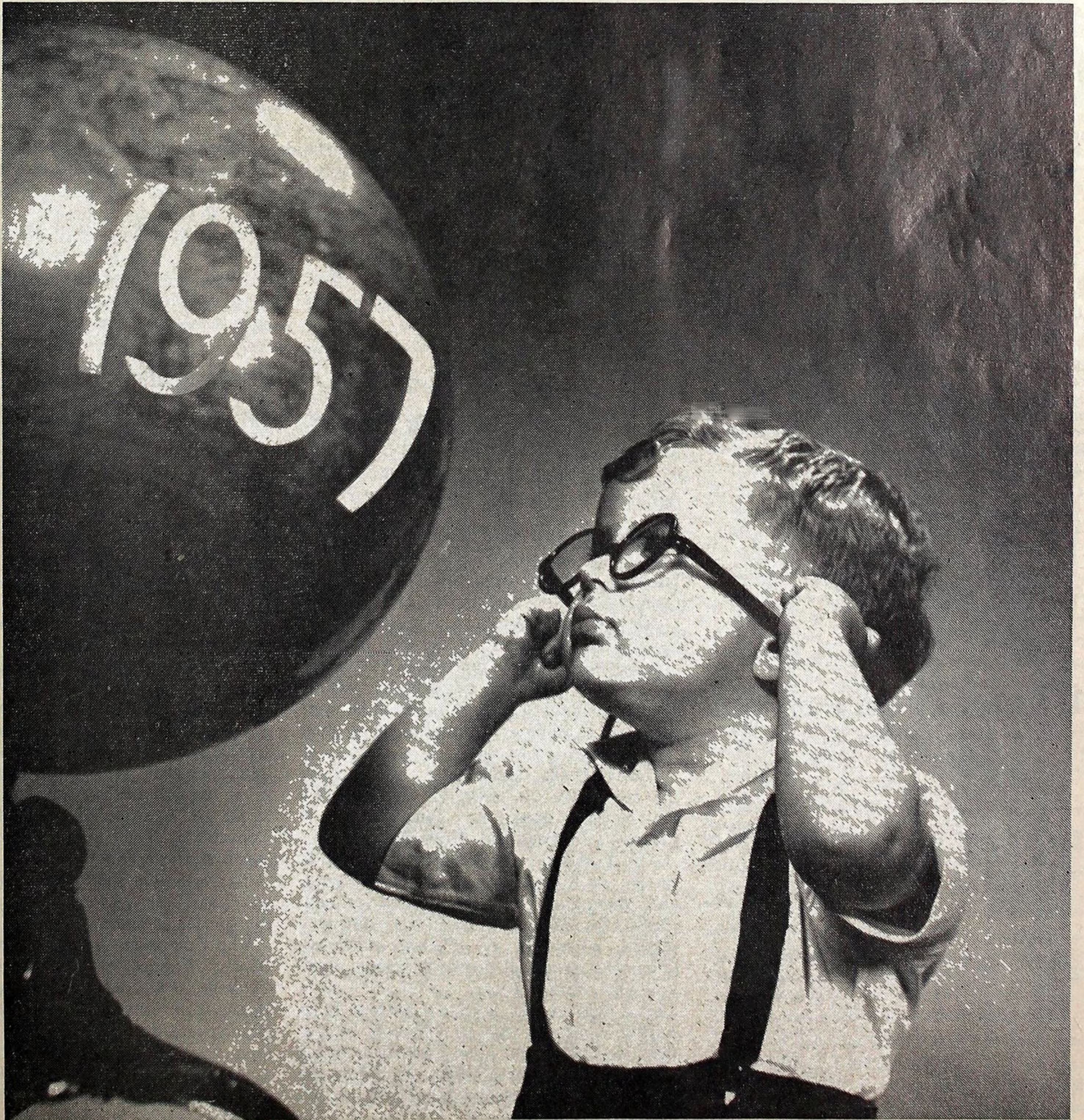


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# The Mailbag

## ... New Books Will Help

● I appreciate your editorial entitled "Only Cure for Alcoholism" in last week's BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. You say there is a great need for preventive education among young people. With this in mind, the Training Union Department is publishing this month four new books on alcohol. These are to be studied next spring during Alcohol Education Week.—C. Aubrey Hearn, director of the Study Course, Education Division, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

## ... O. L. Rives Recuperating

● Thanks to all who have in any way remembered us during these last 7 weeks of our trial. Word has come from so many of their prayers and sympathy, and we are deeply grateful. Mr. Rives is now at Veterans Hospital in Johnson City for period of recuperation. The doctors assure us he will be able to carry his full schedule again around Feb. 1st. They see no reason for his not being as active as before. The Lord has been good to us in all of this experience.—Beatrice Farrow Rives, Jefferson City, Tenn.

## ... Made Home Seem Nearer

● May I just take this opportunity to thank you for sending BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR faithfully during my period of study in Scotland. I have enjoyed reading every issue and can truthfully say that it has made home, and all that it stands for, seem much nearer. If God permits, I shall be returning to my home in Red Bank in the early part of January having received my Ph.D. and anticipating the beginning of a new work in some field of service where God shall direct.—Jack R. Kennedy, 7 Warriston Cres., Edinburgh, Scotland.



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## Thus Saith the Preacher—

# Lord, Do It Again!

Dear Editor:

In one of Leslie Weatherhead's books he tells the story of going one night years ago to the little church in Aldersgate Street in London for some personal meditation and prayer. It was late afternoon, and dusk was coming on. On one of the pews was a light burning to illumine a plaque. The inscription read: "On this spot John Wesley felt his heart strangely warmed." Dr. Weatherhead went on to a rear corner to sit and pray in the twilight. As he sat there he heard another person come in. It was an aged Negro man who moved on to the illumined pew. The old man took out his gold-rimmed spectacles and bent carefully to read. He audibly spoke the words: "On this spot John Wesley felt his heart strangely warmed." Then, dropped to his knees the old man raised his voice in prayer: "Lord, do it again. Lord, do it again to me."

Ah, Doc, if there's anything our generation of Christians could use it would be that strange warmth of the spirit of God coming to us. Many of us have followed well the earlier pattern of John Wesley. Wesley, you remember, travelled far in his journeys of service to God before that Aldersgate experience. He had a multitude of good works to his credit, but his heart was filled with an unsatisfied longing.

I suppose one of the things which keeps us from being warmed is the fact that we are willing to give everything we have to God except ourselves. We can talk a great Christian language. We can give sums of money. We can sacrifice hours of time. We can add up the good works. Still we remained on the cold side. Remorse is substituted for genuine repentance. Sorrow of being caught is more our emotion than sorrow for evil itself.

Nothing can take the place of a complete commitment of our lives in surrender to God if we want to feel the warm glow of the presence of God. So many of us miss out on that. And, honestly, I believe we want it. We either don't know what's lacking, or, knowing, we are unwilling to take the step of commitment.

Right now I'd like to pray the prayer of the Negro worshipper at Aldersgate: "Lord, do it again to me."

Yours, in need of warmth  
G. Avery Lee  
Ruston, La.

## No Saturday Session For 1957 Southern Convention

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention will open on Tuesday night and close on Friday night.

The change in schedule was recommended by the Convention's committee on order of business and approved by the Executive Committee.

Normally the Southern Baptist Convention opens its sessions Wednesday morning and closes some time Saturday. Attendance at Saturday sessions however is usually smaller because pastors and church workers want to get home in time to hold their regular Sunday services.

Ira H. Peak, Mobile, Ala., chairman of the committee on order of business, said the revised dates are May 28-31 in Chicago's International Amphitheater.

The Tuesday night session will be a joint service on foreign missions with the woman's Missionary Union convention, he said. Ending the Convention on Friday night may require a session on Friday afternoon. Otherwise there will be no afternoon meetings, according to Peak.

This will be the Southern Baptist Convention's second visit to Chicago. It met there in 1950 but used another meeting place than the Amphitheater. As before the convention headquarters hotel will be the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

## Professional Group To Aid SBC Survey

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Program voted at its recent meeting here to employ professional assistance in carrying forward the survey of Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

It has engaged the firm of Booz, Allen, and Hamilton, of Chicago, management consultants. This same firm has previously done management audits for the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Woman's Missionary Union. It is also working on a survey at Southern Baptist Seminary.

Douglas Branch, committee chairman, reported Booz, Allen, and Hamilton will undertake their assignment at once and will assist the committee in preparing its report to the 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention. The first phase of the firm's work will be preliminary.

The vote to employ professional assistance was unanimous. 19 of the 23 members of the special committee attended the meeting.

The Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Program expects to ask the 1957 Convention to continue it for another year. If the Convention renews the committee, Branch said that the services of the management consultant firm will be retained until a complete survey has been achieved.

The next meeting of the committee will be Mar. 21-22 in Dallas.



## Anabaptism: A New Look and A New Appeal

Who were the Anabaptists? When and where did they live? What were their teachings? Why were they so often persecuted? What is their significance for Baptists today and for the free churches of the world? One might ask how many Baptists of today could give adequate answers to these questions. The results could be rather embarrassing.

In 1952 the American Society of Church History published a compact, well-documented volume by an American Methodist, Franklin H. Littell, entitled *The Anabaptist View of the Church: An Introduction to Sectarian Protestantism*. Such books usually have been written by Mennonites, by Baptists, or by Europeans of the Lutheran or Reformed traditions. The book has received favorable attention and is now out of print.

The importance of Littell's book stems largely from the fact that he has made a thorough re-examination of the source material relative to the Anabaptist movement. Persecution resulted in the destruction of much Anabaptist material. Often the existing documents have been neglected, and the hostile writings of Lutherans and Reformed polemicists taken as normative. In the last thirty years significant new source material has been published. There remains the thorny problem of determining how inclusive the term "Anabaptist" or "Rebaptizer" should be. Should it include both the revolutionary and the non-violent groups, both the evangelical biblicists and the spiritualists (not to be confused with modern Spiritualists who believe in communication with the dead)?

From these sources and the complexity of problems connected with the movement Littell has come forth with the thesis that the central idea of the Anabaptists was that of "the fall of the church," that is, of the past fall of Christendom from primitive Christianity and of the prospect of the restitution of primitive Christianity in their own time. This "fall" of the church was dated from the union of church and state under Constantine and Theodosius, if not earlier. From this viewpoint, Littell contends, all the other teachings and practices of the Anabaptists are derivative. These include separation of church and state, believers' baptism instead of infant baptism, a spiritual interpretation of the Lord's Supper, simplicity of life, spiritual government of believers including excommunication, nonresistance, willingness to suffer martyrdom, community of consumption, and the rejection of oaths and civil office.

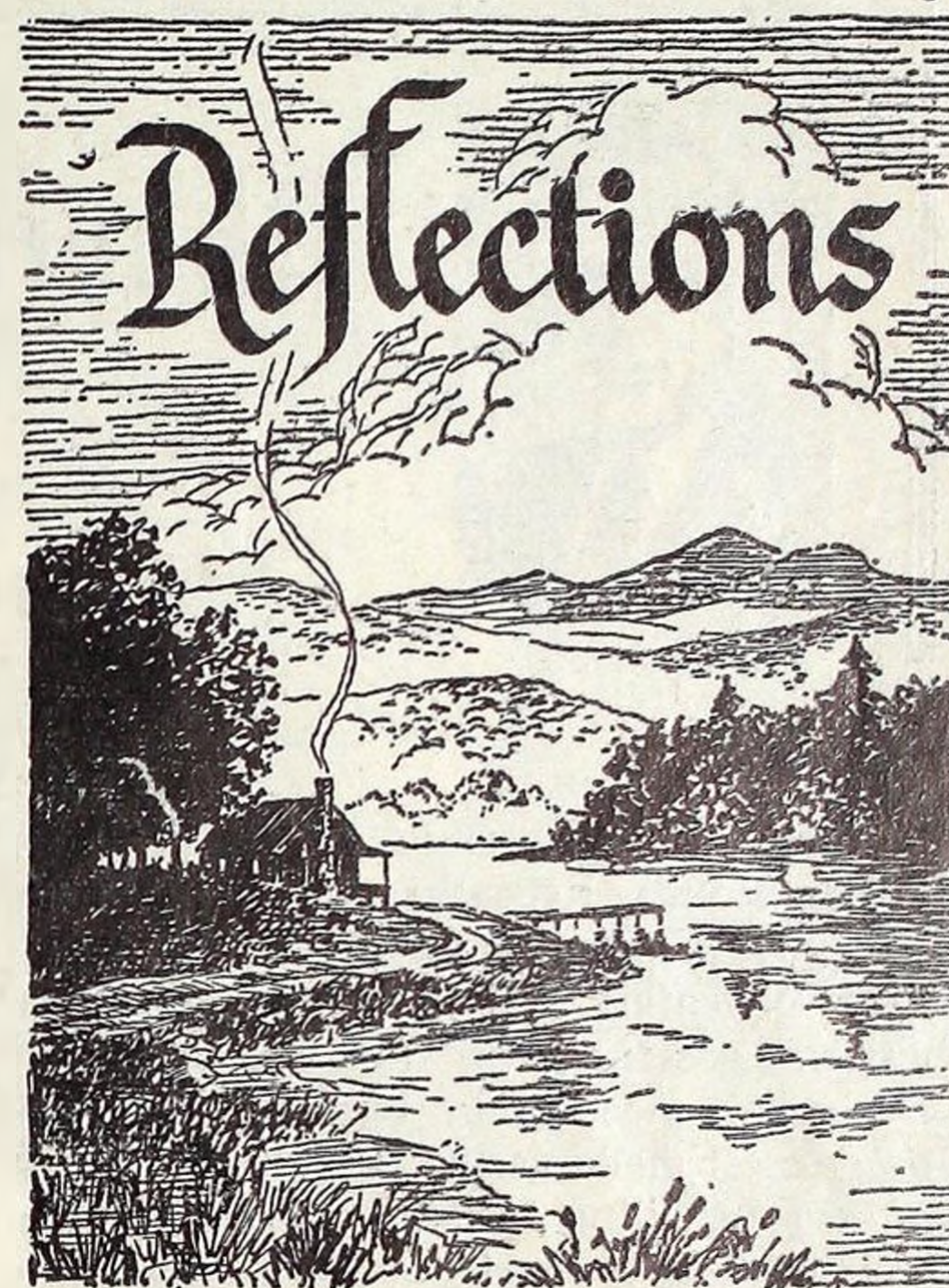
Somewhat distinctive of Littell's study is his stress on the fruitage of Anabaptism in the modern world. The existence of such derivative groups as Mennonites and Hutterites is not the sole result of Anabaptism. Indeed often the communal isolation and loyalty to centuries-old customs of such

groups have tended to vitiate Anabaptist principles. Of wider significance is Anabaptism's contribution to the concept of the free church, to religious liberty, and to missions. The concept of the church as a voluntary congregation or association, distinct from the state-churches or land-churches retained by the major Reformers, has its roots in Anabaptism. Religious liberty, which many have interpreted as a child of the Enlightenment, has its roots here also. Missions as the obligation of every believer was a major Anabaptist theme. One can conjecture whether, if spared systematic persecution, the Anabaptists would have launched the modern Protestant missionary movement in the sixteenth rather than the eighteenth century.

Littell's book is a milestone, if not a watershed, in Anabaptist studies. But what of its practical significance? This writer would presume to suggest that twentieth century Baptists give more attention to the sixteenth century Anabaptists. This greater cognizance of Anabaptism needs to be realized in two spheres.

Baptist colleges and seminaries would do well to give more attention to the Anabaptist movement. Fifty years ago A. H. Newman and H. C. Vedder, both Baptists, were in the forefront of Anabaptist scholarship. In the intervening half century Baptist historians and theologians have been absorbed with other tasks and have been quick to point out the differences between Anabaptists and modern Baptists so as to refute the theory of an unbroken historical succession of Baptist churches. Today Anabaptist scholarship is for the most part outside Baptist ranks. Can Southern Baptists make a vital contribution to this area? William Jewell College's Huebmaier Collection could well become a locus of such a new interest. Would it not be appropriate for Southern Baptists to have an endowed chair, or even better an endowed center, of Anabaptist studies? This could be related to vital Anabaptist studies done at the International Seminary in Rueschlikon Zuerich, Switzerland. What an investment for Baptists who have material goods of which Anabaptists had so few.

Our churches, in addition to the educational institutions, need to find a new interest in the Anabaptists and their life and principles. This could come by definite study of the movement in Southern Baptist churches. Woman's Missionary societies would be stirred by the sacrificial missionary commitment of Anabaptists; Brotherhoods would be challenged by their lay leadership and participation; young people would find Anabaptism a young people's movement of extraordinary consecration and courage. Such an emphasis calls for materials available for use in the churches. To our easy-going Christianity Anabaptism



Many fine things can be done in a day if you don't always make that day tomorrow.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

It's a pity that some folk never learn that uncovering the other fellow's faults will never cover up their own.—*Watchman-Examiner*.

A person who is ignorant of the Bible is not an educated person, no matter how many other things he may know. William Lyon Phelps, distinguished professor of Literature at Yale University, once said that if he had to choose between a thorough knowledge of the English Bible and a college education, he would take the Bible every time.—Rev. Walter L. Lingle (who died September 19) "Jesus and His Teachers," *Christian Observer*.

Business today is manned by younger executives who have no personal knowledge of business going anywhere but up. Caution warnings . . . are considered strictly for the birds. Their belief is unshakeable that "the Government will not permit a recession to occur." All this sounds a lot like the Texas girl's firm belief that all roads must be straight, because she had never seen any other kind.—*New York*

I love that little boy who told his parents he didn't want to leave church because "I haven't seen God yet." Too many do, before they do.—Burton Hillis, *Better Homes and Gardens*.

could speak of suffering and martyrdom; to our lessening church discipline it could speak of discipline for the sake of a pure church; to our pride in numbers and in dollars it could speak out of persecution and poverty of qualitative depths. Who knows but that the Holy Spirit could thereby anoint us for our mission to the twentieth century?





# Observations

By  
OWEN

## Begin in Your Heart

"Stewardship starts in your heart," Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, stated to members and visitors present with that group at its December meeting in Nashville. He said progress is made as the states have a sense of responsibility for the world program. On receiving a check for the Foreign Mission Board's share in the advance Cooperative Program funds, Dr. Baker James Cauthen of Richmond said, "This means a great deal more than money itself." The Foreign Mission Secretary continued, "Upon this money we are dependent for advance around the world." The Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Dr. Courts Redford, also receiving a check for that Board's share in the advance Cooperative Program funds, said, "We want to take this money and build a strong home base." Baptists have gone forward by having more, and stronger churches, Progress both at home and abroad are tied together.

"Southern Baptists represent about 40% of the Baptists in the world numerically," Dr. Ted Adams, the president of the Baptist World Alliance told the Executive Committee of Southern Baptists, in Nashville last month. He went on to point out that Southern Baptists possess at least half the wealth of Baptists throughout the world. Since the last meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in London fifteen months ago, Dr. Adams has traveled almost 75,000 miles. His expenses have been cared for by the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, of which he is pastor. "The best thing you have done here in Japan was to go to Sunday School," he was told on his visit to Japan. Dr. Adams even attended the opening exercises of Sunday School. His example gave great encouragement, and wherever he has been around the world, his shining faith has brought inspiration to Baptists.

"What can we do to bring in and sponsor any Baptists from Hungary?" Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Mississippi asked the President of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Adams replied by saying that he had already signed to sponsor ten families. "If you want to sponsor a couple,

or family, write the Baptist World Alliance." Dr. Adams said that when the Hungarian trouble broke, four Baptist groups in Austria got together to serve as a channel of Baptist World Alliance gifts and help to the refugees.

## Every Baptist a Tither

A most encouraging report was given on the results of the test campaigns on Southern Baptists' new Church Finance Program. Forty-four of these test campaigns were conducted in churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention area recently. Reports on twenty-five of these indicated increases of 90% more pledged, 94% increase in number pledges, and 107% more tithers. Dr. Merrill Moore has led in promoting this aspect of Southern Baptist work. It is "The Forward Program of Church Finance."

In the old days things were more or less left to chance. Now the best brains and the best techniques are being used to make stewardship effective in the churches. The new Church Finance Program seeks every member support of an enlarged church program including World Missions. The test campaigns have proven that budget pledges can be greatly increased. As it stimulates a sense of responsibility for the church's whole program, it can make possible advance in missions.

It must be realized, however, that this kind of program will not automatically work. It depends upon local leadership and a spiritual atmosphere that honors Christ through a church-centered program.

The spotlight of world publicity beat unhappily on this state the past weeks. It focussed on Clinton in its time of unreasoning prejudice dominating some people. The resulting turmoil made it necessary for the time to close the school there. We can thank God for those taking their stand for law and order, justice and decency.

Let each of us be soberly aware that the violence erupting at Clinton can break forth elsewhere unless the hate-breeding, divisive propagandists are curbed.

## Must Become Our Major Concern

One of the most important meetings of the year for Tennessee Baptists is the State Evangelistic Conference. This meeting is set for January 21-23 at Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville.

The yearly gathering is not only for pastors, but for laymen and for the women, too. It has become one of the largest in attendance of any Baptist meeting in our State. We hope that this year's Conference will prove to be the best attended ever. Pastor Harold Purdy and the membership of the host church hope to make it so. They cordially invite Baptists from over the State to come to Belmont Heights Church. Our State Secretary of Evangelism, Fred M. Dowell, has prepared an excellent program. It will be shared in by those highly qualified to give guidance and inspiration in the field of evangelism.

Today, nothing is more important than this. Soul-winning is our first- privilege, our first responsibility. Soul-winning must become our major concern. Reading the record of the past year will make us aware that, though we may take pride in the mounting dollars contributed through the churches, we have no reason for pride as we note the declining number of baptisms in the churches.

This decreasing number of reported baptisms is nothing peculiar to our own state, however. It apparently prevails throughout the area of the Southern Baptist Convention. This should cause all of us to do some soul-searching and find out why this is so, and remedy it, if we can.

Let us recognize at once that we do not, from the human standpoint alone, determine how many conversions there will be, nor how many baptisms. We must humbly realize that only God's grace saves. Conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit. The number to be saved is never a production-line statistic, humanly set and achieved. Souls are not saved that way. And we should guard against mass-production techniques wherein they may hide from us our utter dependence upon the power of the Spirit to save.

And this we say to underscore what we feel is the necessity to submit ourselves to those conditions of *contriteness, concern, and commitment to the Divine purpose*. In these an atmosphere favorable to evangelism will result.

The sufferings and martyrdoms of the Anabaptists need to be known today. These spiritual forbears of ours should be studied now. The Anabaptists of the sixteenth century especially are the ones with whom the easy-going Christianity of today should become acquainted. Dr. James Leo Garrett, associate professor of theology at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas stresses this in his article, "Anabaptism: A New Look and A New Appeal".

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## Editor Questions Two Schools In One City

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—(BP)—Why have two Baptist seminaries in the same city? asks the editor of the Baptist New Mexican in discussing proposed establishment of a Southern Baptist seminary in Kansas City, Mo., or Chicago.

Editor Lewis A. Myers cautions against "doubling seminary facilities." He backs Colorado as site for a seminary. Both Denver and Colorado Springs have been mentioned as possible sites.

The Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Theological Education has under consideration the various sites proposed for the Convention's sixth seminary.

The American Baptist Convention has affiliated seminaries in Chicago and Kansas City, Kans., to which Editor Myers apparently refers.

## Commission Announces Script-Writing Contest

FORT WORTH—(BP)—A television script-writing contest is being conducted by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Any Southern Baptist is eligible to enter and any number of plots can be submitted. Deadline for mailing entries is Mar. 30, 1957.

Information and rules of the contest may be secured from TV Script Contest, P. O. Box 12157, Fort Worth 16, Tex.

## Paul Meigs Assumes Florida Baptist Post

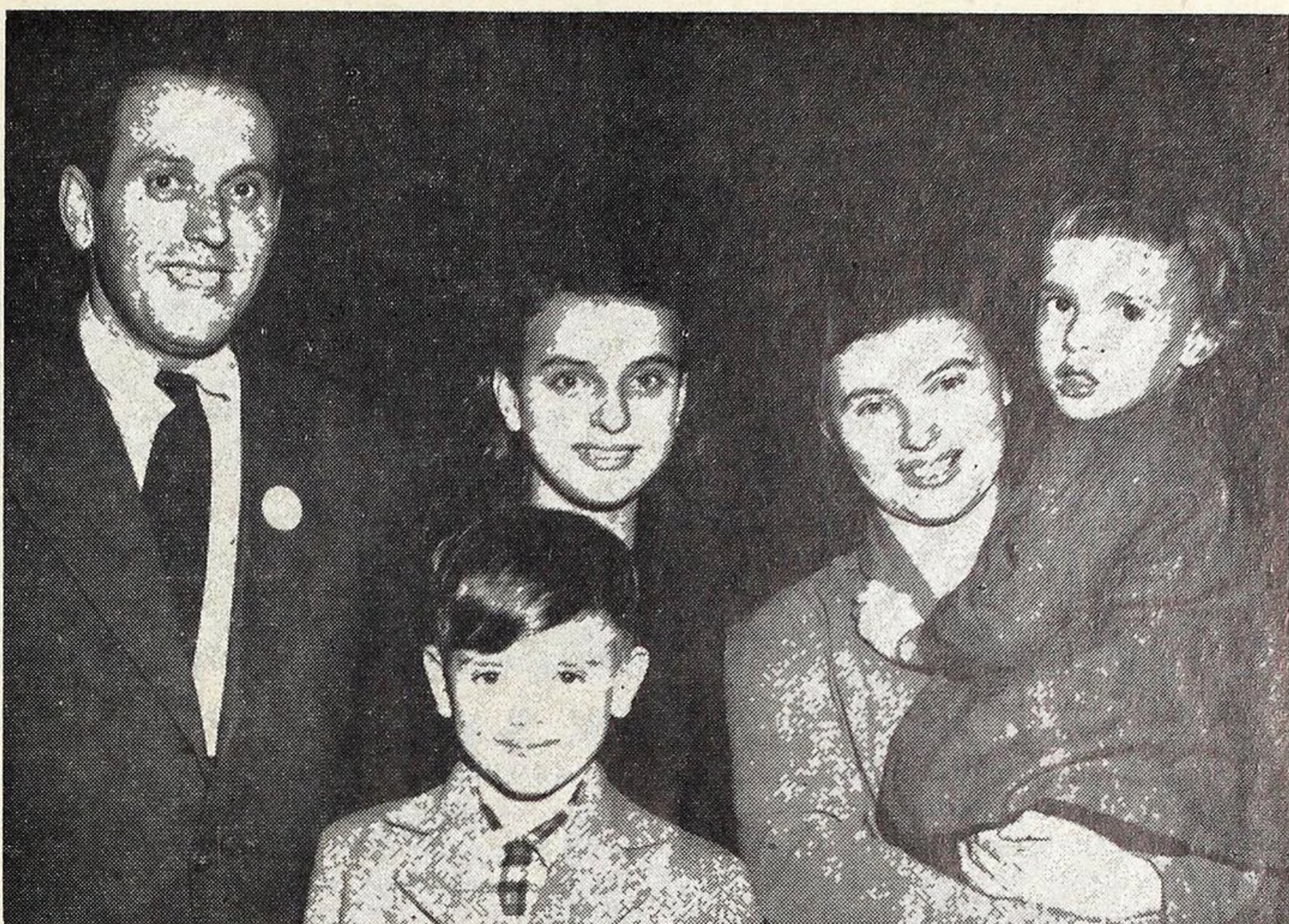
JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(BP)—Paul A. Meigs, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Berkeley, Calif., will become director of evangelism and missionary education for the Florida Baptist Convention here on Jan. 1.

Meigs, a native of Alabama, is a graduate of the University of Alabama, Southern Baptist Seminary, and Golden Gate Baptist Seminary. He has been serving as a California member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

## Ohrn Observes Spread Of Christianity In Russia

NEW ORLEANS—(BP)—Christianity is spreading rapidly in Russia, Arnold T. Ohrn, Washington, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said recently in an address at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

"Christians are prohibited from sending out evangelists and missionaries," he said, "but not a single day passes but that word is received in Russian Baptist headquarters in Moscow of another Baptist church starting somewhere in the country."



**BAPTIST REFUGEES**—This Hungarian family is the first group of refugees from recent fighting in Hungary to join a Southern Baptist church. The father Menyha'rt Miklos is at left. Next in line are Istvan, 8; Ilona, 13; Mrs. Miklos, and Mariana, 3½. They have joined Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., where W. S. McBirnie is pastor. The church has offered to find employment for Miklos, a former Budapest merchant whose father is a Baptist minister.—(Baptist Press.)

## Former Hungarian Now Counseling Refugees

CAMP KILMER, N. J.—(BP)—A Southern Baptist college professor who formerly lived in Hungary is here on temporary leave from his school to counsel with non-Roman Catholic Hungarian refugees.

Chowan College, Baptist junior college at Murfreesboro, N. C., granted leave with pay to Bela Udvarnoki to work with the refugees arriving regularly from Europe.

Udvarnoki, a native of Budapest, where his father pastored First Baptist Church, has been in the United States since 1947. He is a former president of Hungarian Baptist Seminary in Budapest and former president of Hungarian Baptist Convention.

Udvarnoki is expected to remain at Camp Kilmer until sometime in January. About one-third of the refugees from Hungary are non-Catholics.

He is the first Baptist and one of the first non-Roman Catholic ministers to give full-time service to counseling with refugees. Baptist pastors in the Camp Kilmer area have aided part-time.

Meanwhile refugee work is continuing among Baptist groups abroad, according to Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, and chairman of the relief committee of Baptist World Alliance.

Southern Baptists have no processing center for blankets and clothes to aid refugees crossing the border from Hungary into Austria, Caudill said. Therefore Baptists' gifts must be processed through Church World Service which has five centers in the U. S.

The centers are at New Windsor, Md., Nappanee, Ind., 110 E. 29th St., New York 16; 4165 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, and 1010 Ninth St., Modesto, Calif.

Caudill said donors should send eight cents per pound to Church World Service to cover expenses of processing the gifts. Clothing will be distributed without respect to denominational affiliation as the needs arise.

The channel for cash gifts is the Baptist World Alliance. Caudill suggests cash donors send gifts through their own churches designated to Baptist World Alliance Hungarian relief work.

Joseph Nordenhaug, president of European Baptist Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, is chairman of Baptist relief work in Austria. Southern Baptist Missionary John Allen Moore is serving as executive secretary and travels to refugee centers.

They report refugees are badly in need of warm clothes of all kinds and also need blankets.



# Your Middle East Investment

By Alta Lee Lovegren

Many people are thinking of the Arab world in these days: Will Near East disturbances cause a world war? Where will the British go and what will the Egyptians do next?

Oh, yes, people are thinking of the Arab world; but how many Christians think of the turbulent affairs in the Near East as they relate to the missionary cause? Their relation is indeed very significant.

For this reason I want to urge every Christian, and in particular every Southern Baptist, to pray especially for the kingdom work in Jordan in these days. For what shall I pray, you ask? Here are some major items:

1. Pray for the local churches. They are undergoing severe difficulties because of (1) loss of members to the army and (2) loss of missionary leadership. It is difficult for some of them to continue their meetings for lack of leadership. Pray that the weak may be strengthened and the strong may be given grace upon grace.

2. Pray especially for the Jordanian believers themselves. I personally know 31 missionaries who are now out of Jordan because of the hostilities and six who are out for other reasons. Imagine the loss of 37 leaders in a country whose entire population is said to be about 1,500,000 and whose non-Moslem population i.e., the more approachable groups) number only about 90,000.

Many of the believers are subjected to temptations and ill treatment daily. This lack of encouragement and missionary help and the responsibility of carrying on without leaders have come to them prematurely. But they will be equal to the responsibility and they will have success in their ministry if fellow Christians uphold them before the throne of grace.

3. Pray for the lost. Pray that those who reluctantly hold back from attending services may come on eager feet to hear the gospel. Pray that the Holy Spirit may bring to full fruition the seeds of the Word planted in the hearts of the listeners.

4. Pray for the missionaries. Most of the missionaries who had to leave Jordan are located temporarily in Lebanon; but they long to return to their God-appointed tasks in Jordan. Pray that they may return soon. Pray for the missionaries who are in Jordan, that they will be able to remain and that they will be true to the opportunities God is giving them because they are there.

5. Last, and very important, pray earnestly that doors may remain open to the gospel in Jordan. In the past there has been very little limitation put upon the preaching of the gospel here in Jordan. However, there are many Arab countries into which a missionary cannot enter, in which the organization of an evangelical church is met with much opposition, and in which the open,

free preaching of the message is prevented. Pray that pressure will not be brought to bear on our little country to do the same.

When you read or hear news from the Near East, remember that it may have a direct effect on those who are one with you in God's spiritual family. Will you be one to pray daily for Christ's kingdom in Jordan?

The author is Mrs. L. August Lovegren, Southern Baptist missionary to Jordan

## More Time Sought for SBC Business Study

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Changes in two bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention have been proposed which will give Convention messengers more time to consider resolutions and other business matters coming before the annual session.

The revisions will be presented to the 1957 SBC meeting at Chicago. They are substitutions for the present bylaws 11 and 12.

The revised bylaw 11 would permit the Convention committee on resolutions to report resolutions at every session of the Convention. Presently the committee on resolutions is restricted to a single report near the close of the Convention.

The change in bylaw 12 would allow the committee on order of business to fix specific times for the consideration of miscellaneous business introduced on the Convention floor. Notice of the times for consideration would be published in the Convention Bulletin or announced from the floor.

The recommended revisions, as approved by the SBC Executive Committee for Convention consideration are:

Recommends striking Bylaw 11 entitled "Committee on Resolutions" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11. *Committee on Resolutions:* The president, on the first day of the Convention, shall appoint a Committee on Resolutions to consist of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee at each session of the Convention to prepare and submit to the Convention all resolutions which it deems appropriate for adoption, and to report on all matters submitted to it by the Convention, with or without recommendation or amendments.

Recommends that Bylaw 12 entitled "Committee on Order of Business" be stricken and in lieu thereof the following inserted:

12. *Committee on Order of Business:* The Committee on Order of Business shall consist of seven members and shall suggest an order of business for the next meeting of the Convention. It shall provide periods of time during the early days of the Convention for the introduction of miscellaneous business, and, when introduced (unless the Convention then gives its unanimous consent for its immediate consideration) shall fix times for the consideration of the same. When practicable it shall give notice in the Convention Bulletin of the substance of the motion or resolution and the time for its consideration. If unable to give notice in the Bulletin, it shall cause announcement to be made from the floor of the Convention of the same, action thereon to be taken at a subsequent session of the Convention.

## Committee Named for Jubilee

NASHVILLE—(BP)—25 Southern Baptist Convention leaders will serve on the SBC Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee making preparation for the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America.

The Jubilee will be observed in 1964.

Convention President C. C. Warren, of Charlotte, N. C., designated a committee composed of J. Howard Williams, James L. Sullivan, Courts Redford, Baker James Cauthen, Miss Alma Hunt, George W. Schroeder.

F. C. Feezor, Warren, Merrill D. Moore, R. Orin Cornett, Paul Stevens, W. L. Howse, H. H. McGinty, Arthur Davenport, A. Hamilton Reid, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Porter Routh, Duke K. McCall.

Leonard Sanderson, R. Alton Reed, Chester L. Quarles, S. F. Dowis, J. N. Barnette, Roland Q. Leavell, and Albert McClellan.

The membership of the committee was approved by the Executive Committee of the Convention.

Warren told the Executive Committee that 8½ million Southern Baptists will be among 18 million Baptists in the United States and Canada observing the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The eight co-operating Baptist groups will share a period of special evangelism and emphasis on church expansion prior to the Jubilee Year, he said.

He said Southern Baptists are engaged in three phases of the program:

1. That part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance in which 18 million Baptists are working together.

2. That part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance to be carried out within the SBC.

3. The SBC 30,000 Committee, which the Convention will be asked to make a part of the SBC Jubilee Advance Committee. This committee is fostering the establishment of 30,000 new preaching stations within the Convention by the year 1964. It will virtually double the present number of preaching points. The Convention presently has about 30,500 cooperating churches.

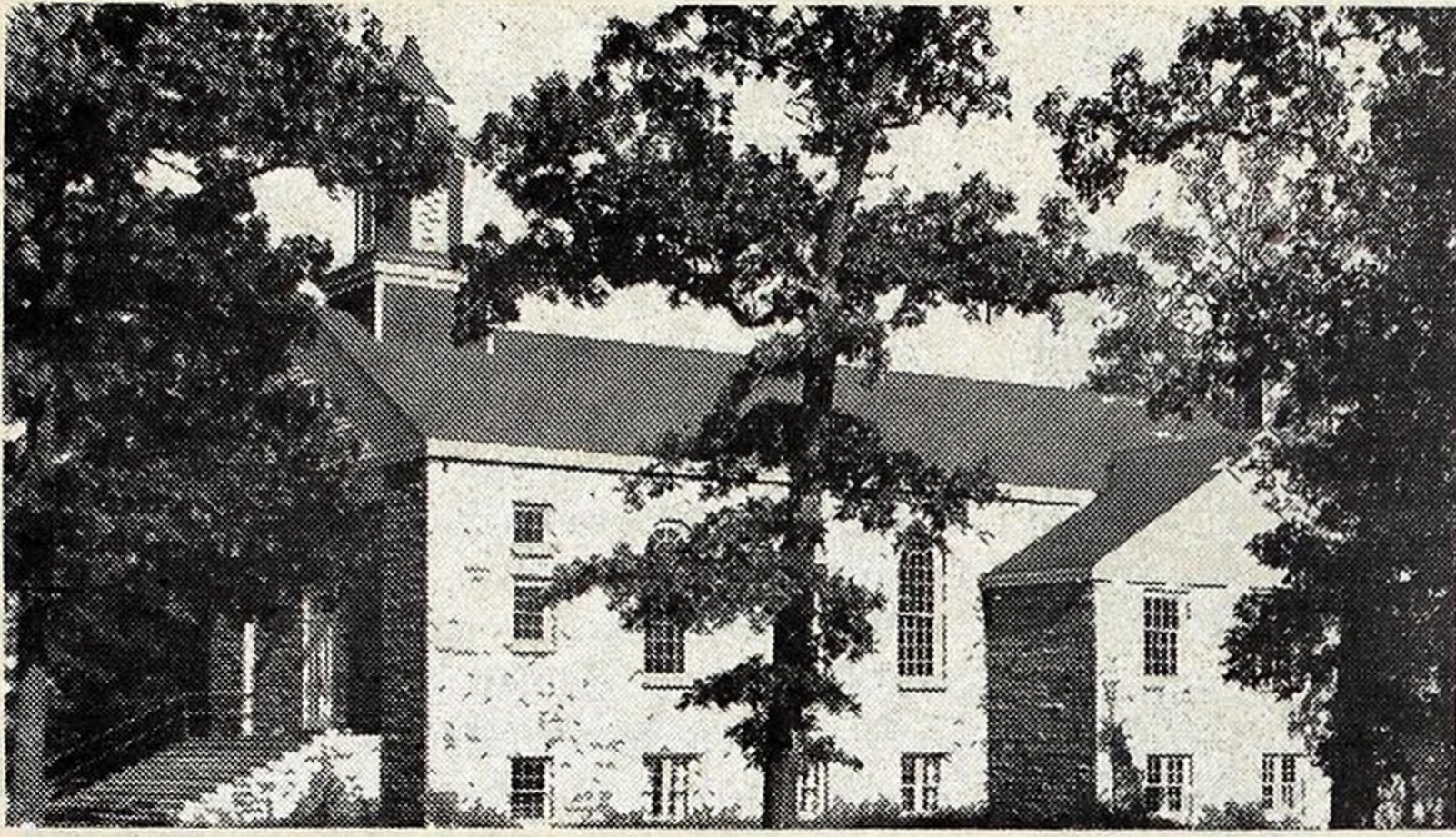
The Executive Committee also approved the allocation of \$1000 to be used by the inter-Baptist committee on Baptist Jubilee Advance. Warren said the Convention's agencies will bear their own shares of any Jubilee expense incurred in carrying the program within the SBC.

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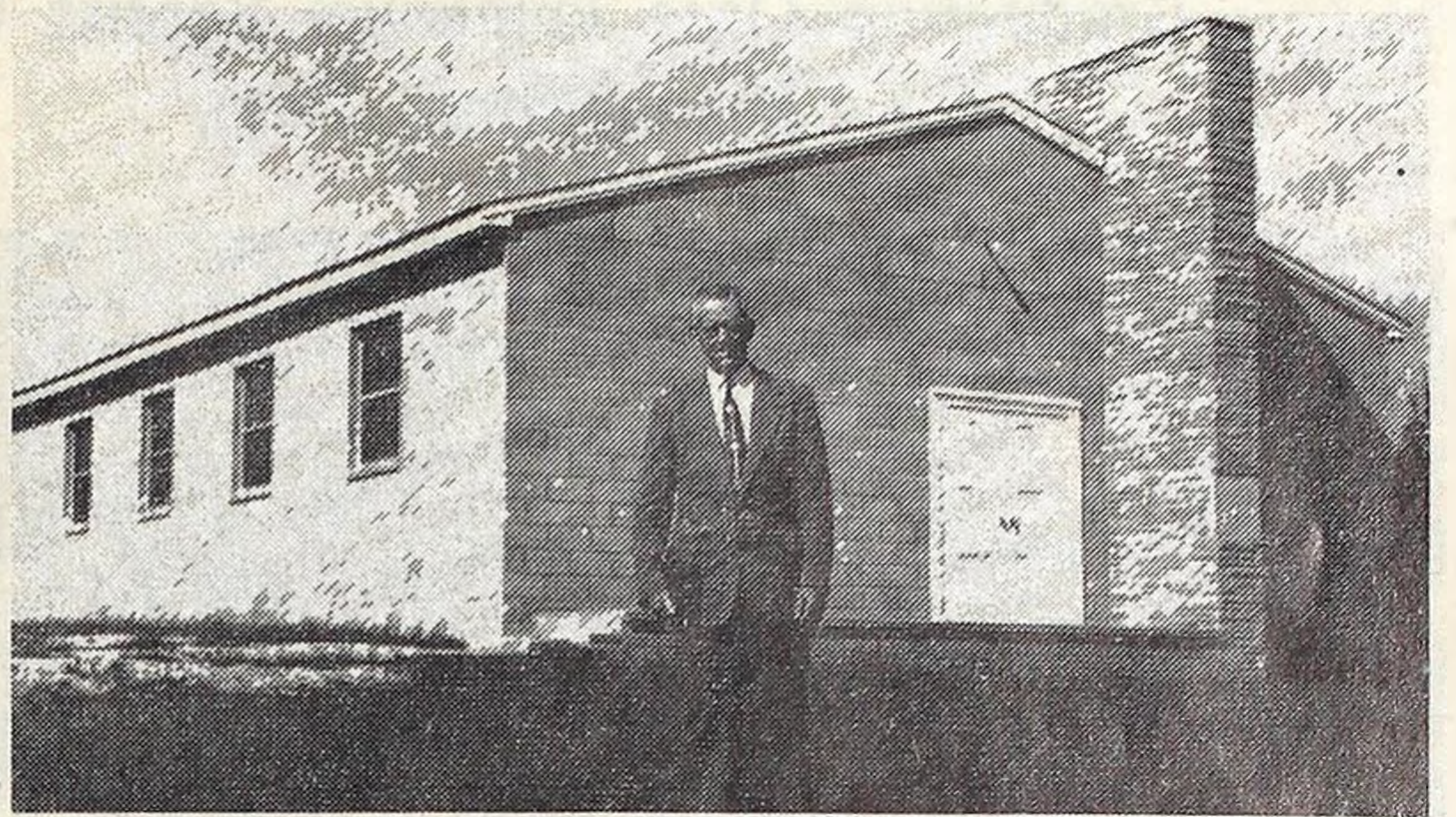




## Sponsoring Church and Mission



Homestead Church is sponsoring Meridian Mission on Daddy's Creek, four miles from Homestead on Highway 68. Glen A. Toomey was pastor of Homestead when the mission began. A building was completed this year and occupied. I. J. Freeman, shown before the building, was the first pastor of the mission, and during this time, Homestead, the sponsoring church, rendered aid to the amount of \$3,500. Members and friends of the mission con-



tributed labor and materials. Sunday School and Training Union are in operation. A Woman's Missionary Society will be organized soon. A joint committee of Buford Stubbs, Mrs. T. W. Evans, Mrs. Roy Hartman and J. T. Vaden from the mother church, together with Mrs. Morine Flynn, Dock Hayes, Bass Johnson and Howard Pugh from the mission, lead in the program. Archie King is pastor of Homestead; Wallace Anderson is pastor of the mission.

## A Log Church House in A Mining Area



This old log building has housed New Liberty Church, Campbell Association, for 68 years. Logs were cut by Stoke and John Meredith, Jack Lay, George and Aaron Broyles and families. Will Meredith, age 79, long a member, used to walk five miles to church and lead the singing. He and his wife were members. Frank Gibson gave the land. Preachers Marion Chambers and Sterling Adkins helped constitute the church. Sixty-two members now carry on, with third Saturday night and Sunday meetings led by pastor Wade Nelson, Route 2, Pioneer, Tennessee. This church has reported to Campbell Association regularly for 49 years and cooperates fully with all the mission program. Missionary John Brown stands in front of the church house, where he conducted a Vacation Bible School this year. The members are mostly coal miners, some are farmers.

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## East Jacksboro Church Dedicated



Through many obstacles and difficulties the membership of East Jacksboro Church, Campbell Association, recently dedicated their structure free of debt. Both materials and labor were freely donated. The \$25,000 building was thus constructed at a greatly reduced cost. The membership has grown from 13 to 142 members in four years. Ed Phillips was the first pastor. Theodore Carroll accepted the work November 1, 1956. Missionary John Brown, who preached the dedicatory message, and the congregation are shown who were present for the occasion. East Jacksboro is the association's newest church.

A lot of the labor to construct this building was given by many of the men who are pictured in this group. The Rev. Carl Christopher was moderator for the dedicatory service.



## Graduating Class Immanuel Baptist Church Elizabethton, Tenn.



Pictured above is the Graduating Class of Immanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethton, where Rev. Ray F. Brown is pastor.

Sunday, September 16th was a great day in the life of our church. We had 44 Sunday school workers to earn Diplomas and participate in the Graduation Exercise. This was the first time in the history of our association to have a graduating class of this nature. Our Sunday school superintendent, Harold Lingerfelt, is doing a fine job in promoting our Training program.

Mr. Jesse Daniel, our State Sunday School Secretary, was our guest speaker for the occasion.

Pictured left to right, first row:

Jesse Daniel, our speaker, R. T. Greene, Mrs. Jake Ludolf, Mrs. W. T. Morgan, who earned Master Diplomas, Mrs. Paul Hoss, Mrs. R. G. Whitlock, Mrs. Edward Nance, Harold Lingerfelt, who earned Advanced Diplomas, and Miss Gertrude Hale, our Associational Missionary.

Second Row: Sam J. Williams, Mrs. Herman Putens, Mrs. King Cress, Mrs. Graham Petrey, Robert Nave, Mrs. Earl Stanley, and Mrs. Harold Lingerfelt.

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Fourth Row: Mrs. Bill Taylor, Mrs. B. K. Bryan, Mrs. Fred Shouse, Mrs. Ray F. Brown, Mrs. J. J. Hampton, and Mrs. J. M. Taylor.

Fifth Row: John Stout, Jr., R. G. Whitlock, Mrs. Alex Elliott, Miss Amolee Webb, John Stout, Sr., and E. Y. Oaks.

Sixth Row: Mrs. Walter Richards, Mrs. John Stout, Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Welch, Miss Marjorie Blythe, and Gerald Parsons.

Not Pictured: Mr. Graham Petrey, Mrs. Homer Jones, Mrs. Robert Nave, Mrs. Willard Stout, Willard Stout, and Mrs. Roy Hankins.

A young man in Quito, Ecuador, professed faith in Christ as his personal Saviour at a midweek prayer service in the Central Baptist Church. When he went home to tell his parents, his father went to his bedroom without a word, grabbed up his clothes, rolled them into a bundle, and threw them out into the street, pushing his son after them into the black night. "I no longer have a son," he said. "You no longer have a father!"—Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

I sat with my mouth wide open as I listened to the story of how a man in the state of Mato Grosso, Brazil, heard the gospel and was saved. This man told how his mother-in-law prayed for more than forty years for someone to come and explain the gospel to them. After she had prayed for forty years a missionary finally arrived and explained the gospel to them. Today John is studying to serve his Lord by preaching the same message which he was so long in hearing.—Glendon D. Grober, missionary to Equatorial Brazil.

## Southern and Canadian Baptists Plan to Meet

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Southern Baptist Convention leaders and Canadian Baptist leaders will meet in the near future to discuss Southern Baptist home mission work in Canada.

The Southern Baptist Convention will be represented by five from its Executive Committee and a group from the Baptist Sunday School Board and Home Mission Board.

W. J. McDonald, general secretary of Baptist Union of Western Canada; T. B. McDormand, general secretary-treasurer of Baptist Convention of Ontario-Quebec, and Jack McKay, Edmonton, Alta., pastor will represent Canadian Baptists.

The present home missions policy of Southern Baptists is to have no missions workers in Canada.

Federal Judge Frank Hooper, Atlanta, chairman of the Executive Committee, will appoint the Executive Committee representatives. He will also appoint two other groups to represent the Executive Committee in other matters.

Five from the Executive Committee will meet with the Home Mission Board to discuss the activity of the Home Mission Board's Chaplains Commission. The Home Mission Board requested the study.

Three Executive Committee members will discuss with California Baptists—at California's request—the use of Southern Baptist Convention reserves for church building and loan purposes. The present business and financial plan of the SBC forbids use of reserves for building and loan purposes.

Five hours by the side of the road can be fun even if we are there because we ran out of gas. The Lord can and did use the time; nine men drifted up in the darkness trying to find the reason for the white man's presence. With the little Hausa language he had learned, the missionary asked if they knew that Jesus came to save them from sin. They wanted to know what sin is. When the missionary told them that Jesus came to Palestine, they wanted to know if he came to Kaduna, too. These were strange things they heard; but they reasoned that if they are true their people should hear them also. But we cannot send the missionary they requested, for there is no one to send.—Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Nigeria.

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## Time for Action

Hamilton County had a whiskey referendum on November 6, at which time Hamilton County voted dry by a large majority of 2,540 votes. The wets, however, were not pleased with this vote and entered a protest. In the court, the Judge found a technicality in the wording of the ballot, and, therefore, declared the election void, which means that the vote of more than 29,000 people who voted dry was cast away, made null and void.

A group of dry forces have persuaded the election commission not to appeal to the supreme court, realizing that this would only tie up the case for many, many months and would prevent the people of Hamilton voting again. The election commission has voted not to appeal, which means that in the near future we will be able to call another referendum and have a vote on the whiskey problem.

It is proposed that the legislature in January will introduce a bill which would separate the counties and the cities of more than 100,000 population in their voting on the whiskey issue, permitting the city alone to vote on the issue. Every pastor throughout the State is asked to urge his people to contact their senators and their representatives and urge them to vote against any such legislation. If a bill is passed now that would permit the larger cities to vote separately on the local option whiskey elections, it would be a very easy thing to amend the law later permitting smaller cities to do so. This is an effort on the part of the wets

to stifle the vote of the people in the county and destroy the local option county elections. The wets are losing most of the local option elections that have been held recently. They know that if the county as a whole continues to vote on the whiskey issue, it will not be long until many additional counties would be dry. This is an effort on their part to take away from the American people the right to vote.

The people of the county that trade in our larger cities should have the opportunity of deciding what kind of a city they will trade in and what kind of atmosphere will be created in the county in which they live. It would be a tremendous injustice to the people of our counties to prevent them from voting in the larger cities local option elections.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW. Senators should be contacted during the Christmas holidays, and our representatives also should be contacted. Urge them to vote against any such legislation.

There are only six wet counties now in the State of Tennessee. Eighty-nine counties are dry. The remaining six counties that are wet are: Hamilton, Davidson, Shelby, Dyer, Williamson and Lake. It would be

wonderful if all six of these counties could have a local option election at the same time. If we could file our petitions at the same time, then the election would have to be called within forty days. This would mean that the liquor industry would have to divide what money they have to spend in six counties rather than pouring a tremendous amount of money into one county. This would make the burden easier for all of us who are seeking to dry up Tennessee.

PRAYER IS NEEDED. We as Baptists and Christians should pray one for another, because this is a fight against strong evil forces that will take advantage of any situation and would even deny the people of this State their privilege of voting. Again let me urge you to urge your senator and your representatives to vote against any bill that would separate the cities and the counties in the local option elections.



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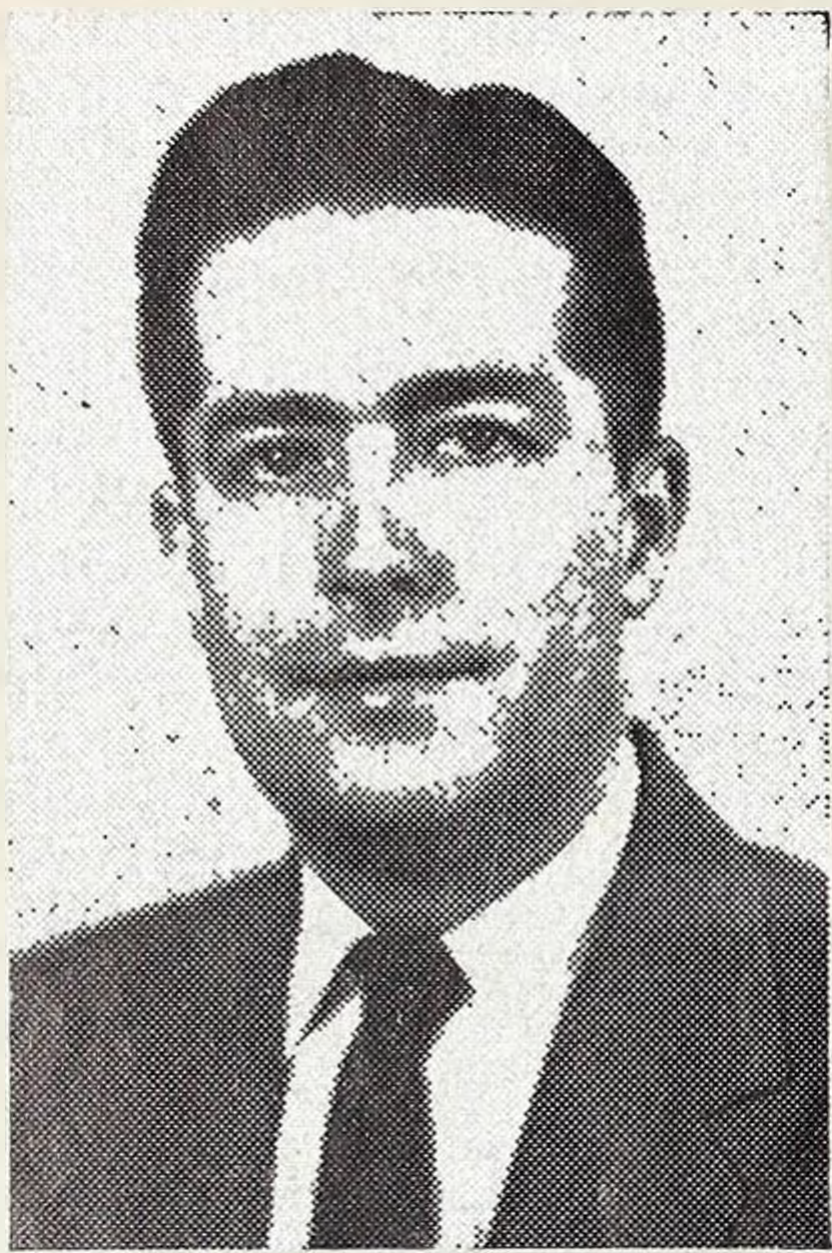
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## New Worker in Training Union Department



The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, at their regular December meeting, elected Mr. Eugene Crane as Director of Adult work in the Training Union Department. Mr. Crane comes to the Board from First Baptist Church of Jackson where he has served as Minister of Education for two and a half years. He is a graduate of the University of Chattanooga and Southwestern Theological Seminary, receiving both the B.S. and M.R.E. degrees.

Mr. Crane has served as Minister of Education in the Woodland Heights Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia and Youth Director in the First Baptist Church of Sherman, Texas. He also served in the U.S. Navy with the Hospital Corps. He is married to Drucilla Hall Crane and has a two year old son, Dale Eugene Crane.

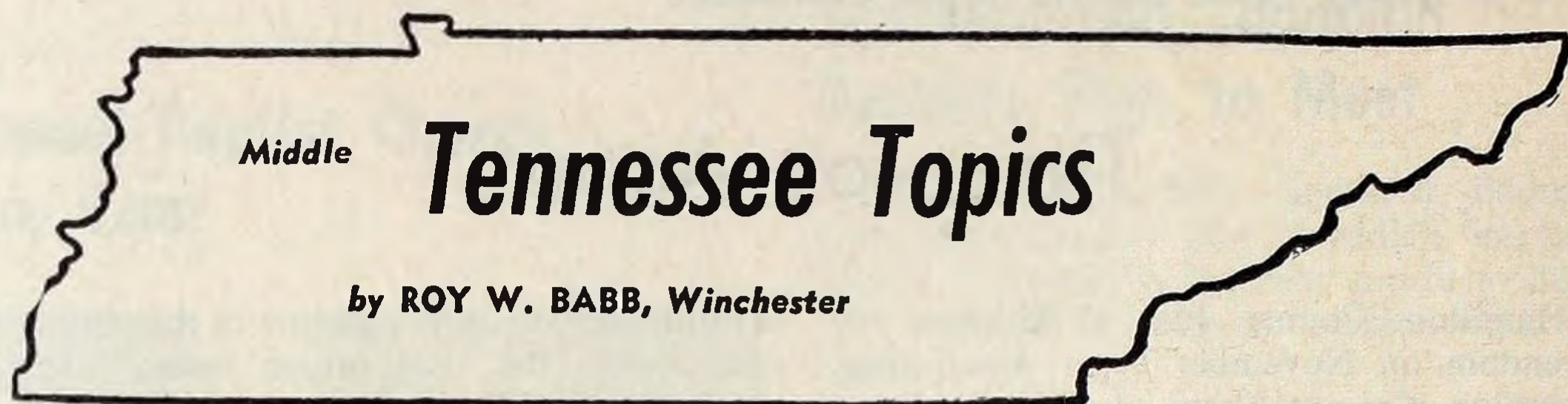
Mr. Crane began his work in the Training Union Department, January 1st.

## Central Leadership School Watauga Association

During the week of November 26th a Leadership School was held in the First Baptist Church of Elizabethton—Watauga association under the leadership of Mr. Horace Whitson, Associational Training Union Director and Miss Gertrude Hale, Associational Missionary.

The following churches participated in the school with an enrolment of 203: Sinking Creek, Cedar Grove, Rittertown, Pine Grove, First, Elizabethton—Immanuel, Grace, Biltmore, Hampton, Harmony, Happy Valley, Oak Street, Doe River, East Side, Union, Fairview, Bethany, Hunter, First—Calvary, Big Springs.

We take this opportunity to congratulate the leaders of the Watauga association in the fine work which they are doing.



B. B. Powers came from Waynesboro Church January 1 to Madison Heights, former mission of First Church, Madison.

Third, Nashville, welcomed new pastor, Clyde Cutrer Dec. 16. He has been pastor at Adairville, Ky., while doing graduate work at Vanderbilt University.

Nashville Ass'n. executive committee voted to call John Martin Haulbrook of East St. Louis as new director of House of Hope, rescue mission.

Woodmont, Nashville, installed three-manual organ in new auditorium.

J. C. Parrish resigned after 5½ years as pastor of First Church, Carthage, effective Feb. 1.

Third, Murfreesboro, ordained Clifton Cowan and Hugh Wassom as deacons. Assisting Pastor Carl P. Daw were J. O. Oglesby, Allen C. Barrett, Darwin Milligan, Harry Nichols, A. M. Nicholson, and Charles LeMay.

### Building Programs Projected:

Dalewood, Nashville beginning new auditorium with ground-floor educational space. Now worshipping in temporary chapel in three-story educational building.

Una starting sale of \$100,000 5% bonds to finance educational building and auditorium. John Briggs is finance chm. and Malcolm Barrett is building chm.

First, Old Hickory planning long-range expansion program.

Brook Hollow, Nashville second unit to cost \$75,000.

Richland, Nashville plans \$12,000 additional educational space. Plans to break ground in February on 5th anniversary of Pastor Adam Gebhardt.

First, Lawrenceburg planning \$80,000 educational unit.

First, Lebanon has three-acre tract Harts-ville Pike on which \$10,000 building will be erected for Hillcrest Chapel.

Midway Chapel, mission of First, Cowan, held first service in new building, Dec. 16. Mission grew out of tent revival led by Pastor Bob Peek.

Miss Jenell Greer, missionary to Thailand, has a new address in Bangkok. It is 139/1 Nana South Road. Miss Greer is a native of Antioch, Tenn., and makes her permanent American home in Nashville.

Nine Scouts and Explorers in Troop 121, Post 121, received their Eagle Award at the second annual Christmas Dinner Monday, December 17, at Woodmont Church, Nashville. This group of nine establishes a new record for the Middle Tennessee Council to be awarded at one time to one unit—the record being eight set by one Troop in 1934. Scobey Rogers, Jr., is Troop Scoutmaster. Scouts receiving the Eagle Award were: Hammond Hosse, Jimmy Tidwell, Lee Greer, Emmett Wood, III, Aubrey Harwell, Jr., Charles Routh, Robert Burton, John Rodgers, Allen Stephens.

Lockeland, Nashville observed seventh anniversary of Pastor James M. Gregg, Dec. 9.

Third Church, Murfreesboro, elected as deacons the following men: Hugh Wassom, Clifton Cowan, B. R. Mingle and Copeland Williams.

First Chilhowee Church ordained Robert C. Carter and Elmon P. Baldwin to the full work of the gospel ministry December 2. Both are students at Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy. Carter has been called as pastor of Isolene Church, Crossville and Baldwin to the Clear Creek Church also of Crossville.

## Correction Please

We are glad to make the following correction concerning Cooperative Program receipts from two churches in McMinn Association each having the name "Mt. Harmony." The report of the Treasurer as printed in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR Dec. 13, page 12 1956 should have been "Mt. Harmony Church No. 1, \$417.87" and "Mt. Harmony Church No. 2, \$21.72" instead of listing the entire amount as from the latter church. We urge all churches, especially those with similar names, to clearly identify themselves when sending contributions to the Treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.—The Editor.



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# Tennessee Topics

by LLOYD T. HOUSEHOLDER, Maryville

Gallagher Memorial Church ordained as deacons John H. Viles, Oliver B. Minge and Bill Funderbunk. Charles H. High is pastor.

Arlington Church, Knoxville, has opened its new sanctuary. This beautiful building was erected to meet the increasing challenge of a fine residential area in Knoxville. Melvin G. Faulkner is pastor.

J. S. Aiken of Calvary Church, Bristol, is now home after serious surgery at Baptist Hospital, some weeks ago. Pray for the speedy recovery of this good servant of the Lord.

Vince Cervera of Greenville, South Carolina, was the evangelist, Steve Taylor, the singer, in a revival at Central Church, Johnson City. James W. Cox is pastor.

Robert G. Bratcher, missionary to Brazil, and Jacob Gartenhaus, former missionary to the Jews were guest speakers at Central Church, Chattanooga. Ansell T. Baker is pastor.

Badgett Dillard, director of public relations at Southern Seminary, was speaker for the Young People's Christmas banquet at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga. C. A. Dabney is pastor.

East Ridge Church, Chattanooga had preaching by Freddie Gage of Houston, Texas. Jimmy Snellen of Garland, Texas led the revival singing. C. Henry Preston is pastor.

Henry Stamer of Chattanooga was the evangelist at Bethel Church, Morristown, recently. There were 12 additions. L. D. Gourley is pastor of this church, now in a \$60,000 building program.

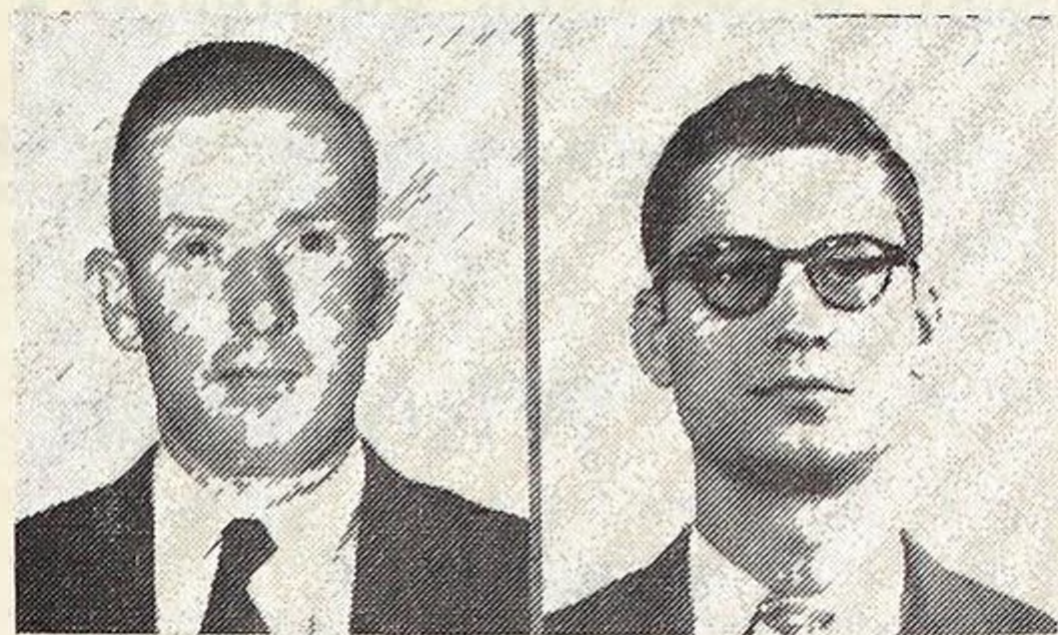
*Clinton Association*—Edgemoor's revival had 13 additions. Rev. Ernest Hensley, a member of Frost Bottom Church, died recently. Lyle Martin led revival services at Longfield. A. Scott Patterson, retired missionary who served in Nigeria, is interim pastor of First Church, Oak Ridge. E. H. McCollum of Lonsdale, Knoxville, was the evangelist at Pleasant Hill Church resulting in 11 additions.

*Holston Valley Association*—Ted Markham of Tunnel Hill preached in services at Maple Hill Church. W. H. Bradley, pastor, reports four professions 12 rededications. Jack Randles reports 10 professions and 4 baptisms at Church Hill. East End, Rogersville, revival had 4 professions. Shepherd's Chapel had Lee Jinks of McClouds preaching, with one profession, two rededications. Dillard Hagen assisted Pastor Morris Quillen at North Fork. Pastor Lloyd Helton reports 7 added to Oak Grove. Dana Bentley was the preacher in a revival at Looney's Chapel.

Otis C. Strickler resigned as minister of education at Lynn Garden Church, Kingsport after four years service and has gone to assume a similar position at Tabernacle Church, Cartersville, Georgia.

Robert Culpepper, missionary to Japan, was guest speaker at World Missions Week at First Church, Maryville. The pastor of this church, James M. Windham preached the ordination sermon when Bro. Culpepper was set apart for the ministry.

A. B. Craighead, missionary to Italy, was a recent guest speaker at McCalla Avenue Church, Knoxville. This church will soon hold the opening service in its new Sanctuary.



Rev. James S. Taylor and Rev. Milton Arthur Anderson, both formerly of Chattanooga, will be awarded B.D. degrees from Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., Jan. 25.

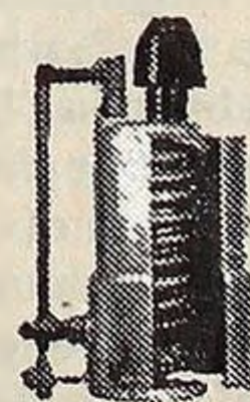
Taylor's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George H. Taylor, 1316 North Concord Road, Chattanooga. His wife is the former Lucille Fairchild of Harriman. They have one child, Diane, 11. He is a graduate of Hixson High School and Carson-Newman College.

Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Anderson, live at 3200 Easton Avenue, Chattanooga. His wife is the former Medra Bible. He is a graduate of Chattanooga High School and Carson-Newman College.

Taylor was ordained by the First Church of Hixson in 1948. Northside Church of Chattanooga ordained Anderson in 1950.

J. E. Ledbetter, Lenoir City, led Central Church, Oak Ridge, in a gracious revival. Paul Mims led the music. Kenneth Combs is pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy B. Wyatt, Jr., missionaries to Spain, may now be addressed at Apartado 6026, Barcelona, Spain. Mrs. Wyatt, formerly Mildred Joyce Cope, is a native of Rogersville, Tenn., where she and Mr. Wyatt make their permanent American home.



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Four Tennesseans are candidates for graduation at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, January 18. They are (left to right) Marshall Gaines Duncan, Clinton, Th.M.; William Carlton Butler, Jackson, B.D.; Charles E. Brown, Madisonville, M.R.E.; and William C. Emmitt, Mt. Pleasant, M.R.E.

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For the explanation of the lesson this week we are indebted to **Points For Emphasis** by Dr. Clifton J. Allen, by the Broadman Press of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

## Wise Men Seek Jesus

### TEXT: Matthew 1-2

We begin with this year a new cycle of lessons in the Uniform Series. Very appropriately the first unit of study is the Gospel of Matthew. For sixteen weeks, concluding with the lesson on Easter, we will study the life and teachings of Jesus as recorded by Matthew, a converted publican and one of the twelve apostles. Deity and humanity became one through the virgin birth. Saviourhood and sovereignty became one in Jesus Christ. The genealogy in Matthew 1 declares that Jesus was the Son of Abraham and the Son of David; and the announcement of the angel to Joseph declares that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of a virgin, was "God with us." Our lesson concentrates attention upon the quest of the Wise Men. Their quest is the timeless challenge to the wise men of all ages.

### The Lesson Explained

Following the birth of Jesus, the time of which was likely 5 or 6 B.C., Joseph and Mary seemed to have settled in Bethlehem. The visit of the Wise Men occurred some months later, probably about a year.

### Wise Men From The East (vv. 1-2)

Who the Wise Men were, how many there were, of what races they were, and exactly where they came from are not known. It is pure tradition that they were three in number and that they were kings. They were astrologers or magicians, men of recognized influence in religion and science. They were "from the east" which likely refers to Persia or Babylonia. The important question is: "Why did they come seeking to find the one born King of the Jews? It must have been spiritual hunger and spiritual insight. Their pagan religion had not satisfied their spiritual need. They yearned to know the true God.

### Herod The King (vv. 3-8)

The King referred to here was Herod the Great, who ruled Palestine from 40 to 4 B.C. He was a usurper, having got himself appointed king by the Roman senate. His life, especially in the later years, was marked by crime and excess and cruelty. It is not surprising that he responded with anxious jealousy to the inquiry about another king. The people of Jerusalem were troubled because they feared new tyrannies in connection with a struggle for the throne. In response to Herod's inquiry, the priests and scribes declared to him the prophecy of Micah, that the Christ would be born in Bethlehem. With the information from Micah in hand, Herod began his cruel design to send the Wise Men on to Bethle-

hem and later learn from them where the child was so that he might destroy him. Herod stands for the countless number of persons, down the centuries, who have resented the coming of Jesus, who have feared his righteousness and judgment, and who have sought to destroy his kingdom.

### The Christ Child (vv. 9-12)

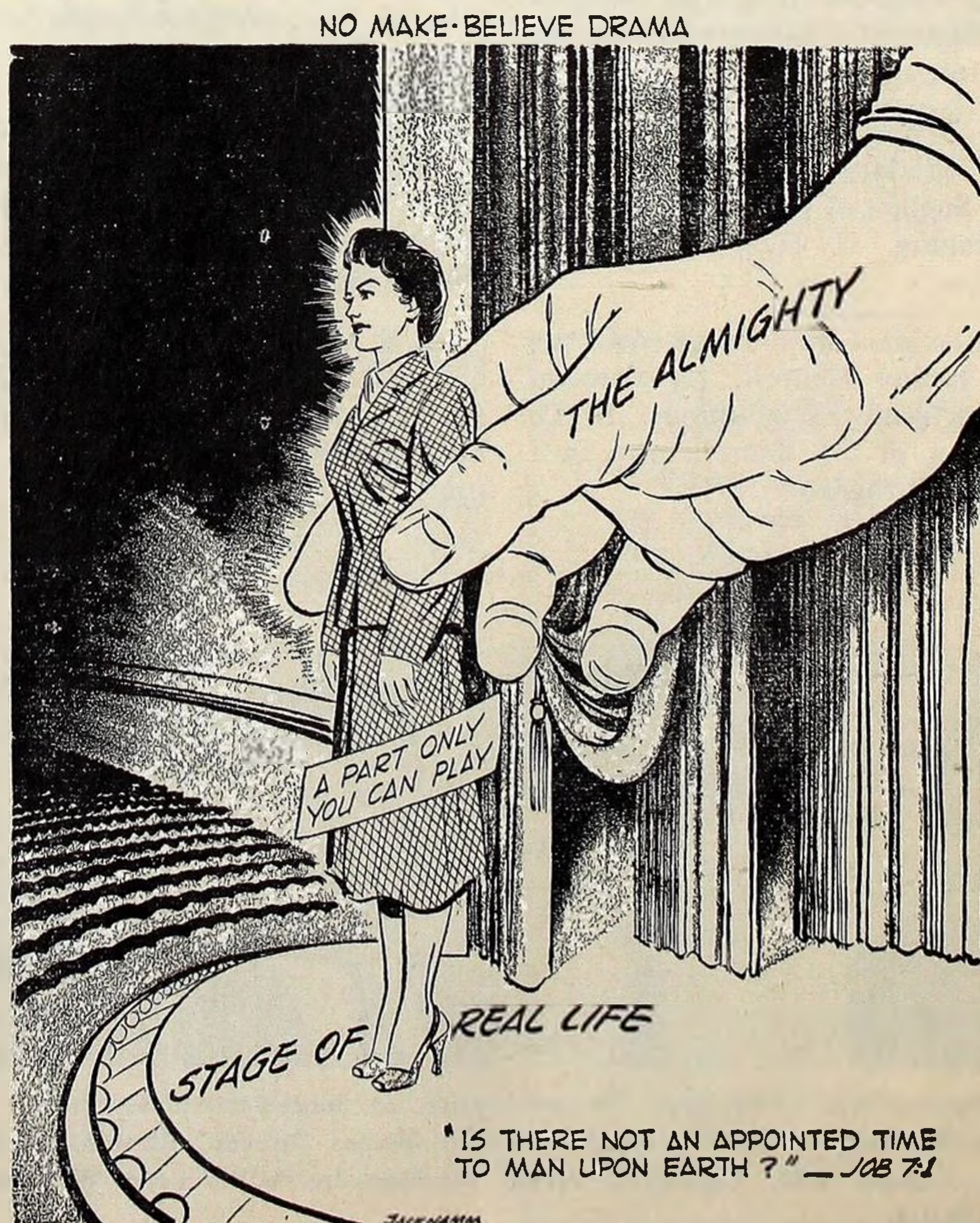
Long before, the Wise Men had seen the star. Now it reappeared to guide them to the goal of their quest. Likely a year or more had passed since the Saviour's birth. Obviously, the star was more than a natural phenomenon: it was something supernatural to lead the magi to the Saviour—King, the Son of God, the Messiah of Israel. Perhaps they were shocked to find the King in a humble house, not a palace. But their insight and faith went beyond circumstances and externals. They saw a child whom they accepted as divine, and they fell down and worshiped before him. They had brought gifts—gold and frankincense and myrrh—that represented their best treasures. These are not to be interpreted as symbols of Jesus' royalty, deity, and sacrifice, but as presenting the homage and faith and hope

of the Wise Men before the Child-King. In the homage of the Wise Men we have the first fruits of the Gentiles, a prophecy of the time when all nations and all races shall worship Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords.

### Truths To Live By

*Those who are truly wise always seek Jesus.*—The answers to the questions about life and death and eternal values are not to be found in philosophy and science. The only certain answers are those which are found in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. God's full and final word was spoken through him. The truly wise, therefore, seek Jesus to find out what God is like, to learn about forgiveness and deliverance from sin to learn the standards of moral behavior, to find a working principle in human relations, to learn the meaning of life and the key to all history, and to find motivation and dynamic for victorious living.

*The quest for Jesus is demanding.*—It requires faith, renunciation, and perseverance. He cannot be found by the simple process of logic or human reason. To the process of reason there must be added the element of spiritual trust. We must renounce all that interferes with surrender to him and love for him. With earnestness of purpose, that is nothing short of determined perseverance, we find Jesus when we want him more than anything else in the world. But in finding him, we find everything—the true meaning of life, the true destiny of the soul, the very peace and power of God.





# Congratulations To The Status-Quo Man

by Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart

"I would be most happy to know that I could maintain the present level of our church's work for the next five years." Thus spoke one of the finest pastors of our association and of the Southland, and one who in no way is obsessed with defeatism or laziness. He was speaking as a realist with the same determination and vision of a pioneer.

For a long time I have hoped that someone would say something strongly in favor of the man who gives himself unstintedly to a situation where numerical growth and record-smashing reports just don't come so naturally. In my opinion there are many very capable and wonderful ministers in our convention who have fought valiant battles in areas where the numerical reports seemed to indicate that his work was at a standstill, yet quality was there and God was there.

No one rejoices more than I in the rapid growth of churches in fast-developing areas. Such growth is as it should be. For as my dear friend and long-time soldier in the work of establishing new churches, Dr. D. A. Ellis, once remarked, "All that good brother has to do is to open his church door and behave himself and the people will flock in and fill his church." Of course, growing a great church in a new housing area is not that simple and Dr. Ellis did not mean to infer such over simplification. A new church has its problems and trials which would take another story to describe.

Let us look at the man in a situation where the housing condition has reached a saturation point, where the area has already begun to wane, where people have begun to move from it into new subdivisions, where the economic level of the community has dropped from rather well-fixed middle-class folk to a comparatively low-rent housing area, where some commercial interests have replaced residences. Take a look also at the fellow in the small town where there is no new industry, where the trend to the large city has set in, where the town itself fights to keep its present economic conditions. This brother has a tough struggle maintaining the work. His work is hard. He wants to organize new departments, he wants to show good net increases all along the line. He wants to feel the joy of growth and expansion. His records do not compare favorably with some churches just two to three years old. All of this tends to cause a bit of disappointment. Magazines and periodicals tell glowing stories of churches "busting" at the seams. He queries himself, "What is wrong with me? Have I lost my zip? Maybe my work is through in this town." Then, in a weaker, yet natural, moment he remembers that he has not been asked to appear on denominational programs. He concludes that his work is on the verge of failure.

But to this man I would like to say several things. First, my good friend, your work is important and you are not a failure. You have a glorious opportunity. Your work has a quality angle that should challenge you. You do not have the problem that some of your brethren have; and that is, of trying to keep from losing little freckled-face Johnny Jones in the mass of organizations until he becomes boy number three in class four of department five. You can really know your people and personalize your ministry. You can be with them in so many activities that the fellow in fast-growing situations never has available to him.

Second, you are doing a good work maintaining the status quo. There are souls to reach. There are people to minister to who are in trouble. After all, I do not know whether anyone will ever figure this out, but somewhere along the way there is a point where the law of diminishing return goes into action which says that a church can get too big to the extent that on a percentage basis its efficiency decreases from the point on up.

Third, think of the people your church has contributed and will continue to contribute to other churches. To illustrate this from my own experience, our church is located in a lovely area, well-established. We have been blessed with having had in recent years a number of young married couples in our membership. One of their strong desires has been to own their own home. Many of them could not buy in our community due to the cost of the homes and the down payment necessary to complete the real estate deal. With G. I. benefits these couples could bring this dream to fruition by buying in one of the new sub-divisions on the edge of town. We now have four young men who, in the past four years belonged to our choir, serving as part-time music directors in other churches of our association. In another case, one of our young deacons about three years ago moved into a fast-growing suburban area. Now he is chairman of the Board of Deacons in his new church home, which is only about six years old and has a membership as large if not larger than many churches fifteen or twenty years of age located in different type areas. We also think of others who are active in many churches in areas in which they now own homes. We take joy and satisfaction in their work.

Fourth, you do remember, don't you, that numbers are important but they are not everything. Numbers tell only half the story. After all, most areas and communities still have unenlisted and unsaved people and there is enough to do on the quality and quantity basis to take all of one man's time.

Fifth, and as to that matter of not being

asked to participate on denominational programs, this isn't too serious. Our good leaders are always looking for the man who can plough a deep furrow. We are way behind in the matter of men who have time to think and men whose thoughts have stimulated and changed communities and cities.

I am not sure, but I am of the opinion that men who have fought a good fight to hold the status quo have found the task as difficult, as challenging, and as important as that man where opportunity presented itself in a new new-division.

As the British would say, "Bully good, my fine friend!" You are an important cog in the wheel. Your work really counts. Thank God for men like you. Hold the rope while others venture into undiscovered areas. All together this denominational body of Southern Baptists will cover the South as the "dew covers Dixie."

## Management Firm To Survey Agencies

NASHVILLE—(RNS)—A Chicago management consultant firm has been hired to study how to improve the effectiveness of Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

The announcement was made here by Dr. Douglas M. Branch, pastor from Rocky Mountain, N. C., and chairman of a committee authorized by the Convention to find ways of improving the agencies.

He said Booz, Allen and Hamilton, consultants, have been retained to begin the study immediately. Two years ago the firm made a study of the Baptist Sunday School Board here. This led to re-organization of the board and a 24-year development program which will begin in 1957 with construction of a \$1,000,000 building on recently-acquired railroad property here.

The consultants will study inner-board relations of the agencies and relationships to the Convention as a whole, to state Conventions and agencies, and to the 30,500 congregations around the country.

## Broadman Hymnals Needed For Work At Jordonia

Here is where you can help. Your church may have purchased other books and is no longer using its Broadman Hymnals, or can spare some for much-needed use at Jordonia. This urgent need for these hymnals comes from Mr. Jack Cayce, juvenile aid worker in the Nashville Association, who is working with the boys at the State Training School. Please send these hymnals to Nashville Baptist Association, Belcourt at 16th Avenue South, Nashville, Tenn.



## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

### A-1 Royal Ambassador Chapters

#### BEULAH

Union City, First, Intermediate

#### BIG EMORY

Riverside, Junior and Intermediate

#### BIG HATCHIE

Brighton, Jr., R.A.

#### CHILHOWEE

Alcoa, Broadway

Armona, Junior and Intermediate

Everette Hill

#### CLINTON

Clinton, First, Junior

Oak Ridge, Robertsville, Junior

#### CONCORD

Murfreesboro, First, Jr. & Int.

#### CROCKETT

Bells, Junior

Friendship, Junior and Intermediate

#### DYER

Fowlkes, Junior

#### GIBSON

Emmanuel, Junior and Intermediate

Gibson, Junior and Intermediate

Trenton, Junior

#### HAMILTON

Concord, Intermediate

East Lake, Junior and Intermediate

Oak Grove, Junior and Intermediate

#### HARDEMAN

Grand Junction, Intermediate

#### HOLSTON

Beulah, Intermediate

Bluff City, First, Junior

Fall Branch, Junior

Johnson City, Temple, Intermediate

Reservoir Road, Junior

#### KNOX

Calvary, Knoxville

Central, Fountain City, 2 chapters

Meridian, 2 chapters

Mt. Olive, 1 chapter

Wallace Memorial, 3 chapters

#### MADISON-CHESTER

Parkview, Jackson, Junior

#### NASHVILLE

Crievewood, Junior

Goodlettsville, First

Grandview

Harsh Chapel, 2 chapters

Judson

Madison, First, Junior and Intermediate

Old Hickory, First

#### ROBERTSON

Mt. Carmel, Junior

#### SHELBY

Ardmore, 2 Junior Chapters; 2 Intermediate Chapters

Berclair, 2 Junior Chapters; 1 Intermediate Chapter

Highland Heights, Junior and Intermediate

Merton Avenue, Junior and Intermediate

#### WATAUGA

Elizabethton, Immanuel, 2 Junior Chapters

#### WESTERN DISTRICT

Paris, First, Junior

### A-1 Young Woman's Auxiliaries

#### BLEDSON

Gallatin, First

#### CHILHOWEE

Alcoa, Broadway

Everette Hill

Maryville, First

#### CONCORD

Murfreesboro, First

#### CLINTON

Edgemore

Lake City, First

Oak Ridge, Robertsville

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Crossville, Emmanuel

#### DYER

Fowlkes

#### HAMILTON

East Lake

Oak Grove

#### HARDEMAN

Grand Junction

Hornsby

#### HOLSTON

Bluff City, First

Fall Branch

Johnson City, Central

Johnson City, Temple

Kingsport, First

Kingsport, Glenwood

#### KNOX

Black Oak Heights

Wallace Memorial

#### NASHVILLE

Donelson, First

Edgefield

Goodlettsville, First

Nashville, First

Shelby

#### ROBERTSON

Orlinda; Pleasant Hill

#### SHELBY

Frayser

Highland Heights

McLean

National Avenue

Raleigh

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Sweetwater, First

#### TENNESSEE VALLEY

Smyrna

#### WATAUGA

Elizabethton, Immanuel

Elizabethton, Oak Street

#### WEAKLEY

Dresden, First

#### WILSON

Watertown, Round Lick

## The Eternal City

John, the beloved disciple, in Revelation 21: 19-20, endeavors to express in human language the most transcendent spiritual beauty and permanence of the heavenly city—the everlasting city. He selected, singularly enough, to describe the foundations thereof, beautiful crystalline gems: Jasper, Sapphire, Chalcedony, Emerald, Sardonyx, Sardius, Chrysolyte, Beryl, Topaz, Chrysoprasus, Jacinth, Amethyst, every one of which appears in the minute crystals of



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This is my first "visit" with you since Christmas, and I am anxious to hear all about your holiday fun. Did you have any nice surprises? Have you and your family had some good times together? Please write me a long, newsy letter and bring me up-to-date on your Christmas activities, your vacation, and your back-to-school plans. Have you already started back to school?

Here are some letters I've been waiting to share with you. You'll enjoy every one of them—and I hope you'll answer several.

*From Shirley Hunley, 1816 E. Glenwood Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn.:*

This is my second time to write to you. The last time I got several pen pals, but we have just stopped writing to one another. I am thirteen years old and in the eighth grade at Park Junior High School. I would like to have many more pen pals. This time I will not stop writing to them!

*From Linda Ann Harding, 315 N. Porter Street, Paris, Tenn.:*

We have sixteen dogs and puppies! I am eight years old and will be nine April 2. My hobby is fishing. I go to the First Baptist Church in Paris, Tennessee.

*From Phyllis Reagan, Gatlinburg, Tenn.:*

I am eleven years old and I am a Christian. I go to the First Baptist Church. I am in the sixth grade and have three teachers. I have two brothers. I would like to have pen pals 10-12 years of age. I write regularly to Carolyn Gray. I am her pen pal.

*From Donald Williams, Route 5, Huntingdon, Tennessee:*

This is my first time to write to you. I am sixteen years old. My birthday is April 18. I go to the Crossroads Baptist Church and am a Junior in Huntingdon High School. My hobbies are hunting, fishing, and swimming (when it is warm). I would like to have many pen pals.

*From Susie Jones, Star Route, Tellico Plains, Tennessee:*

I am thirteen years old and would like to have some pen pals. I belong to Towee Falls Baptist Church. I will answer every letter I get.

*From Clyde Richards, Route 5, Huntingdon, Tenn.:*

I am fourteen years old. My birthday is September 25. I go to the Crossroads Baptist Church and am in the tenth grade at Huntingdon High School. My hobbies are hunting, fishing, and playing baseball and basketball. I would like to have many pen pals and will try to answer every letter I get.

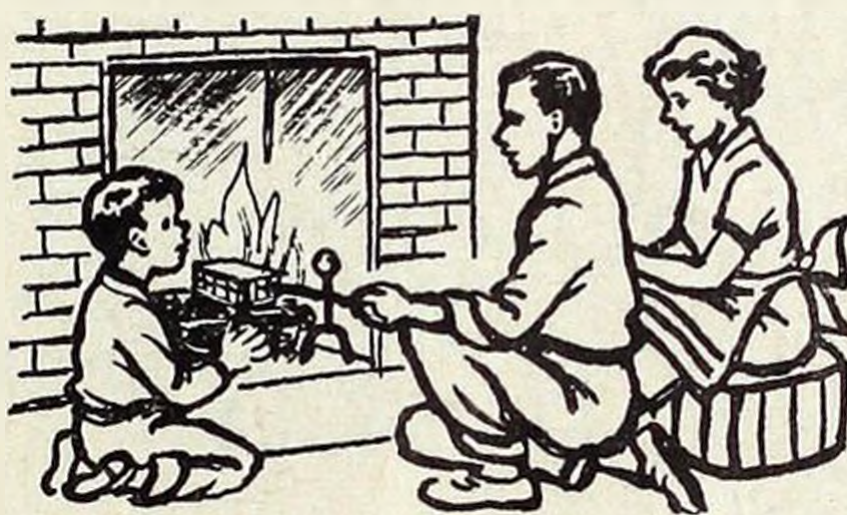
*From Linda McCool, 4411 Utah, Nashville 9, Tenn.:*

I am nine years old and a member of the G.A. I like school and church very much. I would like to have pen pals ages 8-10.

*From Peggy Webb, Lutts, Tenn.:*

I am twelve years old and in the seventh grade at Pinbrook School. My hobbies are collecting pictures and playing the piano; also collecting rocks of different kinds and shapes.

I go to the Lutts Missionary Baptist Church about one mile from where we live. I have three older brothers, and I am the only girl in our family. I would like to have pen pals ages 11-15. I will answer every letter I get.



*From Brenda Butler, 702 Tennessee Street, Harriman, Tenn.:*

I am ten years old and in the fifth grade at Harriman Central Elementary School. I go to Riverside Baptist Church and am in the Junior Department. I have two dogs, both cocker spaniels. I enjoy the Young South page very much and would like to have some pen pals ages 10-13.

*From Nancy Brookshire, Route 4, Vonore, Tenn.:*

I will be fourteen years old April 10. I go to Lakeside Baptist Church and to Vonore School. I would like to have pen pals ages 13-16. I promise to answer every letter I get.

How many of today's letters will you answer? I hope you have decided to make more new friends this year. Will you try to make at least one new friend each week? Don't wait for someone to write to you. See how many times you can be the first to write a pen pal! Each new friend is like a new treasure. How rich are you?

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Ave., S.  
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A merry heart doeth good like a medicine  
Prov. 17:22

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

Democracy is a system under which a fellow who didn't vote can spend the rest of the year complaining about officials the other fellows elected.

A Scottish minister was on his usual visiting rounds when he came across one of his old friends. "And how has the world been treating you, Jock?" asked the minister.

"Very seldom!" replied Jock sadly.

"Did that home remedy I gave you for your sick dog straighten him out?"

"It sure did. We buried him yesterday."

His car was in the gargare for repairs, so George Smith told his wife to take a taxicab to work.

Mrs. Smith, nearly late for work, phoned for a cab and when a car turned into her driveway, she rushed out, got in, and told the driver hurriedly where she wanted to go.

On arrival, she asked how much she owed for the ride. "Lady, you don't owe me a thing," said the driver. "I was just turning around in your driveway."

Two men were discussing the coming marriage of their buddy.

"He is getting a wonderfully accomplished girl," said one. "She can swim, ride, drive a car, pilot a plane, a real all-round girl."

"They ought to get along," observed the other, "He learned to cook in the Army."

"I've come to kill a printer," said the little man.

"Any printer in particular?" asked the foreman.

"Oh, any one will do. I would prefer a small one, but I've got to make some sort of a show at a fight, or leave home, since the paper called my wife's tea-party a 'swill affair.'"

The teacher in a little backwoods school was at the blackboard explaining arithmetic problems, and was delighted to see that the gangling lad, her dullest pupil, was giving slack-jawed attention. Her happy thought was that, at last, he was beginning to understand. So when she had finished, she said to him. "You were so interested, Cicero, that I'm certain you want to ask more questions."

"Yes'm," drawled Cicero. "I got one to ask—where do them figures go when you rub 'em out?"

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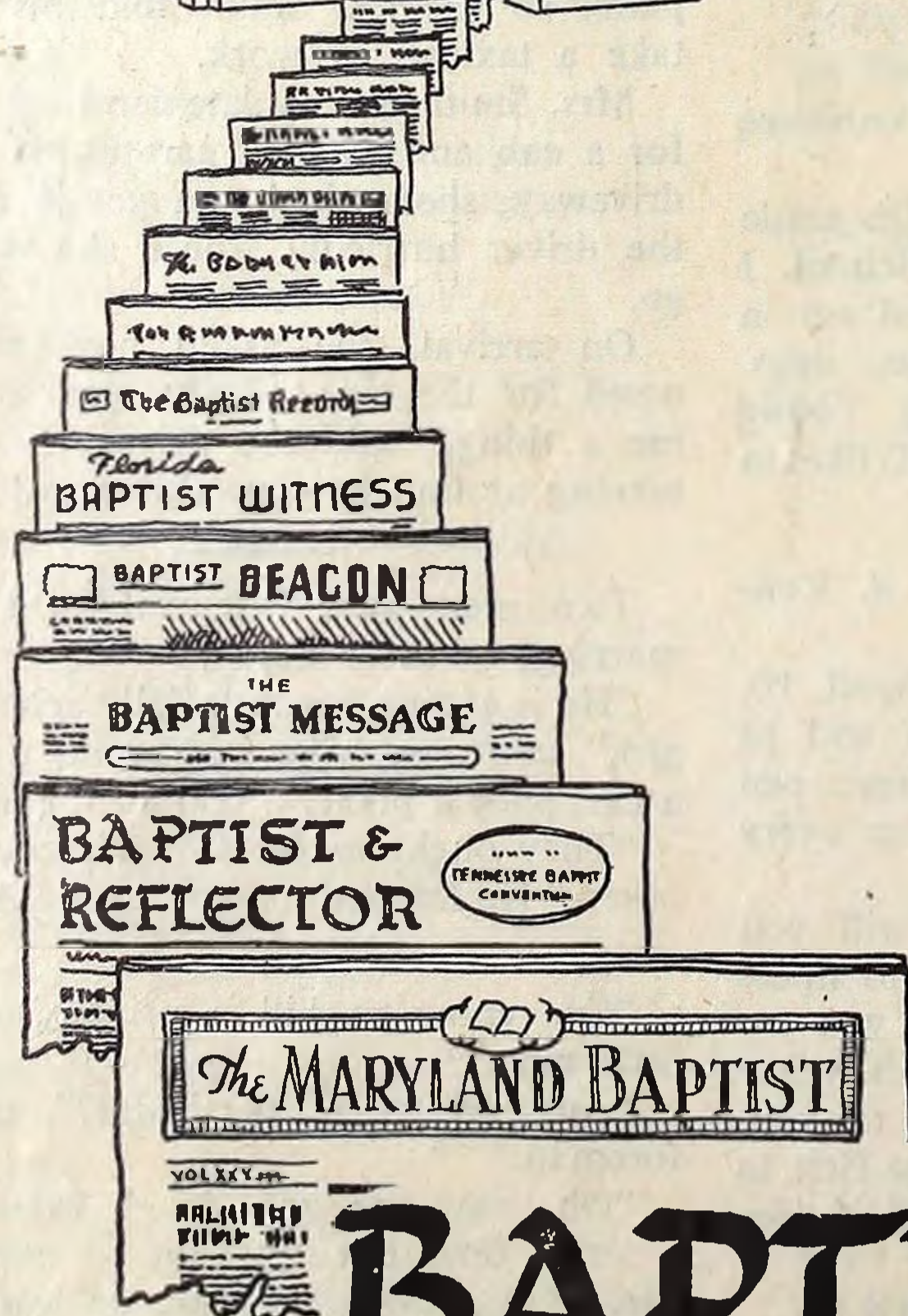
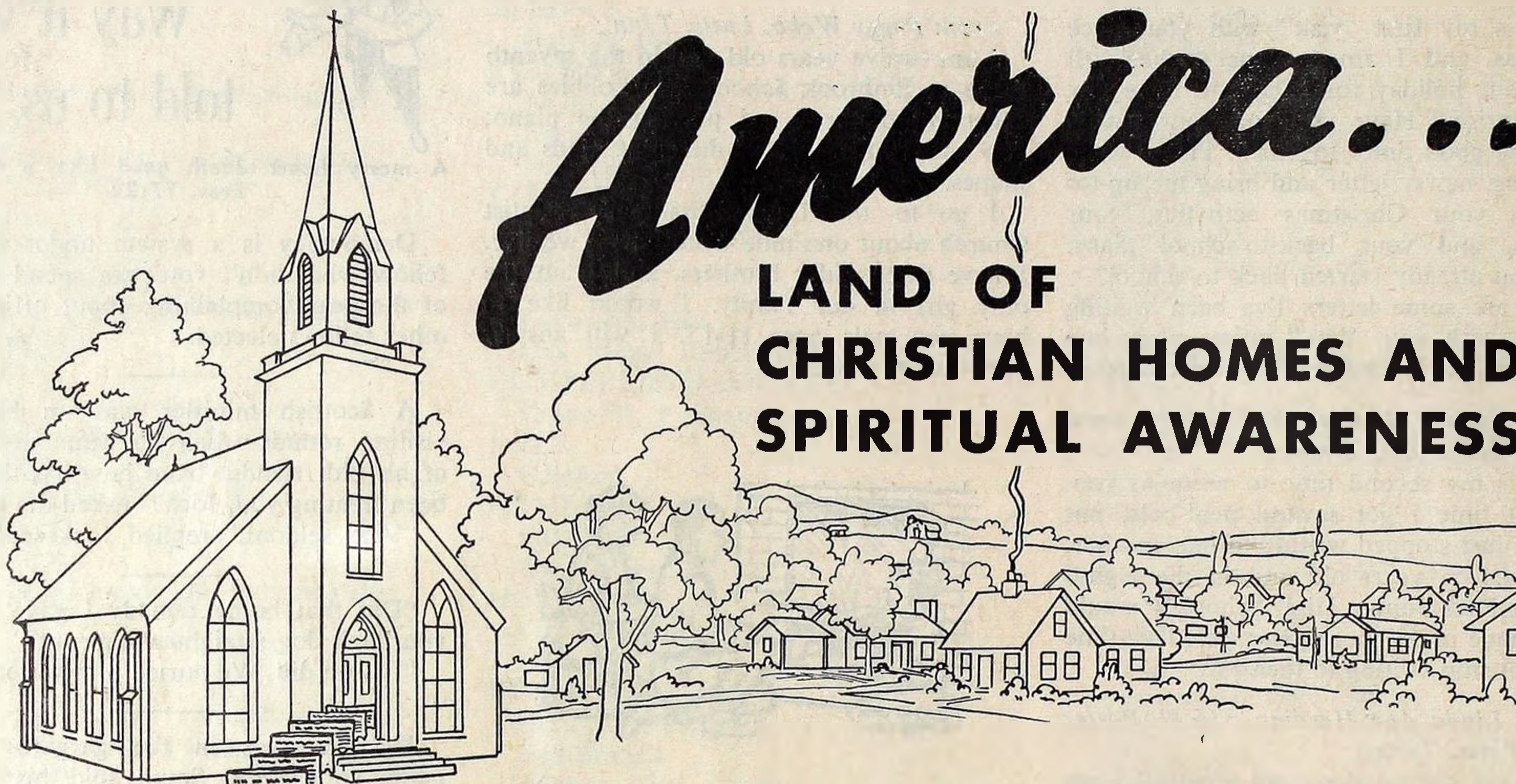
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