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Baptist Association To Mark 250Th Anniversary

PHILADELPHIA (RNS)—The 250th anniversary of the Philadelphia Baptist Association will be marked with a jubilee dinner at Convention Hall on March 19.

The local association of 120 congregations, one of the oldest in the country, will be host to top Baptist leaders.

They will include Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. Harry Dillon of Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore., president of the American Baptist Convention; Dr. Casper C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., president of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Dr. J. H. Jackson, Chicago, president of the National Baptist Convention.

As a special goal for this pivotal year, the association has launched a campaign for \$305,000 for local church extension.

The largest Protestant center for Spanish-speaking in the city has just been opened by the association in the heart of a North Philadelphia section where thousands of Puerto Ricans have recently settled.

To Attend Men's Meet

OLAHOMA CITY — (BP) — A large number of Southern Baptist leaders plan to attend the first National Conference of Southern Baptist Men to be held here in September.

The heads of all 19 Southern Baptist Convention agencies, along with most state Baptist convention leaders, have already indicated their plans to attend, George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the sponsoring Brotherhood Commission, said.



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Thus Saith the Preacher

Don't Mind The Critics

Dear Editor:

It's pretty obvious that the great enemy of most American Christians is not persecution. We have little fear of lions or the stake or the executioner's block. What most of us Christians fear is that great group who do not persecute physically, but who do criticize verbally. Many tremble with fear at their frown.

The Church loses much and the individual Christian loses more when he fears what "they" will say. Such fear is ignoble. It freezes courage. It stifles initiative. It halts progress.

One man spoke recently on why our Baptist scholars were relying so much on the work of other scholars and not producing their own. One of the reasons he gave was that our professors are too heavily loaded to do the necessary writing. With that I heartily agree. His second reason was that some of the men were afraid to put their views in print because of the carping critics who would hound them to death for heresy. (Don't look so startled. You know who such critics are.) I want to believe that this latter reason is untrue, but I do know that the critics are waiting at every turn to pounce with fiendish glee.

But he isn't much Christian, or Baptist who is afraid of critics.

Jean Sibelius, Finland's great musician once said: "Don't mind the critics; there never was a statue erected to a critic." Statues are erected to people who act on their own initiative with independence and gallantry.

What if Jesus, setting his face toward Jerusalem, had heeded the critics? What if Paul, heading for Macedonia, had listened to the critics? Or, consider, Luther, Knox, Calvin, Zwingli, Hubmaier, Roger Williams, the Wesleys, and the multitude of the unknowns in your town and mine.

Of course, criticism hurts, the destructive kind, that is. No one relishes having his hide torn from his bones. But, more important, a fellow has to live with himself more than with his critics.

Bullyraggedly yours,

G. Avery Lee
Ruston, La.

Baptist Folks and Facts

Crawford Howell, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., has joined the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board as secretary of Vacation Bible School promotion.

Sam Brents, Jr., Oklahoma City, assistant editor of the *Baptist Messenger*, Baptist state paper of Oklahoma, has accepted the position of associate editor of the *Sunday School Builder*, a monthly publication of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

R. Elmer Dunham, superintendent of city and rural missions for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has resigned to become superintendent of missions for the El Paso Baptist Association in Texas.

John M. Tubbs, state Baptist Training Union secretary, Baptist General Association of Virginia, has accepted the newly created position of church-related vocations counselor in the education division, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The second Southern Baptist church in Nebraska to affiliate with the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists was constituted Feb. 13 as First Southern Baptist Church, Omaha.

First Church Memphis To Launch Building Campaign

The First Baptist Church in Memphis, R. Paul Caudill, pastor, will launch a five week campaign for \$600,000 beginning April 7 and ending May 12. The objective will be to secure three-year pledges toward the construction of unit 3 of the church's long-range building program.

The church will use the new Forward Program of Church Finance, adapted for building fund purposes, to secure the funds. R. J. Hastings of the SBC Executive Committee staff in Nashville has been invited to give personal guidance to the five week effort.

The church relocated at Poplar and Parkway seven years ago, and at that time constructed units one and two consisting of a 2200 seat sanctuary and one-half of the educational space. The construction of unit three will double the educational facilities, also provide a chapel, dining area, and church offices.

Additional property has been purchased recently to provide parking facilities to go with the new unit.

Lee Shane is the new minister of National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D. C. He came to Washington from Charleston, W. Va., where he served Calvary Baptist Church for 10 years.

"To Improve Democratic Processes"

The Executive Committee will recommend at Chicago amendment of two of the Southern Baptist Convention's By-Laws, (11, 12) "to improve democratic processes."

In place of number eleven they will recommend the following: "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 amendment."

This language is not clear. If it means that the committee shall prepare and submit all *resolutions which may come before the Convention*, then the next clause "and to report on all matters submitted to it by the Convention," is superfluous, or contradictory; because nothing but *resolutions* would be submitted to the resolutions committee; and the first clause says "all *resolutions* which it (the committee) deems appropriate for adoption."

By normal construction of language that by-law, if adopted, would prevent any resolution's coming before the Convention which was not originated by the committee on resolutions.

Now think how autocratic that would be. Could any democratic body be foolish enough to give dictatorial power to five persons over what should or should not be considered by the whole assembly? What becomes of the rights and freedom of nine thousand nine hundred and ninety five other messengers of the Convention under such rule of an oligarchy of five?

Yet, we are blandly told by the Executive Committee that this is: "To improve democratic processes." Marvellously democratic when the President will appoint the committee and the committee of five will control the Convention! !

The second recommendation (for by-law 12) at a glance may seem less dangerous, but really it is no less objectionable.

In the first place the Program Committee already has, under by-law 12, all the authority it needs, and all this amendment proposes to give it, to make adequate provision for consideration of the Convention's business. The by-law says: "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. In so providing, that committee shall have due regard to the customary practices and precedents of the Convention and also special

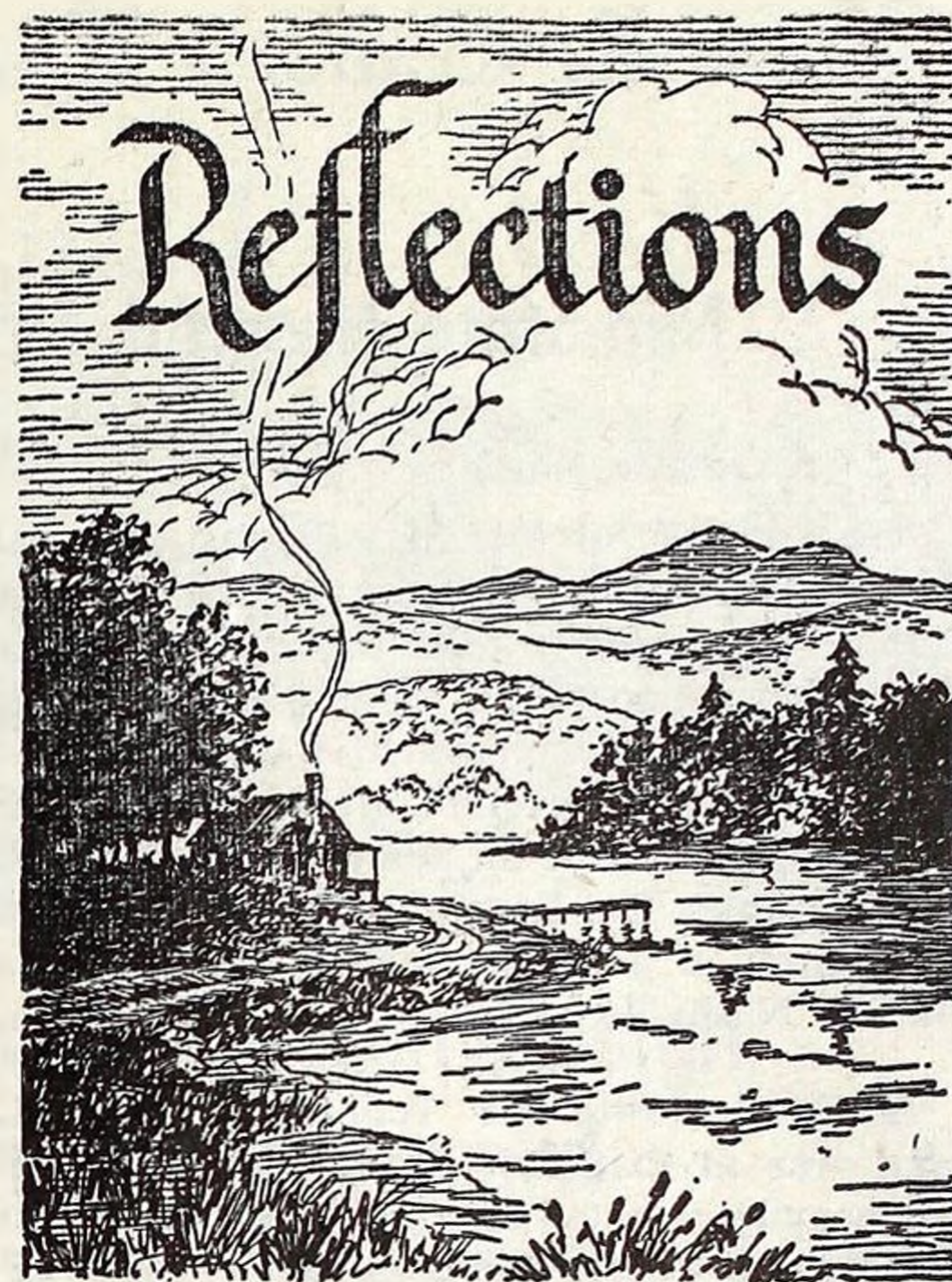
matters in arranging for the *orderly and efficient conduct of its business and discussion of its work* (See Section 19)."

Violative of the "Customary practices and precedents" of the Convention for a hundred years the program committee at Houston some years ago cut out all afternoon sessions of the body. A motion to go back to afternoon sessions prevailed at St. Louis by eight or nine thousand affirmative votes, with two or three negatives only.

The second amendment recommended by the Executive Committee says: "The Committee on Order of Business 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 consideration of the same."

Now note the contradictions and absurdities here:

1. The Committee has already not only the power but the duty, by the present by-law and by "the practices and precedents" of a hundred years, to fix times for miscellaneous business, and to *suggest*, only when it should be considered.
2. This amendment would bind the Convention so that the body itself could not change the time for consideration of any matter whatsoever after it had been put in the hands of this autocratic committee.
3. In the third place this amazing amendment, if adopted, would establish the absurd rule of a unanimous vote for the Convention itself to decide the time of consideration of any matter. Now that, we are told is "to improve democratic processes"—in other words one vote could defeat the will of nine thousand nine hundred and ninety nine other persons who are supposed to have the same rights as the one.
4. Note also that this recommendation takes no notice of the parenthesis at the end of by-law 19. And what does "19" say? It says: "One third of the time for consideration of all reports before the Convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor! Was the elimination of this expressed right of the messengers caused by an oversight or an insight? If this goes over, messengers will be told to keep their seats and sign on the dotted line. But remember that it is all "to improve democratic processes," Kerfoot—the Convention's parliamentary authority—and all other manuals to the contrary notwithstanding.



The cultivation of public good will is not an operation which can be turned on and off like a faucet. Neither is good will a tangible thing which we can place in the bank to draw interest. Good will is real, but it is perishable. We must constantly work at building and strengthening it, or it will disappear.

I am reminded of an attorney in a criminal case, who had produced evidence of his client's good character over the years. Good character, the attorney said, is like the coral reefs of the Pacific that surround the small islands. They grow and grow through the years. Finally, they become a bulwark against the lashing storms that threaten to destroy the island and its people.—John A. Barr, *Vital Speeches*.

Knowledge must be accompanied by worthy motives to attain the highest degree of excellence. Macaulay once said, "Ninety-tenths of the calamities which have befallen the human race had no other origin than the union of high intelligence with low desires." Thus it is that knowledge without the perception and power to use it for good proves worthless.—John L. Stickley, "I Know," *Lion Magazine*.

In '53, Americans paid for defense \$312 per person, including all children, while for foreign missions, which may be called the church's overseas defense program, we gave \$1.45 per Protestant church member—excluding children.—Othniel A. Pendleton, *New Techniques for Church Fund Raising*.

It has been said that there is no indispensable man—but there is; the right man with the right idea at the right time in the pathway of history will ever be an indispensable man.—*New York Medical Journal*.

Mid-State Hospital Expansion

The approval of Mid-State Baptist Hospital's expansion program is the largest single undertaking that Tennessee Baptists have ever authorized. From a monetary standpoint, it involves more, with the authorization of \$6,750,000 in bonds, than Tennessee Baptists have ever before committed themselves to at any one time. So far as we know, never before in the entire Southern Baptist Convention has so large an amount been authorized for any project at any one time. The Executive Board of the Convention passed upon this matter at a special meeting March 12 at the Mid-State Hospital in Nashville.

In April, 1948, the Tennessee Baptist Convention took over what was at that time the Protestant Hospital, Incorporated. It was heavily indebted and had been operated unprofitably. The land area was 10.4 acres and consisted of the West building, constructed in 1900, the East building, constructed in 1924, a boiler room and laundry, a campus home, housing student nurses.

Today, under Baptist operation, there has been a splendid measure of success realized for which we are all deeply grateful. The hospital enjoys strong support and is upon a sound basis of operation. More than 300 doctors attend patients regularly. All specialties of the medical profession are represented on the staff. A new six-story hospital unit was completed and occupied in 1953 at a cost of \$1,250,000. This unit is now debt free. The nurses' residence and school begun in 1955, was completed and occupied in September, 1956. A medical auditorium will be completed this spring. These buildings cost \$1,000,000. A 76-bed annex was constructed in 1956 and will be ready for occupancy about June. This unit cost \$350,000. All excess income is being re-invested in the hospital, raising and broadening the physical plant standards, the patient care, and ministry.

New construction to be undertaken includes replacement of the present boiler room and laundry with one that is completely modern and capable of caring for a hospital of 750 beds. A professional building is also in the new plan which will fit in with the present trend of more and more businesses moving from the congested downtown area further out. This movement is particularly true of doctors, dentists, and other professional people. The new building will provide facilities designed especially for their needs and it will be a building tying in with the hospital proper. The main part of the new construction will be a 14-story hospital wing. This new unit will become the center of the total hospital and it will bring the bed capacity to 550 hospital beds. Nashville has an acute shortage of private hospital beds. This shortage is increasing rather than decreasing due to the growth of the city and the surrounding community. Financing of the new project involves floating of bonds on a twenty year basis with the option of repayment of these bonds at earlier dates if desired.

It is an ambitious program which the administration of Mid-State Hospital and its trustees are undertaking. They are doing so on the basis of successful operation of the hospital over the past eight years and the present prospects of increasing need for hospital beds. The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention spent five hours in consideration of the hospital's plans, discussing with its trustees and administrator and the chairman of its Board all phases of the hospital and of its proposed expansion. Construction of the new units will take possibly two and a half years. When completed, the Nashville hospital will be "a 550 bed hospital on a 750 bed chasis." The total will be a self-contained Medical Center City with full parking facilities and plans providing future expansion as may be needed.

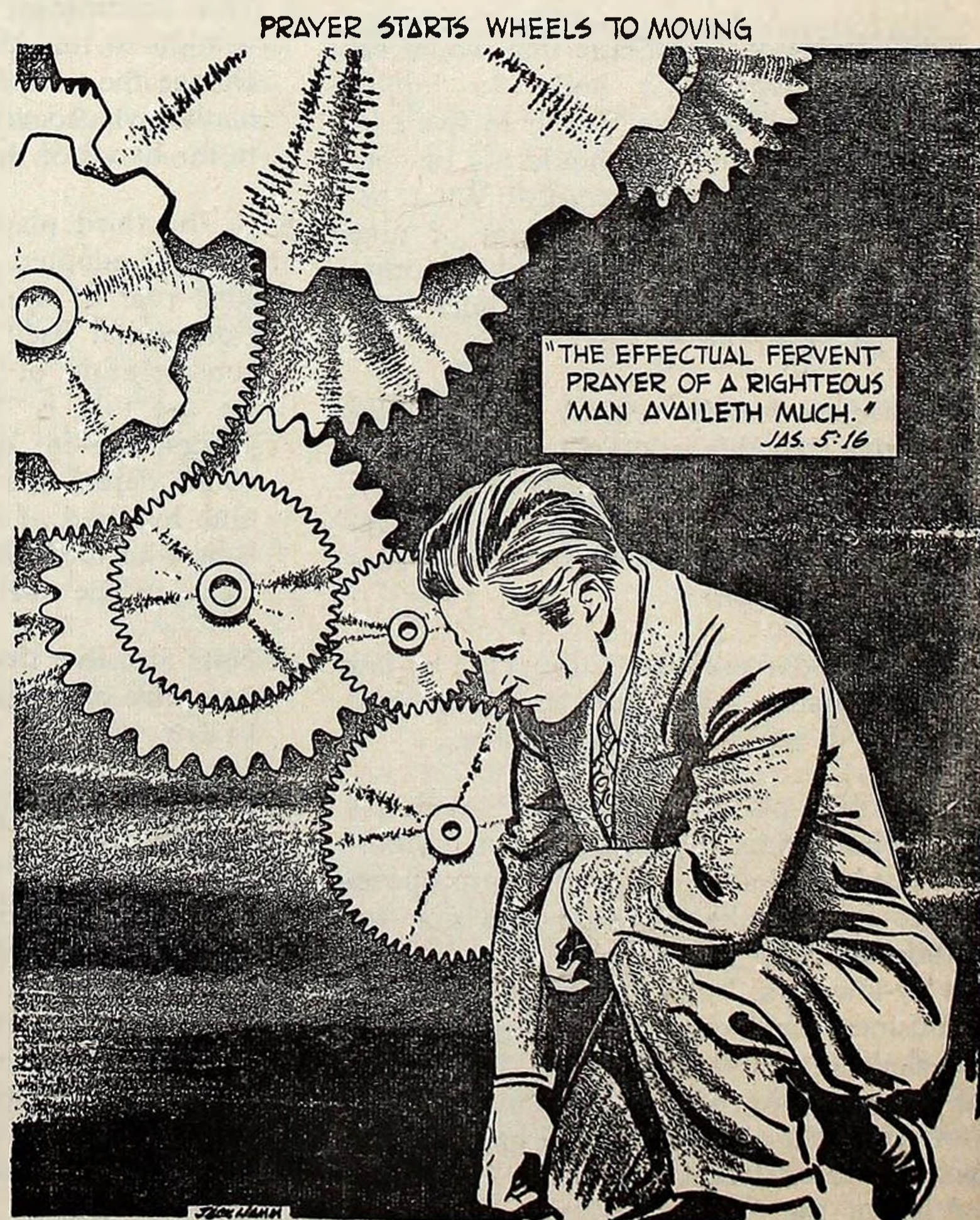
Working Program For Sunday School

"Our job is to teach people so they will change others instead of being changed by them," Ray Rozell told attendants at the State Sunday School Convention in Chattanooga last week. He was describing an effective Bible teacher. Mr. Rozell, the able educational director of First Church, Owensboro, Kentucky, was just one of the many splendid speakers on the two-day program at Brainerd Church. Mr. Jesse Daniel and his fine co-workers in the state Sunday School Department outlined the Sunday School working program for the next seven years with Tennessee's goal. With the spearhead of the Sunday School, Tennessee will be working with the other states toward the tremendously challenging Convention-wide goal of 30,000 new churches and missions established by 1964, in which Tennessee's share will be 1,400.

It was our privilege to sit in on some of the sessions led by Roy E. Boatright, secretary of the Kentucky State Sunday School Department, as he addressed the conferences of pastors and superintendents. Messages by Executive Secretary W. Fred Kendall were among highlights of the Conference. He outlined his dream for Tennessee Baptists in more people won, developed and enlisted. This calls for every church providing more Bible study opportunities, every Sunday School worker a personal soulwinner, every church bringing the ratio of baptisms to one for every eight church members, all Sunday School workers cooperating with the program of evangelism, every church promoting missions by study and application of the book, *The Sunday School and Missions*, and every church promoting stewardship by cooperating in The Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists.

We believe that the Sunday School Convention at Chattanooga was one of the most inspiring and helpful meetings that has been held in our state in a long period of time.

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Hill-Burton Act Needs Revision

Through the Hill-Burton Act, Congress in 1946 authorized federal tax funds to assist in construction of non-profit hospitals in the United States. Through the provisions of this Act, the Roman Catholic Church has already received gifts from the government amounting to more than \$110,000,000. More than \$20,000,000 has been given to other religious bodies under this Act.

Baptists have been disturbed by such legislation which turns over public funds to religious institutions. Particularly have Baptist leaders in Alabama sought to take some steps which would try to determine the constitutionality of the so-called Hill-Burton Act. The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on June 20, 1956, approved a petition to Congress which would ask for an amendment to the "hospital survey and construction Act" so as to discontinue and prohibit federal government grants for the construction of hospitals and other related medical facilities when such institutions are to be owned, controlled, or operated by a religious body. In place of the grants, Congress was petitioned to provide that the proper legislative action be taken for long-term government secured loans for the construction of hospitals and other related facilities owned, operated, and controlled by a religious body or a public or private corporation.

Editor Reuben Alley of *The Religious Herald* asks Southern Baptists to carefully consider what is involved by this petition from the Executive Committee to stop financial grants and to offer denominational hospitals federal funds as loans at a "fair rate of interest plus an administrative cost." He thinks the Executive Committee has attempted to draw too fine a line between such financial transactions and thereby has sidestepped a principle which Baptists have so long defended. Alley contends that this would be giving approval to a procedure which, once established, might vary as to financial transactions. He fears that religious bodies could seek loans upon terms to suit their own needs and purposes and that loans at nominal rates could be used for the erection of parochial schools, children's homes, and houses of worship as well as for hospitals. The whole question might well be raised what one means by fixing a "fair rate." Commercial institutions think that they are charging a fair rate of interest under our present national economy. They have a right to be protected against competition by the government. If any one thinks that a fair rate should be less than the commercial rate, then he asks the government for subsidy, just as truly as the grants would be under the present Hill-Burton Act.

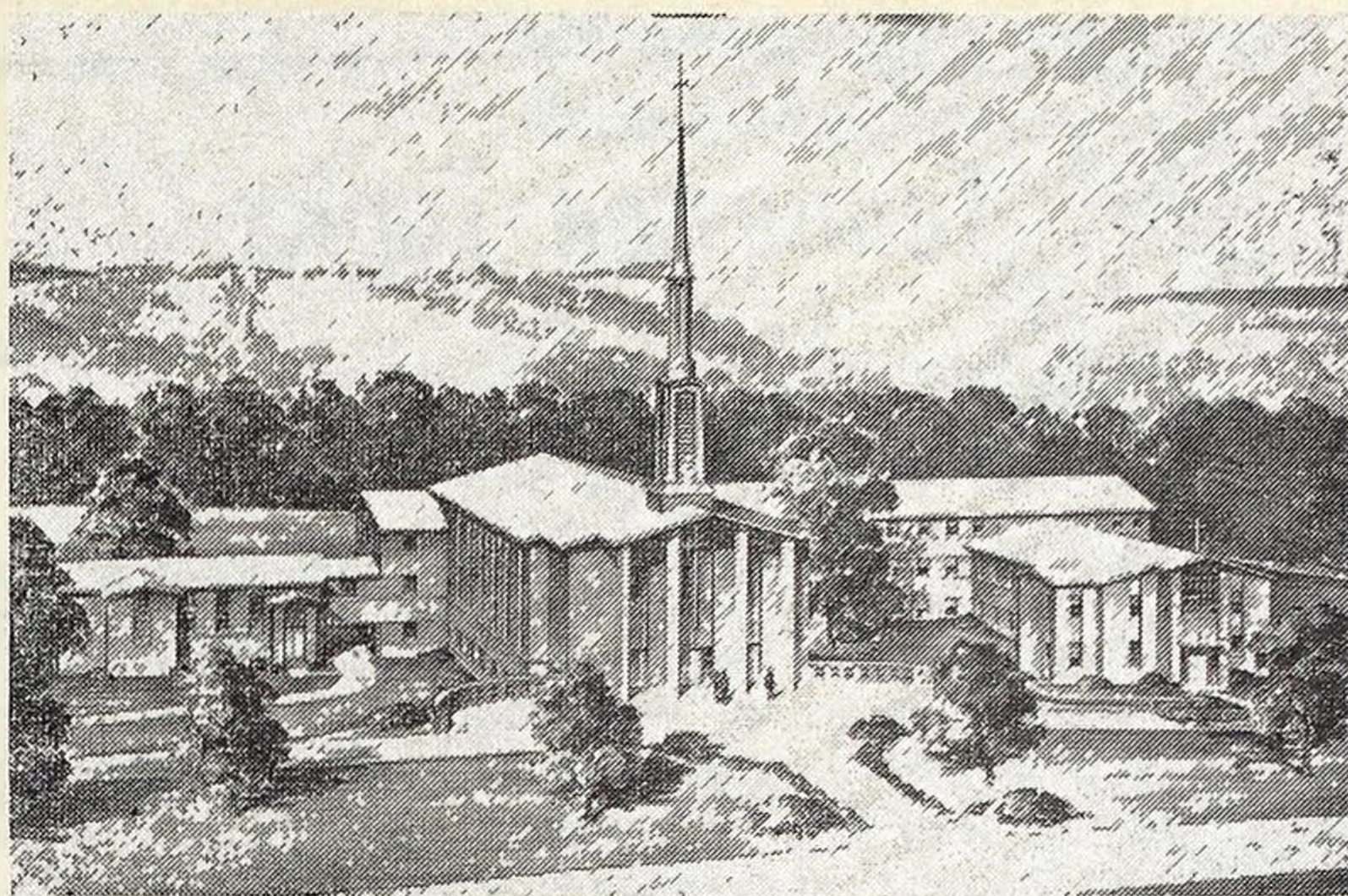
Editor Alley has pointed out something here which it would be well to carefully note. Certainly one ought to see at once that there is a difference, however, between outright grants to these religious hospitals and lending them money. We do believe with Editor Alley that this "fair rate of interest plus administrative costs" needs more defining, but we can accept it, even undefined, a lot better than we can accept the present arrangement by which one religious group has already received outright more than \$110,000,000 of federal tax money.

Field Representative For Annuity in Tennessee

Bayard F. Fox, Louisville, Ky., has been appointed Regional Field Representative of the SBC Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas Texas. The announcement came from Executive Secretary W. Fred Kendall of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Mr. Fox, who has been associated with the Board for the past eleven years, will promote denominational retirement plans in Tennessee as well as Kentucky, where he formerly served as director of retirement. A native of Kentucky, he attended the University of Louisville, Austin Peay State Teacher's College, Clarksville, Tenn., Georgetown College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in his native state.

Miss Beatrice Moore of Nashville, Retirement Plans Secretary for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will continue to process all applications and changes.

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Tennessee Church Design Wins First Award

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—This contemporary design with a floor plan especially suited to the Baptist program of religious education won first award in the Class I (a complete building) classification of the architectural exhibit sponsored by the Church Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

This is the plan of Crievewood Baptist Church, 400 Hogan Road, Nashville, a church which started as a prayer meeting in a new suburban development only three years ago.

The architectural firm of John A. Preston, Nashville, designed the building to complement its seven-acre lot and the architecture of the surrounding community. It blends traditional and modern lines in a functional pattern.

While the church was less than one year old its fewer than 100 members researched the community's future potential, projected their program, and bought the seven acres adjoining the grade school in the heart of the rapidly-growing community.

Crievewood and only one other Tennessee church received awards at the Church Buildings and Architecture Conference, which brought together more than 150 architects from many parts of the United States for a two-day meeting.

Architects from eleven states entered their plans in the exhibit to be judged. Judges were Robert E. Crossland, assistant professor, College of Architecture, University of Florida, Gainesville; Dr. Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville; and Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary of teaching and training, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

First Baptist Church, Memphis, the only other Tennessee church building plan to receive one of the sixteen ribbons, won second award in Class I. It was designed by Hanker and Heyer, Architects and Engineers, Inc. First award in Class II, "Sanctuary," went to Mable White Memorial Baptist Church, Macon, Ga.; first award in Class II, "Educational and Activities Building," went to First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.; and in Plot and Plan Development of Entire Property, the blue ribbon went to Lawndale Baptist Church plans, Greensboro, N. C.

The first unit of the Crievewood church was occupied last October after the members had been meeting in the basement of one of the homes for two and one-half years. Early this month the church elected a Future Needs Committee to help chart the program and schedule for constructing the other units of the building. Members of the committee are Bailey Franklin, Bruce Batson, William Craig, John Morgan, and Thomas A. Robinson.

Dr. Lynn May, Research Associate, Southern Baptist Historical Commission, is serving as interim pastor of the 265-member church.

Tennessee Topics

by LLOYD T. HOUSEHOLDER, Maryville

Harold Blankenship of Erwin has gone to Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, as youth director. Brainerd engaged in revival services which began March 18 with Earl Stallings of Ocala, Fla., as preacher and Otto Whittington as singer. C. A. Dabney is pastor.

Northside Church, Chattanooga, Charles C. Clemons, pastor, held revival March 17-27 with Reginald Wall of Decatur, Ga.

The Southwestern Singers of Southwestern Seminary presented a program of sacred music at Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, March 23. The choir is under the direction of R. Paul Green, who is also director of the Baptist Hour Choir.

Earl Stallings did the preaching at First Church, Cleveland, March 10-17. Elder Bailey, minister of music at Broadway Church, Knoxville, led the music. This church has called Ferrell Fisher, a student at Baylor University, as assistant pastor and director of youth work. James E. Byler is pastor.

Millard J. Berquist, pastor of First Church, Tampa, Fla., will be the evangelist at First Church, Etowah, H. Cowen Ellis, pastor, April 1-7.

First Church, Lenoir City, reported 23 additions to the church during the revival led by James Canaday, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson. J. E. Ledbetter is pastor.

We have received our first bulletin of First Church, Oneida, Lewis Bratcher, pastor. The bulletin was filled with interesting news concerning the progress of the church under the leadership of this good pastor. We welcome this addition to our ever increasing number of pastors who send news concerning the work of their churches. Included in this letter was a copy of the Scott County Baptist, the official news agency of this association. One item indicates the organization of a Pastors' Conference in the association.

First Church, Wartburg, ordained eight deacons. They were A. B. Freytag, Ralph Goodman, Bill Hart, Charlie Jansch, Edgar Kidd, Ray Perkins, Donald Terry, Roy West. Robert Kates is pastor.

Ralph Elliott, a member of Southern Seminary Faculty, was the evangelist at First Church, Rockwood, March 22-27. Wallace Carrier is pastor.

Trenton Street Church, Harriman, observed Youth Week the third week in March.

March 1 was the sixth anniversary of the pastorate of Kenneth Combs at Central Church, Oak Ridge.

C. A. Dabney of Chattanooga led Big Springs Church, Cleveland, Clarence H. Petty, pastor, in a revival the week of March 10.

Raymond DeArmond, pastor of Sevier Heights Church, Knoxville, will do the preaching at Broadway Church, Maryville, beginning April 7.

Their recent revival at Smithwood Church, Knoxville, led by Leonard Sander-son resulted in 22 additions by baptism and six by letter. There were three other professions of faith and 17 rededications. Ralph Murray is pastor.

March 3 Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville, used its beautiful new plant for the first time. Open House was held in the afternoon. Pastor E. L. Williams has done a magnificent job in leading this great old church in this new venture. The sanctuary is beautiful and the educational facilities are attractive and adequate. A week after the church was opened, unusual visitors came by night and tore down a door, wrecked the pastor's study, and tried to get into the safe. After breaking the handle of the safe they left without succeeding in getting to the funds in the safe.

James Gregg, pastor of Lockeland Church, Nashville, did the preaching at Lincoln Park Church, Knoxville, the week of March 17. Charles Ausmus is pastor.

Charles A. Trentham, pastor of First Church, Knoxville, is preaching a series of sermons on "How You Can Win in Your War of Nerves."

L. O. Griffith, director of Promotion, Home Mission Board, was speaker at Missionary Family Night at McCalla Avenue Church, Knoxville, March 13. E. Warren Rust is pastor.

Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, led First Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in a revival resulting in 93 additions. Paul Roberts, pastor of First Church, Lake Charles, La., was the evangelist in a revival at Broadway Church, which began March 17.

Ira C. Frazier, pastor of First Church, Sevierville led Everette Hills Church, Maryville, in a revival. J. Burch Cooper is pastor.

March 3 was the 53rd anniversary of the organization of Immanuel Church, Knoxville. On this date Open House was held in connection with the opening of the new educational unit. Homer A. Cate is pastor.

Chilhowee Association — Sixty-two churches co-operated with the Schools of Missions the week of March 3. Carl Ogle has come from New Orleans Seminary to be pastor of Cedar Grove Church. A. Nesbet for some time pastor of the church at Harrogate has been called as pastor of Beech Grove Church. First Church, Alcoa, led in the organization of a mission and the mission has moved into a new building with Lum McLemore as pastor. Kinzel Springs Mission, organized as an associational project, recently observed its third anniversary. T. T. Lewis is pastor.

The Sam Houston Mission of South Knoxville Church is engaged in a revival March 24-31 with Reece Harris as evangelist and Anthony Chapman, director of music. William Hazlewood is pastor. Pastor and assistants are students at Carson-Newman College.

Jefferson County — Talbott Church set April 1 as the time for their revival. Claud Kelley of Mt. Harmony Church, Knoxville, will be the preacher and Paul Mims of Carson-Newman College will lead the music. Darman Walker has been called as pastor of Buffalo Grove Church. Dandridge Church observed Church Loyalty Day and secured \$5,000 in cash and pledges toward a new educational unit.

During the year Dillard Hagan has served as pastor of McPheters Bend Church, Holston Valley Association, he has baptized 40 into the fellowship of the church. Plans for a new educational unit are in the making. Howe's Chapel in this same association has called Roy Presley as pastor.

March 24-31 Eddie Martin is leading First Church, Elizabethton, in a revival. Herman W. Cobb is pastor.

First Church, Erwin, broke ground for the beginning of an extensive building program. The new building will cost \$265,000 and will accommodate 750 in the sanctuary. It will provide for about the same number in the educational facilities. More than \$100,000 has been raised. T. C. Meador is pastor.

Horace L. Smith, formerly pastor of First Church, Clinton, and Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, led First Church, Canton, N. C., in a program leading to the construction of a new church auditorium. Ground was broken for the building March 10.

A special church bulletin issued by Sevier Heights Church, Knoxville, emphasized the eighth anniversary of the pastorate of Raymond DeArmond, March 10.

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Tennessee Topics

by ROY W. BABB, Winchester

Edgefield Church, Nashville, had farewell reception for Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Spurlin. He has accepted pastorate at Pembroke, Ky.

Deacons of Magness Memorial Church, McMinnville, and their wives staged surprise birthday-wedding anniversary for Pastor and Mrs. H. Curtis Erwin.

First Church, Nashville, will re-arrange choir loft to increase seating from present 40 to 64.

Horace P. Wrather, pastor of Williamsport Church, was killed in an automobile accident March 11. Christian sympathy is extended to his family.

Immanuel Church, Nashville, revival services will be led by J. W. Storer as evangelist and W. Hines Sims as music director.

First Church, Red Boiling Springs, has started regular prayer service on Wednesday night. Mrs. Doyle Jenkins is leading discussion of book, "What Baptists Believe."

Churches of Wilson County Ass'n conducted Schools of Missions during week of March 18.

First Church, Fayetteville, revival beginning April 7 will be led by H. J. Rushing of Lawrenceburg as evangelist. John R. Myers will lead singing.

First Church, Tullahoma, approved a \$104,800 contract for construction of two major additions. Ground breaking ceremony planned for March 31.

Pastor Thomas Drake preached for revival at First Church, Byrdstown, March 17-24.

Lincaya Hills Church, Donelson, moved into first unit of new building March 17. Thomas E. Bryant, Jr., is pastor.

Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, revival services will be conducted by Pastor Harold J. Purdy April 7-14. Rudolph Howard will direct the music.

First Church, Crossville, called William R. Ashby as Minister of Education and Music effective March 23. A graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary, he came from Tabernacle Church, Louisville, Ky. He is married and has two sons.

Joelton Church ordained Willard Dickens, Charles R. Jones and Dorris Aymett as deacons on March 3. Pastor A. Sidney Waits was assisted by Lewis E. Lee from Union Hill and Lyn Markham from Ewing.

Shelbyville Mills Church observed eighth anniversary of Sunday Evening Broadcast on local radio station. March 10 was Belmont College Night under the direction of Hubert Smothers. Byrns Coleman was speaker, and Girl's Quartette sang. U. S. Rubber Co. has landscaped the church lawn and the building is being painted. Community park adjacent to pastor's home will be used for Ass'n. Royal Ambassador meeting March 29.

Lockeland Church, Nashville, revival April 7-17 will be led by Lewis D. Ferrell of Chattanooga.

First Church, Lewisburg, revival services April 8-17 to be led by J. Paul Harting of Athens.

Dr. William R. Seat, pastor for 23 years of the First Baptist Church at Washington, Indiana, has announced his retirement from the active ministry. Dr. Seat is a native of Wilson County, Tennessee. He received his education at Cumberland University and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He taught school and practiced law before entering the ministry. The Washington church has been greatly blessed during his pastorate. A new educational building doubling the capacity of the church plant is now being erected. This church is considered one of the strongest churches in Indiana. Dr. Seat was elected president for two years of the Indiana Baptist Convention. Dr. and Mrs. Seat will continue to reside in Washington, Indiana.

The Watchman-Examiner, on its cover page, recently carried the likeness of Dr. Robert L. McCan. For the past eighteen months, Dr. McCan has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tennessee. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and his church has established a vocational guidance program for church youth, which is serving as a pilot experiment in cooperation with the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. McCan is president of the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference. In 1946 he was married to Mary Phelen Sundy. The McCans have three children, Margaret Susan, Mary Carol, and David Clark.

WORLD MISSIONS YEAR

MRS. R. L. MATHIS



"Let us be done with half-hearted service and consecrate our lives anew to the winning of the lost."

When Southern Baptists voted to set aside a year to be known as World Missions Year surely Christian people everywhere rejoiced at the broad implication that a people had grasped a glorious comprehension of the risen Lord's scheme of redemption, which left out not one soul that was ever to be born in all the earth.

In the light of this dedication to a worldwide program, we believe that life has a new chapter for our denomination, rich in possibilities. It is for us to make it full of progress.

Let us be done with halfhearted service and consecrate our lives anew to the winning of the lost, the highest ideal which has animated the hearts of Christians since the time of Paul.

We shall seek to devise ways and means for the accomplishment of this task. But in the planning we must remember to place our own lives on the altar.

It was Henry VanDyke who said, "The world moves by personality. All of the great currents of history have flowed from persons. Organization is powerful; but no organization has ever accomplished anything until a person has stood at the center of it and filled it with his thoughts and his life . . . To move and convince others, one should be first moved and convinced." We would change that thought only by changing the singular in this magnificent statement to the plural. We must stand in the center of our great denomination and fill it with ourselves.

God's finger points the way. We have started in that way. We have spoken and put ourselves on record before the world for a world missions program. We must remember that the strength of unity is indisputable. The latent forces in our churches, the negative goodness that abounds must be transmitted from an inertia akin to death to a live, active, palpitating service. Then indeed will the ends of the earth rejoice, and God's name be glorified.

He came to the service and went forward. When I told him I was happy about his decision, he replied: "It was not I, I had no intention of going". It was someone else. There was something so strong within, a compelling urge that overpowered me." I loved hearing him try to explain regeneration to me!—Thelma (Mrs. Albert I.) Bagby, missionary to South Brazil

Student Summer Missions—1957

The Tennessee Baptist Student Union has launched an ambitious Student Summer Missions program for 1957. Enthusiasm for it is running high in every section of the state. Students are giving sacrificially of their money to send other students who will give sacrificially of their time to do mission work. Much witnessing will be done this summer by the students who will be sent. When they return to Tennessee next fall, they will kindle many fires of mission concern on their campuses and in nearby communities.

Much of the 1957 program will be carried out within the borders of continental United States. Eleven students will do this work under the direction of the Home Mission Board. These fields include: Agricultural migrants in Maryland, American Indians in New Mexico, the French of Southern Louisiana, the Great Lakes Region, Colorado and Associated States, Arizona and Associated States and Special Language Groups in California. Never before have so many students worked on home mission fields under the sponsorship of the Tennessee Baptist Student Union.

Three students will be sent beyond our borders to Hawaii, Cuba, and Nigeria.

Hawaii a decade ago was the first field to receive B.S.U. missionaries, and has requested them every year since. Cuba requests students each summer, although Spanish speaking is required. The young lady who will go to Nigeria is a graduate nurse, and will engage in nursing work in



Dr. George Schweitzer, professor of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee, lecturing in South American Universities and nearby Baptist Missions.

a hospital, probably in Joinkrama. She will be associated with Dr. and Mrs. William Norman, Medical missionaries in Joinkrama. It is interesting to note that the Normans were sent several years ago to San Andres Island as Tennessee B.S.U. missionaries.

The program includes three special projects. One has already been completed. A student was brought from the University of British Columbia to the Southern Baptist Student Congress on World Missions, December 27-30, 1956. A University of Tennessee student will work in a National B.S.U. project, probably in Oregon or Washington. A special program which concerns South American University centers will be begun this summer but will not be completed until the summer of 1958. Dr. George Schweitzer, professor of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee and faculty advisor for the B.S.U. at that school will tour selected mission fields which are located in university centers in South America. He will lecture on university campuses in the daytime and in Baptist Mission churches at night.

Tennessee Baptists are urged to pray for the students as they go and as they work. They will be faced with many difficult situations and will be called upon to render services new to their experience.

Hungarian Refugees Continue To Arrive In U.S.

By—R. Paul Caudill,
Chairman, Relief Committee, B.W.A.

A total of 28,719 Hungarian refugees had arrived at Camp Kilmer as of Friday, March 8. Of this number, 27,391 had been processed and gone out to their sponsors here and there throughout the land, thus leaving a total of 1,328 at Camp Kilmer as of that day. The more than 28,000 refugees who had arrived as of March 8 came in 302 planes and four ships.

Authorities at Camp Kilmer expect an additional 2,800 refugees to arrive during the month of March, and no fewer than 1,600 during the month of April. Although there has been no change in legislation relative to the refugees, it was pointed out that the President by executive order still has the authority to admit refugees on a month by month basis as he deems wise.

Camp Kilmer, run by the military, and designed to accommodate some 35,000 soldiers on its spacious 1,572 acre grounds, has in other days seen as many as 70,000 soldiers within its care at one time. Currently some 1,000 enlisted men and 250 officers are caring for the refugee installation, though at one time as many as 5,000 enlisted men, officers, and civilian personnel were required to care for the thousands of Hungarian refugees at the camp.

One is impressed by the predominantly young age level of the refugees—they average about 29 years. It is significant to note that the very young people that the Communists had their best opportunity to in-



Top Row: (left to right) Ellen Frances Miles, Union University, Great Lake Region; Jo Anne Clarke, T.P.I., Great Lake Region; Andy Clay Puckett, Jr., Vanderbilt University, Hawaii; Mary Elizabeth Alexander, East Tennessee State College, Arizona and Associated States; Glenda Cunningham, University of Chattanooga, Arizona and Associated States.
Second Row: Joy Hall, Belmont College, Colorado & Associated States; Shirley Prince, Union University, Colorado & Associated States; Glynn Bolch, Carson-Newman College, Cuba; Jean Sallee, Peabody College, American Indians; Hetty Mae Corey, Carson-Newman College, Language Groups in West.
Bottom Row: Jessie Mae Tench, Carson-Newman, Southern Louisiana; Jackie Hensley, University of Tennessee, National B.S.U. project; Arvey Lee Turner, Memphis State College, Working with Agriculture migrants; Gloria Jane Torrance, Harrison Chilhowee, Baptist Memorial Hospital Memphis, Carson-Newman College, Nigeria, Africa; Peggy Perkins, Memphis State College, Louisiana.

Carroll-Benton Associational Leadership Study Course

During the week of March 4th, Carroll-Benton Association engaged in a most successful Training Union Leadership School under the direction of Rev. Jonas Stewart, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Huntingdon and the Associational Missionary, Edwin Alexander. Eleven churches were represented during the week; Bruceton, Camden, Chalk Level, Hopewell, Howse, Huntingdon, McKenzie, McLemoresville, Missionary Grove, Prospect and Trace Creek.

The enrolment for the week was 228 with an average attendance of 146 with 118 receiving awards. The faculty for the week included Charles Norton, Eugene Crane, Miss Mary Anderson, Miss Betty Jo Corum, Miss Roxie Jacobs, Mrs. Jesse Meek from the State Training Union Department; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Alexander, Rev. Robert Sanders, Mrs. Charles Smothers, Mrs. John Hicks, Mrs. Beulah Carey and Mrs. Harlie Wilkes from Carroll-Benton Association.

On Friday evening a mass meeting was held with an attendance of 245 and 16 churches. In addition to the churches listed above the following were present on Friday night: Trezevant, Atwood, Liberty Hill, Mt. Nebo and Union Academy.

May we take this opportunity to congratulate Rev. Jonas Stewart, Associational Training Union Director, and Edwin Alexander, Associational Missionary, in a most successful week.



Mrs. A. G. Rose, Associational Director of the Fayette Association is the first person to receive the Award of Merit for the completion of the Adult Training Union Diploma in Tennessee. She is shown receiving the Award of Merit from her pastor, Rev. Orvind M. Dangeau.

doctrinate were the ones who rose up in rebellion and struck off the shackles of communistic tyranny. Doubtless many of these young refugees will become our finest citizens and our most ardent foes of communism.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1957

Report of Nursery-Beginner-Primary Workshop

The Nursery-Beginner-Primary Leadership Workshop held at East Ridge Church, Chattanooga, had the following attendance.

Nursery Leaders	23
Nursery Teachers	6
Beginner Leaders	14
Beginner Teachers	2
Primary Leaders	29
Primary Teachers	3
Ministers of Education	3
Ministers of Music	1
Training Union Directors	3
Superintendents of Missions	1
Associational Directors	1
Associate Directors	1
Associate in charge of Nursery, Beginner, Primary work	1
Primary work	1
Pastors	9
Others	19
Churches Represented	23



Mrs. Meek

Credit is due Mr. Sam Welch, Superintendent of Missions in Hamilton Association, Mr. Albert Waller, Associational Training Union Director, Mr. Luke Williams, Jr., Educational Director of East Ridge Church, for the good preparation they made for the Workshop.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Tyler, Mrs. Hoyte Hudleston and Mrs. Jesse Meek led the conferences for the Workshop.

Beals Chapel Church, Lenoir City, ordained five deacons, March 10 They were Bill Stafford, Hugh Bailey, Bill Qwence, James Fritts, and R. W. Bailey.

Sunday School Department

Beverly Hills, Memphis Has Sunday School Graduating Exercise

This is the first graduating class of Beverly Hills Baptist church, Memphis.

During the past year, twenty-two of our teachers and officers have completed the books required for the Worker's Diploma. Seven of these received the red seal also; two received the red and blue seals and one received the diploma with red, blue and gold seals.

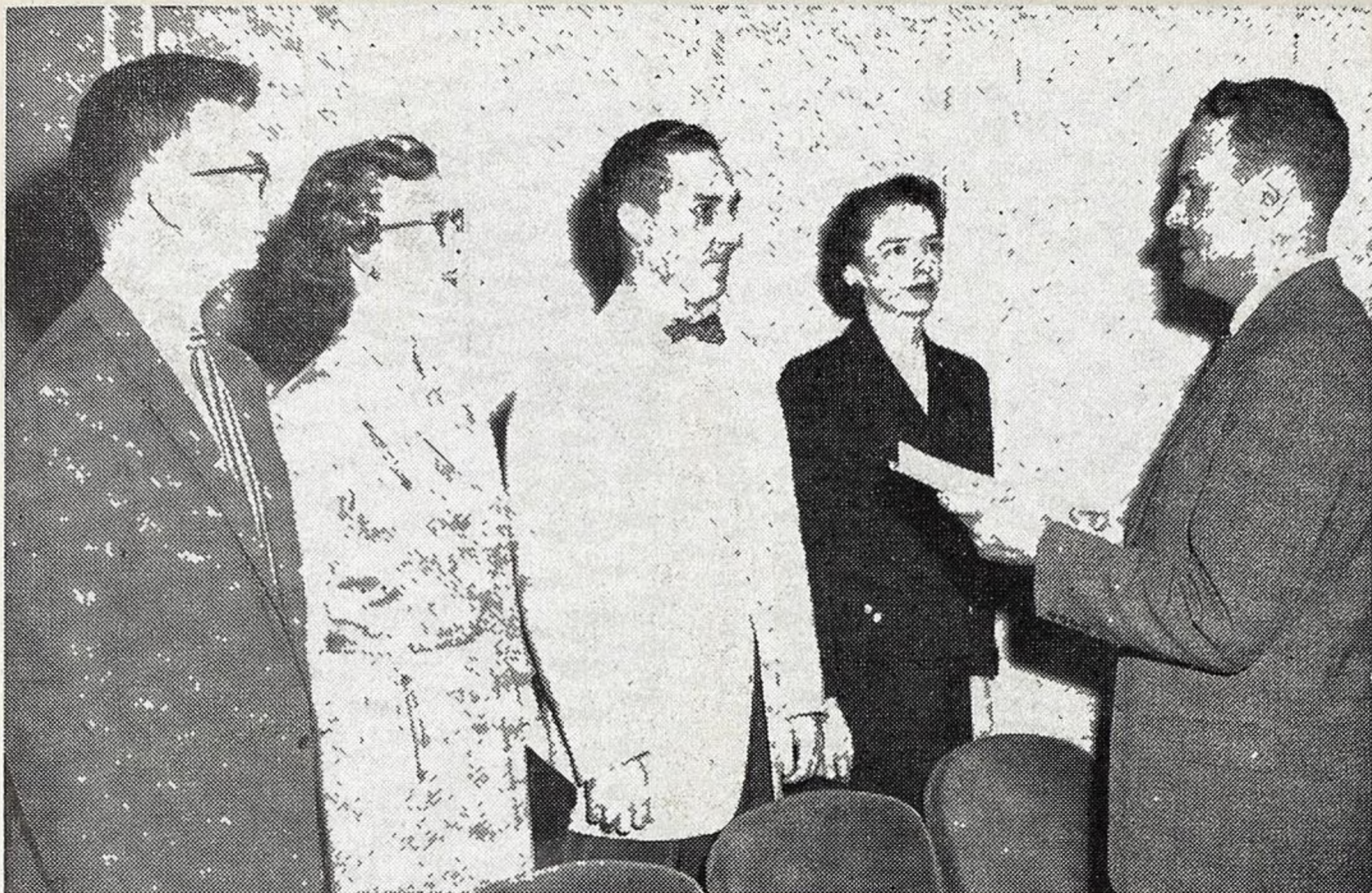
Dr. Ralph Moore, City Missionary for

Memphis, was the Commencement speaker, and Rev. Vernon Dutton, pastor, presented the diplomas.

At the close of the commencement exercise, all those present were invited to a reception honoring the graduates.

There are 168 enrolled in the training program at Beverly Hills this year, and the graduating class for next year is expected to be much larger.





Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr. (right), secretary for missionary personnel of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, talks with young people from Tennessee who have just been appointed missionaries. They are (left to right) Rev. and Mrs. Carlos R. Owens and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Raborn.

Four From Tennessee To Serve

Four young people from Tennessee were among the 17 appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its March meeting. They are Rev. and Mrs. Carlos R. Owens, of Dover, who will serve in Tanganyika, East Africa, and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Raborn, of Memphis, who will serve in Hong Kong.

Mr. Owens is pastor of First Baptist Church, Dover, a position he has held since February, 1955. He is also moderator of the Stewart County Baptist Association and travels on a part-time basis to promote associational Sunday school work for the Sunday School Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He formerly pastored New Bethel and Friendship Baptist Churches, Paris, Tenn., and Bird's Creek Baptist Church, Whitlock, Tenn.

A native of Henry County, Tennessee, he received the bachelor of arts degree from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and the bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Owens told the Board that during his last year of high school he felt that God was leading him into the ministry. During the next summer he surrendered to preach the gospel, he said.

It was during his college days that he became interested in missions. "Through missionary speakers on the college campus, Bible study, and mission classes, I began to realize the great need for men and women to carry this message I have to a foreign field," he said.

He said it was while in the seminary that he dedicated his life to foreign missions

"after a season of private prayer" in his dormitory room.

Mrs. Owens, the former Myrtice Taylor was born in Dunedin, Fla. She received the R.N. from Mather School of Nursing, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., studied psychiatric nursing at Florida State Hospital, Chattahoochee, and obtained the bachelor of science degree in nursing education from Florida State University, Tallahassee. She received the master of religious education degree from Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville.

Mrs. Owens has been a staff nurse at Morton Plant Hospital, Clearwater, Fla., Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Florida State University Hospital, and Henry County General Hospital, Paris; a school nurse at Carver School of Missions and Social Work; and an instructor at Florida State University School of Nursing and Henry County General Hospital.

She said that at the age of 16 she dedicated her life to service as a missionary nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens have a daughter, Janice Alese, almost seven months.

Mr. Raborn is pastor's associate at Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, where he has served since March, 1953. Before coming to Memphis he was educational director at Urbandale Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., and Birchman Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex.

He was in the U.S. Army Air Force for more than two years.

A native of Waco, Tex., Mr. Raborn attended Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and received the bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University, Waco. He received the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Raborn is the former Nelwyn Martin, a native of Ysleta, Tex. She attended the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station, and Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos, and received the bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University. She has also taken additional work at Baylor.

Among the various positions she has held are those of summer staff member at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly, teacher in the speech department at Baylor, and office secretary at Birchman Avenue Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Raborn told the Board they had been willing for some time to serve as missionaries but that it was only last summer during a conference at Ridgecrest that they definitely felt God wanted them on the foreign mission field.

Mr. Raborn said: "I had dedicated my life to the field of religious education wherever God would lead me. I know now that God has called me to help all of the world to become Christian through the medium of local church training and teaching the Word of God."

Mr. and Mrs. Raborn have three daughters: Rebecca, six and a half; Peggy Jane, four and a half; and Kay Nelwyn, three and a half.

Other young people appointed at the March meeting of the Board are: J. Dale Carter and Sue Worthington Carter, Texas, for North Brazil; Marion G. (Bud) Fray, Jr., Missouri, and Jane Dawley Fray, Texas for Southern Rhodesia; M. Frank Gillham and Wynon Holmes Gillham, Texas, for East Pakistan; W. Trueman Moore and Jane Bassett Moore, Arkansas, for East Pakistan; Gerald W. Pinkston and Florence Goldston Pinkston, Texas, for Indonesia; Edward B. Trott, Texas, and Freda Porter Trott, Mississippi, for North Brazil; and Sarah Wilson, North Carolina, for Argentina.

These appointments brought the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,127.

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Mrs. Douglas J. Ginn Retires

On April 1 Mrs. Ginn, for thirty-six years as Office Secretary in the Woman's Missionary Union Office, will retire. Mrs. Ginn's interest in and work for Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union dates far back of the time when she became a member of the office staff. A native of Nashville, she grew up in the same church with Mrs. W. C. Golden and Mrs. A. C. S. Jackson, early leaders of W.M.U. As young girls, she and her sister, Mary Lee (now Mrs. Turner), would go to the homes of these ladies and help wrap packages and address envelopes to be sent to the societies. In the days when the Executive Board was made up of two members each from the missionary societies of Nashville churches, Mrs. Ginn was on the Board. She was the first Mission Study Leader.

She belonged to what is thought to be the first Missionary Organization for Young Women in the state, "the Earnest Workers" which organized about 1888 at Third Church, Nashville. She was a member when the organization became a Y.W.A. in 1907. Later she served as counselor of the Y.W.A. for several years and was, also, counselor for the Nashville Associational Y.W.A.

She became Office Secretary in July, 1921. She has not only been most efficient in this position under three Executive Secretaries, Miss Margaret Buchanan, Miss Mary Northington, and Miss Mary Mills, but has done much field work, speaking, and teaching of classes. In the absence of the Executive Secretary, she has been in charge of the office. She has served with her pen—often writing and editing the W.M.U. page in the "BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR," writing State Missions programs and other promotional materials.

For many years, Mrs. Ginn attended Young People's Camps at Tennessee College, Cumberland University, Bethany Hills and Linden. Her camp duties were numerous—playing the piano, taking care of finances, teaching classes and counseling with girls, boys and their leaders. In fact, young people and their counselors thought that camp would not be complete without "Mrs. Ginn." She loved best the R.A. camps.

The employees of the Baptist State Board honored Mrs. Ginn in chapel March 21 at which time she was given a Television from the group.

Mrs. Ginn was honored during the W.M.U. Annual Meeting this week at Knoxville. She was presented a Love Gift from the women of the societies throughout the state. She will continue to reside at 1805 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee.

Tennessee-Georgia Tech Football Game A Feature of Royal Ambassador Congress

Tommy Bronson, University of Tennessee football star, will be on hand to narrate a film showing of the University of Tennessee-Georgia Tech football game at the Royal Ambassador Congress, Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville. This will be Friday night at the 9:00 P.M. fun time.

Other features of the Congress program will be a mission offering. Ronald Jackson, State Steward from Arlington Baptist Church, Knoxville, will lead boys in an offering which will be used to help build a Baptist Summer Camp for boys and girls in Old Mexico. The offering will be sent to Orvil Reid, Southern Baptist missionary.

Arlin Torbitt, State Recorder from First Baptist Church, Athens, will report on number present and where they hail from. Over 1200 are expected. Arlin will also bring a report to the Congress on the meeting place for 1958.

At 11:30 A.M. Friday, one group of the

Congress will leave for a tour of Smoky Mountain National Park. At 1:30 P.M., another group will leave for a tour of Oak Ridge. The Congress will begin promptly at 6:45 P.M. Friday night at Lincoln Park Baptist Church.

Participating will be Rev. Charles R. Ausmus, Pastor of Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Mr. Jimmy Allen, former Royal Ambassador Secretary, Mr. Russell Tuck, Jr., student at Peabody College, and Mr. A. W. Powell, student at Belmont College. Mr. A. W. Powell will direct a pageant Saturday "Let's Go Camping." Those participating in the pageant are Ronnie Bargatze, Kenny Bartlett, Edward Kelly, Doug Jones, Don Robertson, Gary Traugher, Billy Arnold, and Don Beecher, all ambassadors from Saturn Drive Baptist Church, Nashville.

Those among many others helping to make the Congress a success are Rev. M. K. Cobble, Gillespie Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville; Mr. Wray Smith, Central Baptist Church, Bearden; Rev. Bob Lawrence, Arlington Baptist Church, Knoxville; Mr. Woody Lewis, Mrs. W. W. Brittain, Mr. Calvin Wardell, Mr. Jimmy Lewis, and Mr. John Craig, all of Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville; Mr. Willette Anderson, State Brotherhood Vice-President, and Mr. Raymond Hatmaker, Knox County Brotherhood President, both of Knoxville; Mrs. Lawrence Trivette and Mrs. Harvey Highbaugh, both of Central Baptist Church, Fountain City; Mr. John Thomerson, Belmont College Student; Dr. Robert E. Acker, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville; Mr. Loran Baker, Baptist Brotherhood laymen of Knoxville; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Amos of Saturn Drive Baptist Church in Nashville.

Remember—Registrations must be in by April 1. Send to Royal Ambassador Congress, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, with 75¢ for each person. Boys must be page or above.

—Roy Gilleland, R.A. Secretary

Grigg Resigns Work

ALEXANDRIA, La.—(BP)—Wendell R. Grigg has resigned as director of work with Negroes for the Louisiana Baptist Convention to accept a similar position with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The change is effective Apr. 1.

Since Grigg came to Louisiana Jan. 1, 1954, Negro work in that state has grown until now 19 persons are employed full or part-time. Also, some 85 Negro and white pastors and lay leaders serve on the faculties of extension schools. There are about 300 Negro students.

Baptist Student Unions have been organized on three of the five Negro college campuses in the state during the last two years.

FORT WORTH—(BP)—Southern Baptists now own one of the best trailer parks in the United States. Southwestern Baptist Seminary's Mobile Home Park here has been chosen one of the top mobile home trailer parks in the nation, according to the Mobile Homes Manufacturers Association.

Brooks Road Church, Memphis, Rudy Boulard, pastor, has extended a call to Lacy Potter of Tupelo, Miss., to become music director. Brooks Road is currently engaged in selling \$50,000 in bonds with which to build a chapel and Baby building. Dr. W. W. Phelps of the Bible Department of Belmont College will do the preaching in their revival April 7-21.

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Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alexandria	245	84	---
Alcoa, Calvary	264	83	1
Central	247	84	---
First	436	157	1
Mission	59	---	---
Athens, Antioch	189	50	---
Bethel Springs	42	---	---
East	497	164	1
First	623	257	---
Avalon Heights	17	---	---
West End Mission	77	---	---
North	250	90	---
Calhoun	117	27	---
Clearwater	135	46	---
Double Springs	57	31	---
Hivasssee	85	---	---
Idlewild	69	39	---
Lake View	42	44	---
Lamontville	37	39	---
McMahan Calvary	97	53	---
Mt. Harmony No. 1	105	40	---
Mt. Harmony No. 2	39	---	---
Mt. Verd	63	25	---
Marshall Hill	71	---	---
Meadow Fork	50	---	---
New Hopewell	77	42	---
Oak Grove	65	---	---
Pond Hill	117	53	---
Rocky Mount	40	---	---
Rodgers Creek	67	36	---
Sanford	58	48	---
Short Creek	114	82	---
Union Hill	62	---	---
Union McMinn	96	---	---
Valley Road	42	---	---
Valley View	19	9	---
Walnut Grove	52	30	---
West View	77	47	---
Wild Wood	121	60	---
Zion Hill	73	43	---
Auburntown, Auburn	103	50	---
Prosperity	164	60	---
Benton, First	145	28	---
Benton Mission	73	---	---
Benton Station	89	51	---
Chestuee	49	---	---
Delano	109	57	---
Friendship	59	---	---
Isabella	79	29	---
Mine City	201	53	---
Mt. Zion	74	---	---
Shiloh	112	39	---
Wetmore	78	31	---
Zion	114	65	---
Zion Hill	75	38	---
Bemis, First	364	158	6
Blaine, Block Springs	154	63	---
Bolivar, First	349	93	2
Bristol, Calvary	359	102	---
Mission	61	47	---
Tennessee Avenue	527	146	---
Byrdstown, First	137	71	---
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	127	108	---
Chattanooga, Brainerd	975	367	8
Calvary	338	123	5
Chamberlain Avenue	250	80	---
East Ridge	792	233	---
First	1079	299	3
McCarty	95	59	---
Northside	490	131	3
North Market	172	28	2
Red Bank	973	315	---
Ridgecrest	88	27	---
Ridgedale	580	166	3
Ridgeview	264	89	2
St. Elmo	377	144	---
Alton Park	48	12	---
Second	177	49	---
South Seminole	114	56	2
White Oak	384	96	7
Woodland Park	398	98	1
Clarksville, Blooming Grove	125	39	2
First	766	195	4
New Providence	256	73	---
Cleveland, Big Spring	324	162	18
Calvary	227	97	3
Cedar Springs	163	77	---
Clingan Ridge	89	27	---
East	87	36	4
First	792	259	26
Galilee	32	---	---
Maple Street	129	77	---
North	352	159	20
Philippi	137	58	1
Victory	86	51	3
Waterville	118	80	8
Clinton, Second	457	109	---
South	256	79	---
Columbia, First	567	180	---
Riverview	48	23	---
Highland Park	340	153	---
Cookeville, First	440	81	---
Crossville, First	206	72	---
Emmanuel	120	40	---
Mt. View	61	45	---
West Side	20	---	---
Dandridge	111	46	---
Antioch	31	13	---
Deep Springs	107	---	---
French Broad	49	---	---
Piedmont	129	63	---
Swans Chapel	112	---	---
Dayton, First	236	79	1
Cove Mission	43	---	---
Morganatown	36	---	---
Dccatur, First	122	65	---
Doyle, Greenwood	106	52	---
Dyersburg, First	780	222	---
Elizabethton, First	575	197	---
Reservoir Hill	17	---	---
Oak Street	150	89	1
Siam	232	107	---
Erwin, Calvary	275	69	---
Etowah, First	369	105	2
North	419	136	---
Fountain City, Central	1198	338	18
Smithwood	782	272	---
Fowlkes	124	66	---
Friendship	222	91	9
Gallatin, First	727	241	4
Southside	53	27	---
West Eastland	47	31	---
Gladeville	132	49	---
Gleason, First	189	39	---
Goodlettsville, First	358	92	---
Greeneville, First	361	86	1
Greenbrier	308	96	---
Ridgetop Mission	47	31	---
Harriman, South	376	103	---
Trenton Street	553	146	---
Henderson, Antioch	69	42	---
First	213	80	---
Hixon Memorial	99	50	2
Humboldt, Antioch	276	89	---
First	590	145	1
Huntingdon, First	424	168	7
Jackson, Calvary	614	227	---
First	985	192	---
North	315	179	2
Parkview	433	111	---
West	907	442	2
Jefferson City, Buffalo Grove	49	33	---
First	710	258	3
Mansfield Gap	75	---	---
Mill Spring	120	38	---
Mountain View	66	---	---
Northside	213	74	2
Johnson City, Pine Crest	197	99	---
Temple	354	110	1
Unaka Avenue	269	117	---
Kenton, Macedonia	94	86	---
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	201	---	---
First	811	196	---
Litz Manor	195	82	---
Lynn Garden	465	111	---
Kingston, Cedar Grove	107	---	---
Knoxville, Belmont Heights	297	58	1
Broadway	1279	547	8
Central (Bearden)	676	225	10
Fifth Avenue	790	341	3
First	1069	246	2
Glenwood	401	174	3
Lincoln Park	1066	304	3
North	410	109	---
Sevier Heights	717	273	---
Branch	20	15	---
South	617	189	3
Wallace Memorial	349	119	---
LaFollette, First	405	113	---
West	140	40	---
LaGuardo	124	88	---
Lawrenceburg, First	345	155	20
Hoover Street	11	---	---
Lebanon, Cedar Grove	139	60	1
Fairview	272	104	3
First	550	252	---
Hillcrest	17	---	---
Immanuel	307	81	---
Rocky Valley	97	74	---
Lenoir City, Calvary	207	78	---
Dixie Lee	172	82	---
First	582	220	1
Kingston Pike	105	41	2
Lewisburg, First	569	182	---
Lexington, First	451	82	42
Loudon, Blairland	246	77	---
First	352	108	---
Mission	89	35	---
Lynnville	59	46	1
Malesus	218	95	---
Martin, Central	225	48	---
Southside	60	35	2
Maury City	97	27	---
McKenzie, First	287	67	---
Madisonville, Chestua	96	37	---
First	275	114	3
Mission	47	26	---
Maryville, Broadway	555	238	---
Everett Hills	491	196	6
First	1046	267	---
Mission	140	55	---
Madison Avenue	160	60	1
Monte Vista	167	53	1
Memphis, Airview	151	49	1
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Seventh Street	524	178	2
Southland	244	124	1
Southmoor	298	148	6
Speedway Terrace	817	214	2
Temple	1251	396	2
Thrifthaven	356	122	3
Union Avenue	1114	370	6
Vanuys	68	30	1
Wells Station	470	197	6
West Memphis	561	123	2
Whitehaven	569	133	---
Winchester	176	92	6
Woodstock	61	38	---
Milan, Chapel Hill	83	39	---
First	509	184	1
Morristown, First	824	176	3
Murfreesboro, First	625	174	2
Calvary	72	---	---
Mt. View	191	62	---
Powell's Chapel	140	82	1
Taylor's Chapel	93	69	---
Third	277	98	3
Woodbury Road	219	62	3
Nashville, Antioch	81	38	---
Bakers Grove	99	33	---
Belmont Heights	1174	313	1
Brookside	69	23	---
Madison Street Mission	88	51	---
Berrville	77	49	---
Dalewood	333	118	2
Dickson	196	62	---
Donelson	670	158	4
Fairview	160	66	2
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T. P. S.	344	---	---
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Grandview	550	125	3
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Inglewood	1074	279	3
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Lakewood	463	139	1
Lincoya Hills	212	69	5
Madison, First	597	185	4
Park Avenue	806	242	1
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Ridgely, First	244	113	18
Ripley, First	384	76	1
Rockwood, Eureka	111	71	---
First	499	194	---
Rogersville, Henard's Chapel	202	109	---
Shelbyville, Edgemont	173	53	---
Shop Springs	131	56	---

Foreign Board Appoints Seventeen Missionaries

Seventeen young people from seven states were appointed for missionary service in seven foreign countries at the March meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The first of an expected 130 appointments during 1957, they bring the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,127.

The new appointees are J. Dale Carter and Sue Worthington Carter, Texas, for North Brazil; Marion G. (Bud) Fray, Jr., Missouri, and Jane Dawley Fray, Texas for Southern Rhodesia; M. Frank Gillham and Wynon Holmes Gillham, Texas, for East Pakistan; W. Trueman Moore and Jane Bassett Moore, Arkansas, for East Pakistan.

Also, Carlos R. Owens, Tennessee, and Myrtice Taylor Owens, Florida, for Tanganyika; Gerald W. Pinkston and Florence Goldston Pinkston, Texas, for Indonesia; John C. Raborn and Nelwyn Martin Raborn, Texas, for Hong Kong; Edward B. Trott, Texas, and Freda Porter Trott, Mississippi, for North Brazil; and Sarah Wilson, North Carolina, for Argentina.

Dr. Cauthen in Africa

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, now visiting Southern Baptist mission fields in Africa, will go to the Near East before returning to Richmond about April 1.

Response to Suffering

In his report, Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said that Southern Baptists have played a worthy part in meeting need at a time when many Hungarians were in a desperate plight. The Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, of which Dr. Sadler is chairman, received \$43,343 in January and February of this year as compared to \$8,019 during the same period in 1956.

Dr. Sadler continued: "Not in many a day have we had such a good report about work in Spain as the one which came a few days ago from Missionary Joseph W. Mefford, Jr. Not only were the Baptists of Valencia allowed to recondition a building for church purposes but they were given the permission of the governor of the district to occupy it. That does not mean, of course, that there is now religious liberty in Spain. What liberty is allowed is dependent partly upon the attitude of local government officials."

The Asian Revolution

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, said events of the past few weeks

in the Far East give continuing evidence of the still unfinished revolution in that part of the world. He described briefly the recent uprisings in Indonesia and Thailand.

"As we continue our mission program in the countries of Asia, it is important that we understand such developments as these and the underlying conditions and forces out of which they arise," Dr. Crawley said. "The basic concern in the revolution is with human needs; and awareness of those needs has brought about in every country a struggle for human betterment. The struggle includes many aspects. Some of the most prominent are: the problem of poverty and economic planning, education and medicine, democracy and freedom. . . .

"These varied aspects of the unfinished Asian revolution point up the uncertainty and the difficulty we may expect in our mission program during the decades ahead. At the same time, they constitute for us a challenge to sympathetic understanding and a tremendous opportunity for mission advance during this fluid period in Asia's history."

Reception at S.B.C. Meeting

An informal reception giving messengers to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention an opportunity to meet their foreign missionaries will be held in the Grand Ball Room of the Sherman Hotel, Randolph at Clark, Chicago, Ill., from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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Foreign Missions Conferences

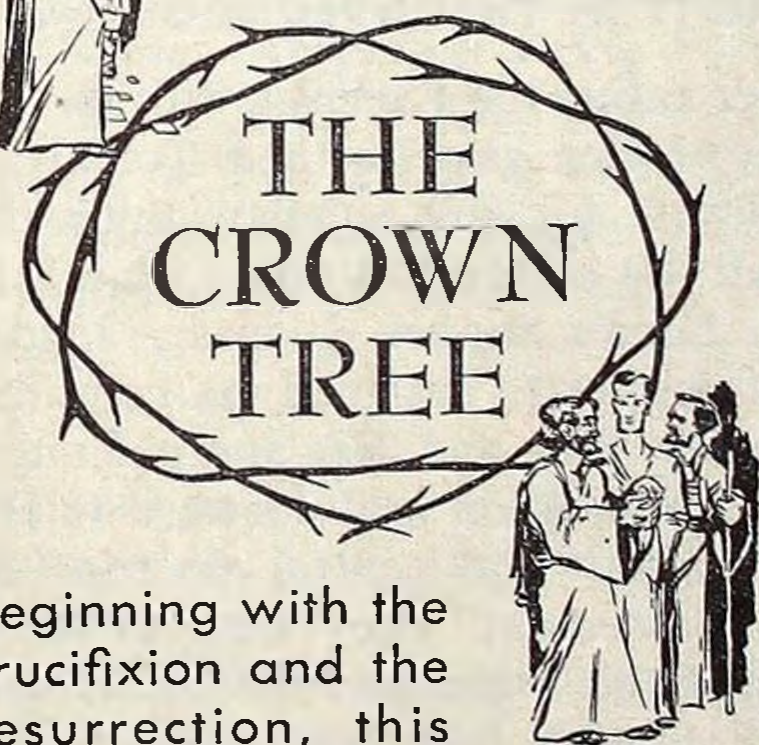
"Face to Face with World Missions" is the theme of the 1957 Foreign Missions Conferences to be held at Ridgecrest (N. C.) June 20-26; and Glorieta (N. M.) August 15-21.

A special World-Missions-Year feature of the Ridgecrest program will be a full meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, June 20-21, with the appointment of a number of young people to overseas mission service.

Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., will be the Bible teacher at Ridgecrest; and Dr. James Leo Green, professor of Old Testament interpretation, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., will have the Bible hour at Glorieta.

Both assemblies will feature conferences for all age groups, plus an additional one for mission study leaders.

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By O. L. Rives, Professor of Religious
Education, Carson-Newman College

—Facing The Cross—

Texts: Matthew 26:1 to 27:10 (Larger) Matthew 26:26-29, 36-46 (Printed)

The Cross has long since become the one symbol of Christianity. Whether seen atop a church building or as an ornament of apparel or traced with the hand across the breast, it means that Christ and His cause are in mind. The best place, incidentally, to see it is in the life and conduct of the Christian as he manifests its principle day by day. Denial and sacrifice of self for Christ's sake is its best expression.

The Cross reminds of two great and compelling realities, the compassionate love of God and the exceeding sinfulness of man. God gave His best treasure in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, in order that all men might be delivered from their sins. Also, evil men were willing to go to any length in order to get rid of the best Friend that the world has ever known. We do well, then, to face the Cross in the light of this lesson.

FACING IT IN THE UPPER ROOM (vv. 26-29)

After eating the Passover with the Twelve, our Lord then gave to them (or at least to the Eleven, for able scholars think that Judas had left before this time) what is known as the Lord's Supper. It was a tender and sacred moment, designed to help them to remember Him and His approaching death and by implication look forward to His second coming. The central doctrine is that of the atonement. They were to see in the eating of the bread and the drinking of the cup His broken body and shed blood, making possible the remission of sins. The memorial, in both its simplicity and profundity, was to be a symbol of what would actually transpire not many hours later on Calvary when after hours of anguish He would cry, "It is finished," bow His head and give up His life.

But note how men have distorted this simple but glorious meal, how they have substituted man's traditions for the Lord's teachings, how they have thus marred the picture itself. Some have said that as a result of certain incantations the bread and the fruit of the vine actually become Christ's flesh and blood. Others have said that its celebration becomes a means of God's saving and sustaining grace. Still others have insisted that it is to be a method of showing Christian fellowship. All such misconceptions disappear when seen in the light of the Scriptures. With this ordinance as with baptism, both given to the churches, any sort of deviation from the Word of God becomes in reality a tampering with the Word itself. For both are teaching in nature. To change them or deviate from the Bible's

teaching concerning them is a form of Bible mutilation.

FACING IT IN GETHSEMANE (vv. 36-46)

Here we enter holy ground. Here we remove our shoes in reverential awe, as we contemplate what took place in this Garden somewhere near midnight before the Crucifixion the following day. Accompanying Him were Peter, James and John. Leaving them near the entrance He went deeper and prostrated Himself both in body as well as spirit with, "Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." The cup of suffering and death and separation that He was about to drink He knew would be indeed bitter. That He must have struggled beyond our ability to comprehend is glimpsed in the fact that He prayed the same prayer three times. The Three deserted Him in the companionship of prayer by going to sleep. Did they cry themselves to sleep? One wonders. Or was it still a lack of understanding upon their part as to what it was all about? Confusion and distress were mingled.

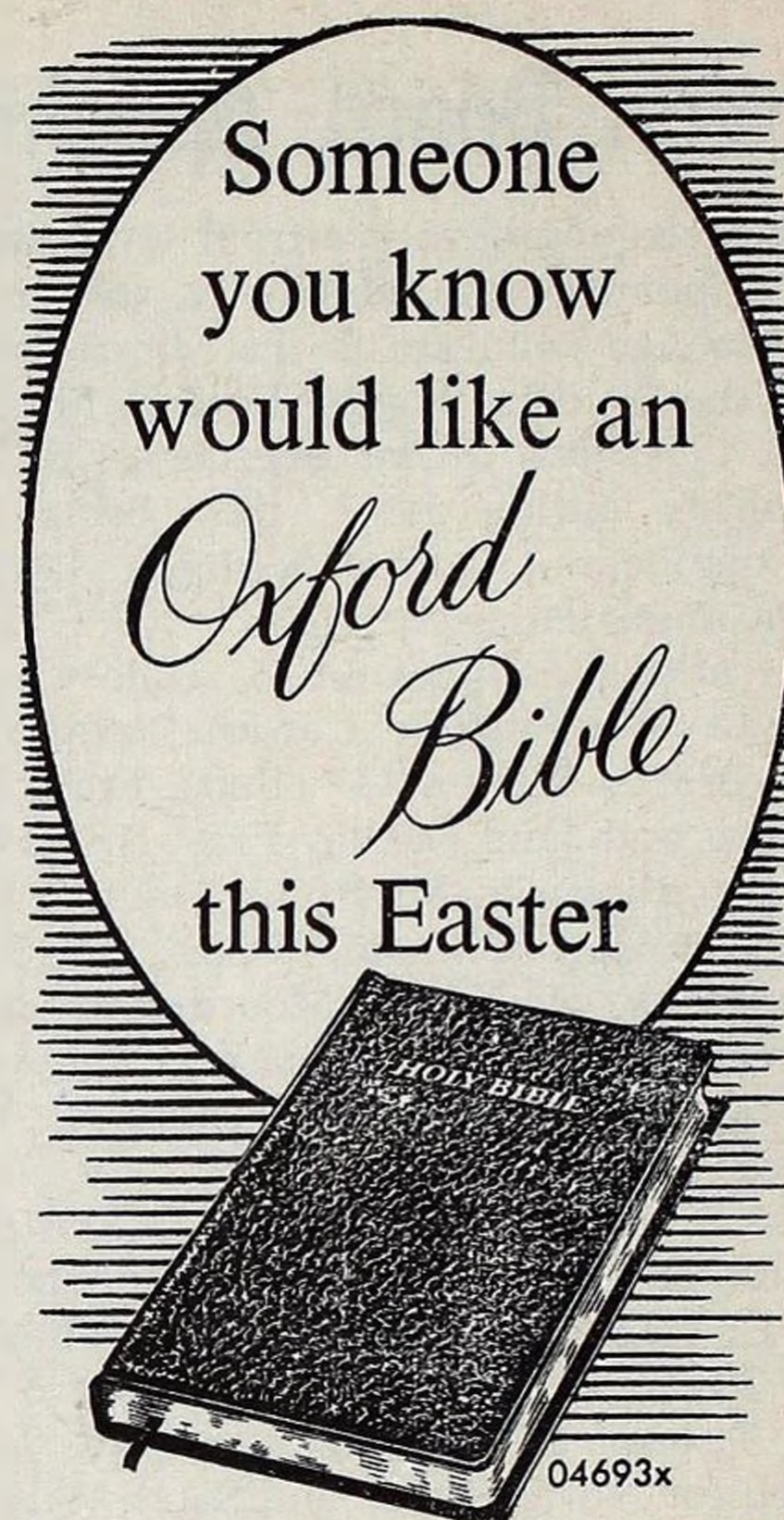
In this prayer, uttered three times, we discover the essence of prayer itself. It is the willingness upon the part of the one praying to have God's will done at all costs. It is the complete renunciation of the self and the interests of the self. Such writers as Hallesby insist that herein lies the key to prayer. One agrees heartily. This is not getting God on our side. It is, instead, our getting on God's side.

\$1 Million In Bonds Issued By Illinois

CARBONDALE, Ill.—(BP)—Executive Secretary Noel M. Taylor announced that churches affiliated with the Illinois Baptist State Association have issued over \$1 million in Broadway church bonds during the last 10 months.

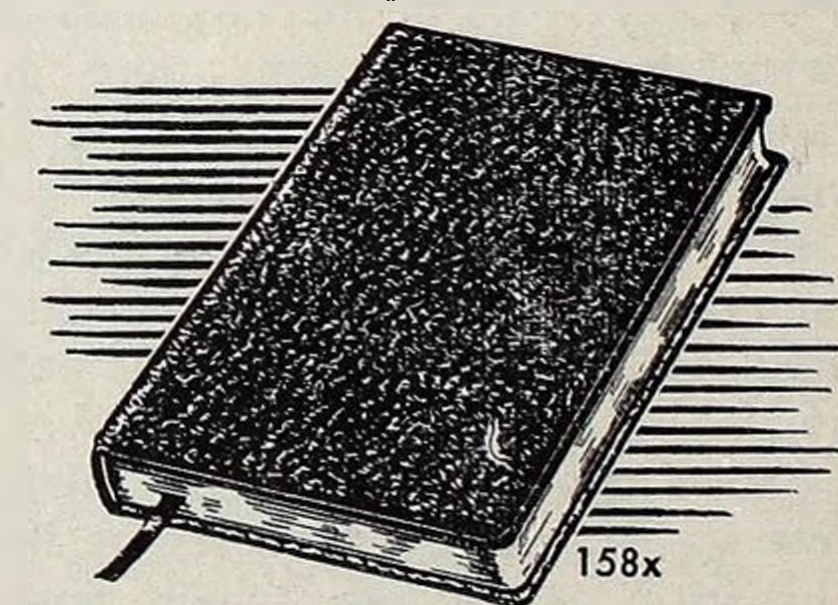
21 churches have issued the bonds during the 10-month span. Taylor reported that to date \$756,175 worth of bonds—75 per cent of the total issued—have been sold.

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The eight letters in today's column are from eight friends who want to get letters from *you*. Read each letter before you decide on a new pen pal for this last week in March.

From Donna Campbell, Box 464, Milan, Tenn.:

I am 10 years of age and would like to have a pen pal 10 or 11 years old. I go to the North Side Baptist Church where I am a member. My hobbies are collecting stamps and collecting books. I will try to answer all the letters I get.

From Judy Brown, 507 Field Road, Elizabethton, Tenn.:

I am 13 years old. My birthday is June 10. My hobbies are sewing and swimming. I also like to play basketball. I would like to have pen pals ages 12-15. I will answer every letter I get.

From Donna Henley, 5181 Holms Rd., Memphis, Tenn.:

I am 13 years old and my birthday is September 1. I am in the eighth grade at Capleville School. I would like to have pen pals all ages. I'll try to answer every letter I get (*if and when I do*).

From Alice Kee, Route 5, Somerville, Tenn.:

I am 15 years old and will be 16 on May 17. I would like to have pen pals. My hobbies are playing basketball and listening to the radio. I am a member of the Intermediate G.A. and a member of the First Baptist Church. Brother Dangeau is our pastor.

From Joan Reid, Route 1, Orlinda, Tenn.:

I am 12 years old. My birthday is June 29. I go to Orlinda Elementary School and am a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. My favorite sport is basketball. I would like to have some pen pals ages 12-14.

From Troy Lee Jones, Star Route, Tellico Plains, Tenn.:

I enjoy reading the Young South page in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. I am twelve years old. My birthday is March 1. I go to Towee Falls Church. I will try to answer all the letters I get.

From Erma G. Thompson, Route 3, Bethpage, Tenn.:

This is my second time to write to you. I would like to have some pen pals. I have one, but would like more. I am a Christian and belong to the Missionary Baptist Church here.

I would like a picture of every pen pal, because collecting photographs is one of my hobbies. I also like to clean house and cook.

From Joyce Cutrell, Dixon Springs, Tenn.:

This is my *third* time to write to you. I

have seven pen pals. I really do enjoy reading the Young South.

I go to Cox-Davis School and am in the sixth grade. I am 11 years old, and my birthday is October 18.

I go to Riddleton Baptist Church. My father is the superintendent of the Sunday school and also teacher of the Intermediate boys' class.


I am a Christian. I would like to have pen pals ages 11-13. I have one sister. My hobbies are playing basketball, skating, and collecting pictures. I am also taking piano lessons. We have two pets—a parakeet named Tommy and a cat named Spotty.

Isn't Joyce's letter full of interesting information? I imagine it will help her to get several pen pals.

The other letters are also invitations to you if you are looking for a new friend. Which letter will you choose to answer?

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Prov. 17:22

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Two Negro lads were discussing pro and con evidences for the supernatural. One was skeptical, but the other argued earnestly for the reality of "hants" in particular. He solemnly affirmed that no later than the night before he had seen a ghost coming out of a long-unoccupied house commonly reputed to be haunted. Not only that, but the apparition was carrying its own head under its arm, and walking toward the narrator. "What was dis yere ghos' doin' de las' you seen of him?" demanded the unbeliever.

"Jes' fallin' behind, boy—jes fallin' behind!"

Planning a vacation stay in Florida, the retired railroader didn't know what to do with his dog. He decided to write the hotel and ask if dogs were allowed.

Promptly, the hotel manager wrote back: "I've been in this business for 30 years. Never have I called on police to eject a disorderly dog. Never has a dog set fire to a bed with a cigaret. I have never found a hotel towel or blanket in a dog's suitcase. Nor a whisky ring on a dresser. Sure, the dog is welcome!" And the manager added a postscript: "If the dog will vouch for you, come along, too."

The pupils in Tommy's class made a list of all the words that apply to size—large, small, tiny, big, etc.

Suddenly Tommy raised his hand and said, "Oh, we forgot the most important word—King-size."

Two secretaries were overheard discussing a new office machine: "I know that new electronic computer does the work of three men," one observed morosely, "but personally I'd rather have the men."

Don't brag; it isn't the whistle that pulls the train.

A timely note from Harry C. Bauer, Director of Libraries at the University of Washington, Seattle, reports that students in the freshman composition classes are coming apart at the themes.

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Retired Editor Keeps Rendezvous Unafraid

Erwin L. McDonald, Editor
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LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—“There is a killer in my bloodstream. How long it can be kept subdued neither I nor the doctors know.”

So wrote Dr. B. H. Duncan in August 1956 while serving as editor of *Arkansas Baptist*, in an article, “My Rendezvous with Death.” Dr. Duncan died March 19 in Little Rock, Ark. He was buried at Marion, Ky., two days later. (Editors Note.)

An intimate and inspiring account of his personal experiences upon learning he was afflicted with leukemia, the story was published in newspapers and magazines across the country.

Dr. Duncan wrote:

“Death isn’t a stranger to me, a Baptist minister for 46 years. I have prayed with scores of people in their last hour, I have turned from the deathbed to comfort hundreds of others in their hours of sorrow. Standing beside the casket, I have pointed thousands to the Christ I served as the one great comforter in all hours of grief. . . .

“... the question was hurled at me: will my life in these few weeks be an example of what I have preached? Does death look different, now that it has come so near to me, than it looked when I was counseling with others and praying with them when they faced the grim reaper? Is the counsel I gave to others adequate for myself. . . ?

Am I willing to rest my case upon the assurances I gave to others through the years? After a thorough heart searching I found that I could add nothing new for my own counsel.

“The same assurances of God’s word which had met the needs of others is sufficient for me. The same Christ whom I had held up as Lord and Saviour to others in their trials is also my comforter and stay. I can say with the Apostle Paul, ‘I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day!’”

Dr. Duncan achieved his stated purpose of “living a full life while life lasts, be it long or short.” Although he gradually became weaker, he continued to serve in his editorial post until last December 31.

He meticulously set his affairs in order. Before he was past going, he accompanied Mrs. Duncan to an undertaker’s and together they chose his casket.

Dr. Duncan was born in Crittenden County, Ky., Nov. 13, 1889, a son of Rice H. and Ida Brantley Duncan. He received his education at Bethel College (now defunct), Russellville, Ky., and from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

His pastorates included: First Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.; Timmons ville, Blackville, and Elko Baptist Churches, all in South Carolina; First Baptist Church, Ash-

“A Baptist Rite”

John Jeter Hurt, 215 Rumson Rd., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

The subject is not of my choosing, but comes from President Duke McCall’s fertile brain. And he invites discussion in the Baptist press. In discussing the above subject he says some interesting things. For instance: “Baptists, at least Southern Baptists, have developed a rite. I am talking about our method of receiving new members into our churches.” Then he goes on.

1. “The negative vote is not expected. The absence of the request for the negative vote indicates that we have dropped the pretense of congregational action. (There is no vote in a democracy without opportunity for any negatives. JJH) It is difficult to make an event of the coming of any individual when so many come so often.” I cannot agree.

2. “In the second place,” says my friend, “except in rural areas the complexity of the community and the size of the churches keep most of the members present from knowing anything about the individual applying for membership.”—Why not ask him his intentions right on the spot? We are more concerned with what applicants for membership would do than with what they have done.

3. Because of absence of understanding of what the congregation is actually doing . . . we have gotten embarrassed by the implication in that vote, that John Doe may not be qualified for church membership. . . . We have forgotten that the church is supposed to be a congregation of the redeemed acting in the spirit of Christ.” The first part is hazy to me,—but a hearty Amen to the last.

4. Finally, on the lowest limb of motives, we are so statistic and report conscious that we are glad to see more people coming, and we hope that it all will turn out for the best, even if some of them are not propelled by the Spirit of God.” Comment: Christianity is a religion of both faith and adventure: whether we look for it in the New Testament; or in the church of Jesus Christ; or in some saint wearing himself out in winning; or in a prodigal who staggers at last to the house of God for a new

burn, Ga.; and First Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Ark. He was editor of *Arkansas Baptist*, Little Rock, weekly news magazine of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, from 1947 to shortly before his death.

His denominational positions included: president, Southern Baptist Press Association, 1952-53; member of Southern Baptist Radio Commission, 1946-47; and director of Arkansas Baptist Radio Commission, 1947-48, and radio preacher, 1948.

He is the author of two books, “From Bondage to Freedom,” and “Personal Adventures with Jesus.”

Survivors include Mrs. Duncan, the former Miss Helen Brown of Kentucky.

start. We Baptists are more interested in penitents than in pedigrees; in where our new members are going than in where they have been.

There are many dangers in our democracy, of course. They need discussion. But democracy remains the best government we know. It makes room for the private in the ranks. And never overlooks the welfare of the group.

I had a few thoughts on these problems fifty years ago. And worked out a simple procedure in receiving new members,—whether coming for baptism or by letter; ten-year-olds or their fathers and mothers; students or dignified college professors; former deacons or distinguished Baptist preachers. Having invited the applicants to stand, the minister asked them to join us in covenanting,—

1. To attend the services of God’s house as best you can. “Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together” is the way our Scriptures put it in Hebrews 10:25.

2. To help us strengthen and maintain the ties which bind our hearts in Christian love. “We, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.” (Rom. 12:5)

3. To give your money in such portion as a Scripturally enlightened conscience shall dictate. We do not tell you how much, but we tell you to ask God how much. “If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God. And it shall be given.” (James 1:5)

4. Ours is a missionary Baptist church. An omissionary member would not feel comfortable here. We will not change unless Christ cancels his great commission.

And now, if your coming means you are ready to join us in maintaining these fundamentals you will indicate your purpose with uplifted hand. Take time to see if every hand is lifted. If so, turn to the small or large audience with such announcement, Then the minister is ready to ask all who favor receiving each of the applicants to lift their hands. And always,—“If any oppose, lift your hand.”

Having used the above method more than thirty years in First Baptist Churches in Conway, Ark., Durham and Wilmington, N. C. and Jackson, Tenn., I am not prepared to agree with my brilliant friend that “it is difficult to make an event of the coming of any individual when so many come so often.” Receiving new members was always a very solemn and uplifting event with us.

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