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—Bryce Finch

Nashville—For the eighteenth year Christian Home Week will be observed in Southern Baptist churches May 5-12. Mrs. S. L. Franklin of Madison, Tennessee, a Baptist Sunday School Board employee, views a poster prepared for the special week. Along with 34,000 copies of the poster, other materials have been mailed out showing how to plan and observe Christian Home Week.



# The Mailbag

## Word of Thanks

Just a word of thanks to every one that works daily to make this Christian paper available to the people. So full of inspiration. I would be lost without it coming into my home.—Mrs. Anna Lowe, 238 W. Tennessee Ave., Oak Ridge.

## Write Washington

I wonder if it would not be possible for you to urge people through the **Baptist and Reflector** to write letters to their senators and representatives regarding the present Hill-Burton Act?

This is merely a suggestion, but would it not possibly help the people to do this if you printed a letter in our paper?—J. R. Kennedy, 3806 Redding Rd., Chattanooga, Tenn.

(Editor's Note: The Tennessee Delegation includes: Senators, Estes Kefauver and Albert Gore, address Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., Congressmen, Hon. James B. Frazier, Jr., B. Carroll Reece, Howard H. Baker, Joe L. Evins, J. Carlton Loser, Ross Bass, Tom Murray, Jere Cooper, Clifford Davis—address, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.)

## Mr. Kennedy suggests the following:

Senator Albert Gore

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gore,

I would like to register with you my request that you do all within your power to seek a revision in the present HILL-BURTON ACT under which the federal government makes grants for hospital construction.

I would very much like to see the bill changed in such a way that it would BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR DENOMINATIONAL HOSPITALS TO RECEIVE OUTRIGHT GRANTS, BUT POSSIBLE FOR ALL HOSPITALS IN NEED TO RECEIVE LOANS (WITH INTEREST) FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Since the passage of this controversial bill, Roman Catholic Hospitals have received \$112 million dollars and other Protestant Groups who are not firm on the principle of separation of Church and State have received \$20 million dollars. This, in my opinion, is a violation of the Constitution.

Church and State must be ABSOLUTELY SEPARATE!

Very Sincerely,

## More on 'A Baptist Rite'

I have been very much interested and concerned over the discussions of "A Baptist Rite" by Dr. Duke McCall and Dr. John Jeter Hurt in recent issues of the **Baptist and Reflector**. Perhaps I have the answer to this need—how to properly receive members into a Baptist Church—in my own experience. At least I am yielding to the temptation to "break into print."

One of the most memorable experiences of my life occurred to me when as an eighteen year old student at the University of Mississippi I sought membership in the First Baptist Church at Oxford, Miss. I was indeed surprised when Dr. Frank Moody Purser, pastor, explained to me in a most gracious and cordial manner how much the congregation appreciated my "application for church membership". I was told that before my "application could be considered by the congregation it would be necessary to meet with the Church Membership Committee at 9:00 a.m. the following Sunday morning.

The following Sunday morning when I did meet with the Church Membership Committee Dr. Purser presided and after prayer introduced me to the members of the committee—Chairman of the Deacons, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. President, Brotherhood President (if the church had a Brotherhood at that time—1940), and other leaders of the

Thus Saith The Preacher—

# Pleasant Agony

Dear Editor:

There is no more thrilling, exciting, and demanding task than preaching. Every preacher has had the experience of going to bed on Sunday night and waking up on Sunday morning and finding it's time to preach again. By that I mean, Sunday

church. He stated that the main purpose of the meeting was for me to get acquainted with the leaders and activities of the church and for them to get acquainted with me. Even though I had been a Christian at the time for nearly ten years, I was asked that morning for the first time to relate my conversion experience. While I know that I must have been awkward in my presentation, I do know that I received a spiritual blessing from the experience. Then, Dr. Purser reminded me that I would not be a happy Christian and satisfied member of the church unless I entered into some service for the Master. I was told to look around to see what I would like to do and then see the pastor. The church did vote on my "application for church membership" after I went to the front of the church a second time, and I became a member that day. In less than two weeks I became the Assistant Leader of the Intermediate Training Union.

About two months after the above related experience, I surrendered to the call to preach. Dr. Purser was my friend and spent several hours counseling with me concerning my experience. I transferred the following year to Mississippi College, our Baptist school in my native state, where I started my real preparation for the ministry and graduated in 1943. Needless to say I have been forever grateful to Dr. Purser and to the Oxford church because the time they spent in properly orienting me as a church member has stood out in my life as a "red letter experience."

As a happy faculty member at Carson-Newman College, I welcome opportunities to share this experience with students who will be our spiritual leaders tomorrow. While I am grateful that we Southern Baptists are faced with the problem of bigness, I hope we will never lose sight of the example of Jesus. His was face to face, mind to mind, heart to heart ministry. We have taken heed to the exhortation to "go", but we must give more attention to the exhortation to "teach". I am convinced that the main reason we are faced with the problem of Unaffiliated Baptists is that we have allowed ourselves to practice the Baptist Rite.

I have heard that on the mission fields that our missionaries require each new convert to go through a probationary period before he is received into church membership. It seems to me that while my above related experience is not the equivalent of this practice it is a fine substitute for it. I can hear the cry now, "But we already have too many meetings at our church now." My answer is that we Southern Baptists have grown because among other emphases we have thrived on meetings. Every church, for that matter every Christian, must decide after prayerful consideration just how much the care for the souls of men grips the heart.

I believe that if many of our churches would inaugurate this use of the Church Membership Committee idea that we would be more obedient to our Master, a greater blessing to men, and that we would go a long way toward solving the Unaffiliated Baptist problem. I do not deplore our emphasis upon numbers, but I do deplore the careless manner which we have dealt with those reached by us. The real answer is to be found in an increased emphasis upon Christ centered religious education in our churches.

Clarence H. Watson,  
Carson-Newman College  
Jefferson City, Tennessee

comes with amazing regularity. A fellow wonders if there are any other days in the week. He knows that there are, for he has been engaged in countless tasks, more or less important, which have somehow taken him away from his most important business—preaching.

In a recent issue of THE WRITER magazine there was this paragraph: "Nobody has yet dreamed up a way (though there's a fortune in it for the person who does!) to avoid the hours of what John Mason Brown calls the "Pleasant Agony" that a book requires. The worst of it really is the sitting—sitting in one spot, even though you can't think of a single word to bat out on the typewriter keys, and you are suddenly consumed with the desire to clean out your desk drawers; or write that letter you should have written a week ago; or finish pasting in the old pictures in the children's baby books.

"Yet, if you manage to resist all these temptations and keep on dropping the one finger after the other on the keys, something will finally begin to appear on the sheet of yellow paper. It may be what you expected, but if you sit there long enough the lines will row into pages, and the pages into chapters and the chapters into a book."

Any sermon worth preaching or worth listening to, demands this same thing the writer called "pleasant agony". Sometimes it's agony, all right, especially to the listener, but it's not pleasant!

Agonizingly yours,

G. Avery Lee

Ruston, La.



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## S.B.C. Increases Over 1½ Million In 7 Years

CHICAGO—(BP)—In the seven years since Southern Baptists last trekked to Chicago for their annual Convention, the denomination has grown in membership from 7 million to over 8½ million.

The number of churches co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention has increased during that span from 27,800 to 30,800.

Southern Baptist Convention work has moved more and more out of the traditional South with the organization of State Baptist conventions in Ohio and Colorado which are affiliated with the SBC.

The Colorado convention actually represents six states. In addition to Colorado, it has co-operating churches in Nebraska, Montana, Idaho, and both Dakotas.

Michigan Southern Baptists are looking forward to organizing a state convention in the near future. They are presently sponsored by the Arkansas convention.

In Indiana, Southern Baptists are sponsored by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky and the Illinois Baptist State Association. Hoosier Baptists, too, are planning for a state convention of their own.

Recently, the Texas convention voted to support Southern Baptist work in the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Total gifts to Southern Baptist Convention work, both local and Convention-wide, were near \$200 million in 1950. Today annual gifts are close to twice that amount. They reached over \$372 million last year, and may top the \$400 million mark in 1957.

There are seven times as many Southern Baptist churches in Chicago's metropolitan area than seven years ago. Then, there were eight churches with 1131 members compared with the present 57 churches and 7368 members.

The Illinois Baptist State Association, which had just over 600 co-operating churches in 1950, believes there will be 800 co-operating churches by Convention meeting time. Membership of these churches has increased from 102,000 to beyond 136,000.

Illinois Baptists are boosting Chicago strongly as site for a proposed sixth Southern Baptist seminary. Missouri Baptists are boosting Kansas City, host to last year's convention, and Baptists farther west are backing Denver.

Seven years ago, the major decisions of the Convention session included:

1. Locating the Convention's fourth and fifth seminaries. One was to be in Berkeley, Cal., known as Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, the other in Wake Forest, N. C., known as Southeastern Baptist Seminary.

2. A request that the President of the United States and Government bodies with-

## Protects Clergy Social Security Rights

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A new ruling of the Internal Revenue Service will preserve the social security rights of thousands of clergymen and members of religious orders who paid their self-employment tax for 1955 but neglected to file the required waiver.

It provides that clergymen who paid their taxes before April 17, 1956, for the 1955 calendar year, will be presumed to have met the requirements of law "provided a waiver certificate is filed without unnecessary delay."

Members of the clergy and religious orders must file a waiver of social security exemption before April 15, 1957, in order to qualify for coverage. The waiver is known as Internal Revenue Service Form 2031.

April 15 is the deadline for clergymen to elect social security. Unless it is extended by Congress some ministers who had thought they were covered, and who have been paying social security taxes for several years in that erroneous belief, will be left without any possibility of coverage.

Congress is studying legislation to extend this deadline but may restrict it to clergymen employed by small Christian colleges who had believed they were covered by social security since 1951 when the program was extended to employees of non-profit institutions.

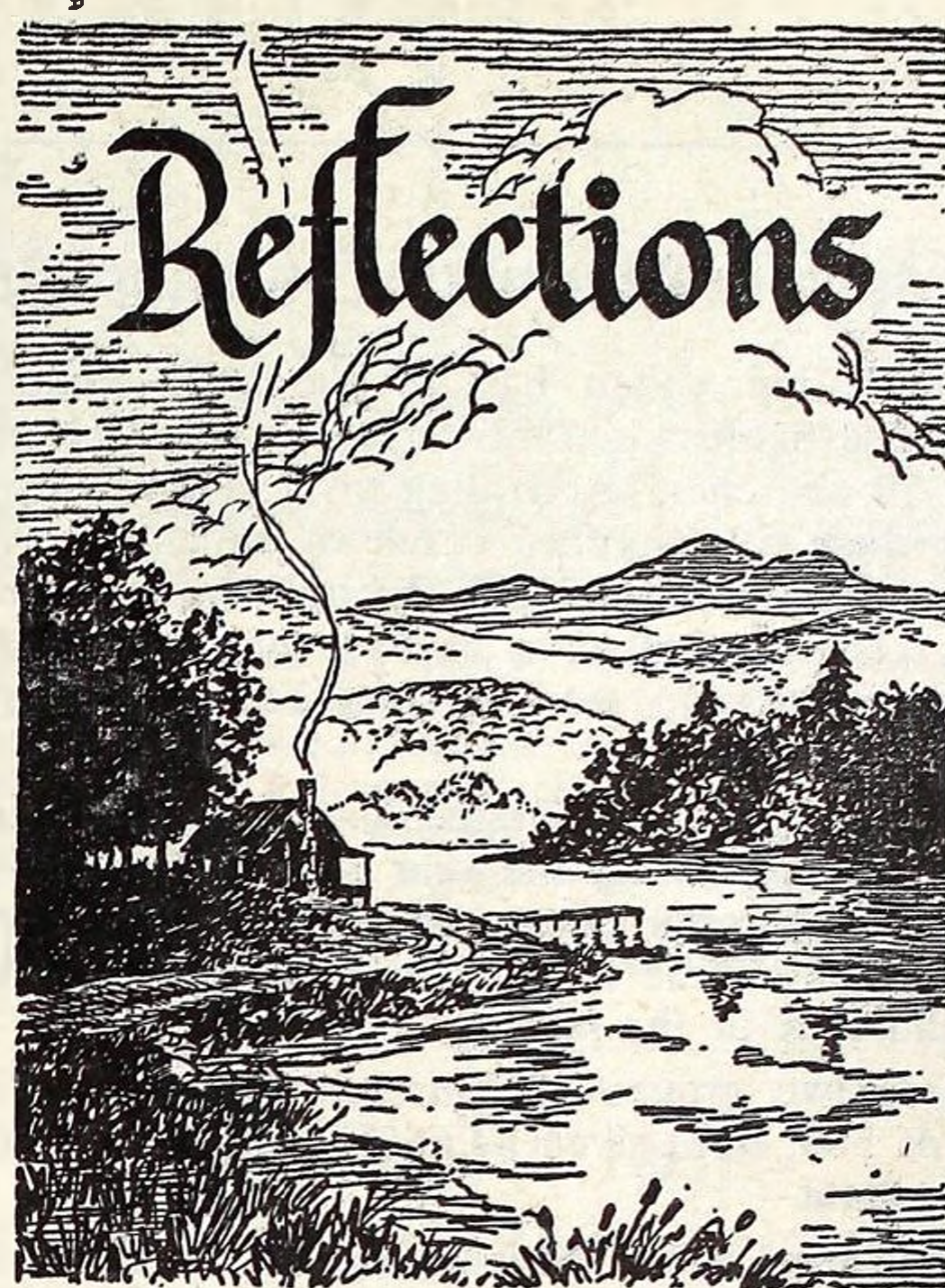
The new ruling also will solve the problem faced by clergymen who paid taxes on their 1955 incomes and filed waivers dated for 1956 instead of the previous year. If such ministers file a new waiver designating 1955 as the correct taxable year "without delay" they will be considered covered as of 1955.

Clergymen cannot qualify merely by paying their self-employment tax but must file Form 2031, the required waiver. Members of the clergy were exempted from coverage in the original Social Security Act of 1936 and must specifically waive this exemption to comply with the 1954 amendment which permitted them for the first time to elect coverage as "self-employed" persons.

Once a waiver is executed it cannot be withdrawn and social security taxes must be paid annually thereafter. Unless a waiver is filed by April 15 clergymen may lose any future opportunity to participate in the social security system.

draw the representative to the Vatican "immediately."

3. Reaffirmation of "our conviction that Southern Baptists cannot enter into organic connection with the Federal (National) Council of Churches of Christ in America or any other organizations which would compromise Baptist principles and truths revealed in the inspired Word of God."



The whole trouble with many Christians today is that they are only playing at being Christian. They have never really gone in for a holy, dynamic Christian life, because they are afraid to pay the price. I tremble in my own soul at the shock many will get when they face our Lord and discover that the beliefs they have cherished, the doctrines they have embraced, and the Bible they have said they believed, have landed them in hell because their beliefs have never become action, and the Bible has never become practice, and their lives have never been made holy. The law at the foot of the mount of judgment has to be fulfilled not by us, thank heaven, but in us by the Holy Spirit. Alan Redpath, in *Victorious Christian Living* (Fleming H. Revell Co.).

When a person uses alcohol as a solution for personal problems, it produces a decreased capacity for dealing with one's difficulties. Typically, alcoholism is not a disease, but a symptom of personal-social maladjustment.—Prof. Max L. Huit, Univ. of Michigan psychologist.

We are constantly assured that the churches are empty because the preachers insist too much upon doctrine—"dull dogma," as people call it. The fact is the precise opposite. It is the neglect of dogma that makes for dullness. The Christian faith is the most exciting drama that has ever staggered the imagination of man—and the dogma is the drama.—Dorothy L. Sayers, *Lutheran*.

Too many people decide what they want to believe, then go looking around for half-facts to prove they are right.—*Phoenix Flame*.

The mind has a great wide door, through which gossip and rumors can rush in with ease; but a new idea can hardly get in without a set of burglar tools.—*Information*.



# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

## Facts Concerning Churches And Giving

Slightly more than half of the total amount contributed by Tennessee Baptists in 1956 through the Cooperative Program came from 59 churches. According to an analysis made by Rev. L. G. Frey, these 59 churches (each of which contributed \$10,000 or more) gave \$1,311,307.93 through the Cooperative Program in 1956. This amounted to 50.18% of the total \$2,613,057.28 Cooperative Program receipts from Tennessee Baptist churches during the year.

There were 329 Tennessee Baptist churches each of whose giving amounted during the year from \$1,000 up to \$10,000. This group of churches gave a total of \$979,398.88 which accounted for 37.48% of the total Cooperative Program receipts from Baptist churches in the state.

These two groups of churches, 59 and 329 respectively or a total of 388, have given 87.66% of the total Cooperative Program in the state.

There are 1,555 Tennessee Baptist churches whose contributions have ranged from \$100 to \$999.99 during the year with total gifts through the Cooperative Program from this third group of churches amounting to \$323,350.57 or 12.34% of the total. This group of churches averaged \$208 each for the year.

There were 287 churches whose giving was by designation only.

There were 364 churches from whom no gifts were reported to any missions or benevolence.

These last two groups, making 651 churches reporting no Cooperative Program offering is incorrect, states Brother Frey, because 22 associations sent money in, but did not list the churches making the contributions. Consequently, the associations, not the churches, got the credit.

## Principles Concerning Ownership And Operation Of Baptist Hospitals

The Hospital Commission of the Tennessee Baptist Convention recently took action to indorse the "Statement of Principles" relative to ownership and operation of Baptist hospitals as formulated by the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association.

Our own state Hospital Commission thereby approves the policy that the ministry of healing should be conducted by the respective state conventions, or other appropriate Baptist organizations within the state, and not by the Southern Baptist Convention as such.

All of this is quite pertinent since the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at Kansas City last May gave its first indorsement to a proposed additional hospital in Florida to be located at Miami. A favorable vote by the Convention for two years in succession is necessary for authorization of a hospital by the Southern Baptist Convention. At present, out of the 38 Baptist hospitals within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, 36 are operated by state and local associations within the states. Only two are owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention as such. These are located in New Orleans and Jacksonville, Florida. The proposal for an additional hospital in Florida at Miami is upon certain conditions as to site, building, and equipping funds being met by the Miami Baptist Association.

Since the initial indorsement given to this proposed hospital at Miami by the Convention in session last year, the statement of principles drawn up by the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association has been formulated and adopted. On March 15, it was indorsed by the Hospital Commission of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. It would be well for all of those who go as messengers from Tennessee Baptist churches to the Southern Baptist Convention in its sessions at Chicago, Illinois, May 28-31, to keep in mind this action which is against the Southern Baptist Convention owning and operating hospitals within the states of the Southern Baptist Convention. The second vote on the Miami hospital will be brought before the Convention at Chicago.

We believe that the Convention's policy of a second-vote-requirement is a wise safeguard. Since a year ago, there has been a decided expression in various Southern Baptist quarters to the effect that Southern Baptist policy ought to leave to the state conventions or groups within the states to own and operate hospitals. We print below the statement of principles formulated by the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association and indorsed at the last meeting of the Hospital Commission of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. With this statement of principles, we are in hearty agreement.

## Statement Of Principles

"In the light of the ministry and teaching of Jesus and the New Testament, we as Christians have the inescapable responsibility of conducting a ministry of healing.

"Southern Baptists may justly be proud of the progress that has been made in the ministry of healing the past fifty years. There are now thirty-eight Baptist Hospitals located in the Territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, thirty-six of which are operated by state and local associations within the states, and two by the Southern Baptist Convention.

"We are of deep conviction that our Baptist Hospital program should be vastly expanded and adequately supported.

"It is our belief that the ministry of healing should be conducted by the respective state conventions or other appropriate Baptist organizations within the state and that the Southern Baptist Convention should not own or operate hospitals within the states of the Southern Baptist Convention."

THAT MAN'S SPIRIT MAY SOAR



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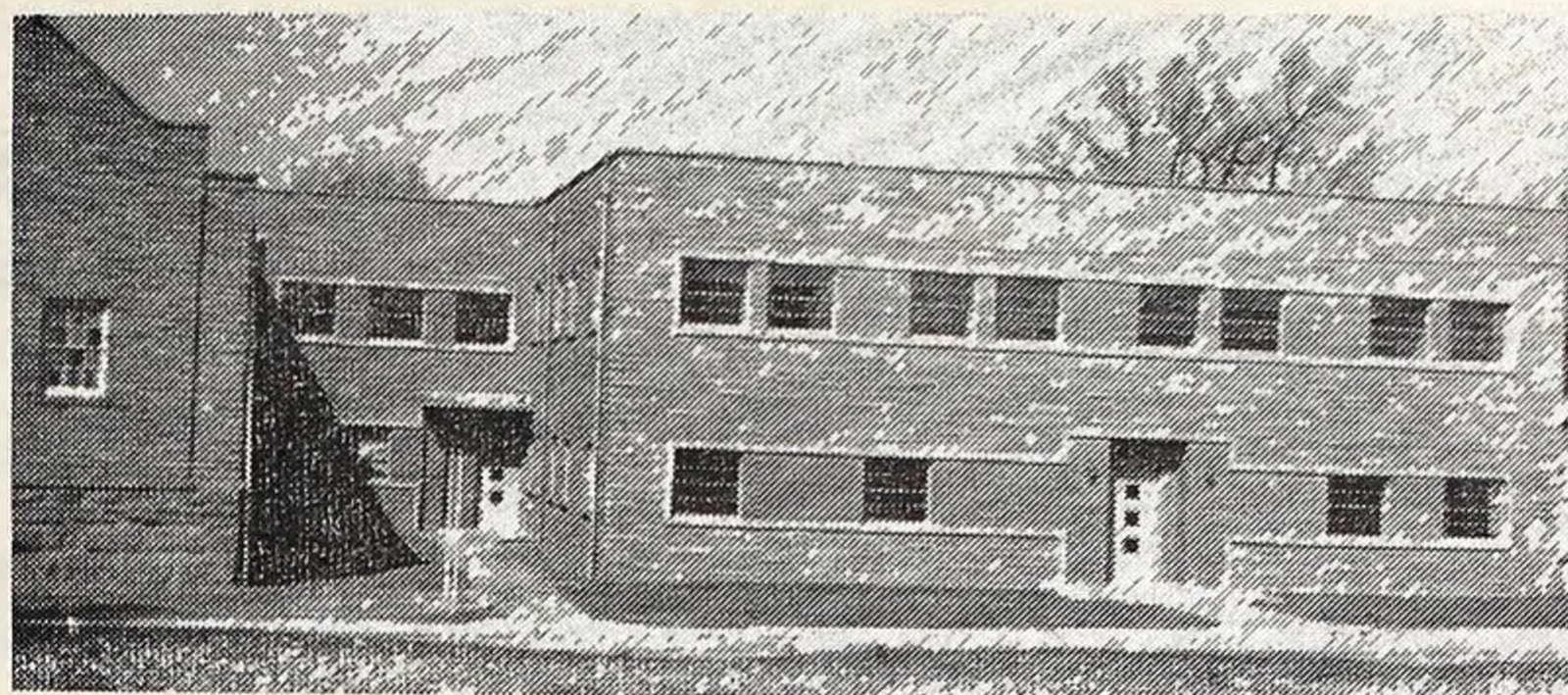


## Alert To The Alarm

A bell at dawn aroused Hawaii of an onrushing tidal wave. An alarm bell jangled at 4:30 a.m., March 9 in the home of an employee of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in Honolulu. A subterranean earthquake 2,200 miles away in the Aleutians had set the sensitive bell to ringing. The impact of this subterranean earthquake of first degree intensity reached Hawaii within six minutes and woke up the bellkeeper. The people of the islands were alerted and no lives were lost when a series of gigantic waves rolled over the Hawaiian coastlands about four hours later.

In 1946, when there was no warning system, a tidal wave took a toll of 173 dead and \$25,000,000 damage. That disaster led to the establishment of the Hawaiian warning system.

We have had a spiritual and moral warning system given to us in the Word of God ages ago. Are we alert to read the warning signals that are given for our eternal security?



**JAMESTOWN**—First Church has new educational building, the native stone matches the sanctuary. The building which is 10,000 square feet is completely air conditioned for both summer and winter. It houses 4 Nurseries, 2 Beginner Depts., 2 Primary Depts., Junior, Intermediate, Young People and Married Young Peoples Depts. Also included are the offices, dining room and kitchen. A portion of the building extends behind the sanctuary and contains the baptistry and dressing rooms. The original building is now used for Adults and Young Adults.

By J. Pope Dyer, Chattanooga, Tennessee

## Magnifying The Inconspicuous

Many years ago I was a graduate student at the University of Tennessee. On one occasion I was assigned a report on the life of one of the most colorful political leaders of the South, the late Theodore G. Bilbo, the United States Senator from Mississippi. I wrote Mr. Bilbo for some of his beliefs about life. One statement he made impressed me greatly. He said, "I make my plans ten, fifteen, and twenty-five years in advance. I'm never defeated although I am delayed sometimes".

I have been thinking for some time about the tremendously significant services rendered by many in the various churches but many of these services are inconspicuous and are seldom recognized.

I know of one man who buys many books each year of a religious nature and with great religious emphasis. This member reads and rereads these books and within a short time he gives them to a Negro minister who might not be able to purchase these very profitable books. This Christian service is unknown but it is one that many ministers and laymen could follow.

I know a couple, who have been in charge of the flowers for a church for several years. Their service has been outstanding and they have served the Lord in a very effective way. They are seldom praised for this worthwhile service, yet, I feel that deep in the hearts of the membership there is a tremendous appreciation for this inconspicuous service.

One effective Christian service is the purchasing of some gift at Christmas time for one who may be unfortunate. This care by the Christian is one of the greatest Christian testimonies that I can imagine. Some one has said that we have four basic desires for everything we do: the desire for love, the desire to belong, the desire to create, and the desire to own. Certainly the

fulfillment of the love desire is a very strong one. We Christians might well decide now to give some gift to a worthy, needy person next Christmas. We might not be recognized but the Bible mentions that giving a cup of water in His name has a reward.

One of the most unnoticed Christian services that many render is visitation to those in hospitals or even sending cards to them. I confess that most of us might write daily "the confessions of a failure—a busy man". We are all busy taking care of the secondary things and leaving the primary ones undone. We remember best those who have remembered us in times of distress and illness. Christians need to get back to the fundamentals even if many of them are unrewarded and insignificant.

There are many church members who annually attend many services beyond their church. I refer to local and state conventions of Training Union, Sunday School, W.M.U. and Brotherhood, even numerous revivals at other churches. All of these reflect a better trained church membership and those who have a keener insight into the numerous activities of the denomination. These unsung members are preparing themselves for a day when they will be leaders in their churches and associations.

Some of these mentioned activities are seldom praised but I feel that one of the great opportunities of the pastor or any leader is to emphasize the great service that this great aggregation of members is doing.

We cannot all be great leaders, some must be followers. But the faithful follower has a splendid chance to be a great leader some day. The challenge is to begin in a small way. No one ever walked before he crawled. There is no exception in the Kingdom of God. Let us all magnify the inconspicuous in our churches.

## Fuller To Fill Post For Texas Baptists

DALLAS — (BP) — J. Woodrow Fuller has been appointed to fill the newly created position of administrative associate executive secretary with the Baptist General Convention of Texas here.

Fuller, who has been with the Texas convention for several years, previously held the title as director of the direct missions department and associate executive secretary.

"Instead of being responsible for both duties of the director and those of the associate secretary, Fuller will now devote most of his time to the convention's administrative functions and to Latin-American mission work," Executive Secretary Forrest Feezor reported.

## Growth Of New Campus Approved By Seminary

BERKELEY, Calif.—(BP)—The board of trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary meeting here approved the progress of the Seminary's new campus at Strawberry Point in Marin County, Calif., north of San Francisco. With grading completed, and landscaping near completion, installation of utilities will begin soon.

## Medical School Plans To Erect New Building

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—(BP)—Dr. C. C. Carpenter, dean of Bowman-Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College here has announced plans for construction of a new building for the school.

At an approximate cost of \$2 million, the building will probably be under construction in early spring. The building will expand present research and teaching facilities.



## Relief & Annuity Board To Begin New Building

DALLAS—(BP)—The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will begin construction soon on a new building in Dallas.

Board members representing 24 Southern Baptist states approved the building plans at their 39th annual meeting here recently.

Final decisions on cost, size, and type of structure are expected some time in April. The Board is presently occupying the fourth floor of the Baptist Building, owned cooperatively by the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Relief and Annuity Board.

Last December, the Relief and Annuity Board sold its half-interest in the building to the Texas Baptists to become effective when they enter their new building.

R. Alton Reed was re-elected executive secretary and begins his third year in this capacity with the Board. Associate secretaries, all of whom were re-elected include Floyd B. Chaffin, public relations director; L. T. Daniel, director of annuities; and Robert S. Jones, supervisor of investments.

Also re-elected were Fred W. Noe, treasurer; Owen Henley, assistant supervisor of investments; and Mable H. McCartney, registrar and recording secretary.

Wallace Bassett, pastor, Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, was re-elected president of the local board. Bassett has served as president or vice-president every year since the Board's organization.

Serving with him are vice-presidents Paul Danna, Ben C. Ball, and E. G. Brown, all of Dallas.

In the report of the executive secretary, Reed stated that the Relief and Annuity Board closed 1956 with total assets of more than \$49 million.

Of this amount, \$43 million actually belong to the more than 18,500 Southern Baptist pastors and denominational employees who are members of a retirement program with the Board, he said. The Relief and Annuity Board is the administrative agency for these retirement funds.

## Ohrn In Rio To Plan For World Congress

WASHINGTON D. C.—(BP)—Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has gone to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to discuss arrangements for the 10th Baptist World Congress there in 1960.

Ohrn will spend about 10 days conferring with Joao Soren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rio, and others.

The Congress will meet in mid-July, 1960. It will be the first Congress south of the equator.

Prayer to Mark

## Convention Home Program

Nashville.—A tone of prayer will prevail throughout the halfhour Christian home presentation at the Chicago Convention in May, according to Joe W. Burton. Intercession will be expressed, he said, in song, in comment, in appeal, and finally in a definite season of prayer to conclude the home program.

"The present crisis in family life," said Dr. Burton in commenting on this home emphasis which the program committee has asked him to plan and direct, "impels us to resort often to prayer. We want the Convention to pray the Lord to send forth laborers into the home harvest—Sunday school teachers, education workers—a great host definitely committed and doing their part to train young people for marriage and husbands and wives for Christian home building.

"If indeed the home is the chief influence in the lives of children, and if we sincerely recognize that as a valid principle in Christian education, we need to address ourselves more vigorously to the training of parents for their teaching function. That the Lord will call forth laborers to engage in such a mission will be the burden of this season of prayer in Chicago."

Dr. Perry F. Webb, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, will lead the Convention in this concluding prayer of the Christian home period. Twice before, at Miami in 1955 and in Chicago in 1950, Dr. Webb has addressed the Convention on the Christian home program.

A varied and compact thirty-minute presentation will be offered this May in Chicago according to Dr. Burton. The program, which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, will include singing, family recognitions, interviews, spot messages from national figures, a brief scriptural appeal for family nurture, all to be concluded in the season of prayer for the teaching ministry in home life.



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## About 100,000 Clergymen Sign Up For Social Security

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—More than half the nation's clergymen—about 100,000—have thus far signed up for Social Security, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare announced here.

The Department reminded members of the clergy and religious orders that they must file a waiver of Social Security exemption prior to April 15, in order to qualify for coverage.

Congress is studying legislation to extend this deadline but may restrict it to clergymen employed by small Christian colleges who had erroneously believed they were covered by Social Security since 1951 when the program was extended to employees of non-profit institutions.

Clergymen cannot qualify merely by paying their self-employment tax but must file Internal Revenue Service Form 2031, the required waiver. The Department expressed concern that some clergymen may not have understood this requirement. Form 2031 is available from any Social Security district office or Internal Revenue Service office, the announcement said.

Members of the clergy were specifically exempted from coverage in the original Social Security Act of 1936 and must specifically waive this exemption to comply with the 1954 amendment which permitted them for the first time to elect coverage as "self-employed" persons.

Once a waiver is executed it cannot be withdrawn and Social Security taxes must be paid annually thereafter. Unless a waiver is filed by April 15, 1957, the clergymen may lose any future opportunity to participate in the Social Security system.

## Galloway Accepts Call To First Church Oak Ridge

The Rev. Ed Galloway has accepted the call to the pastorate of First Baptist Church Oak Ridge, Tenn., effective May 1. He is the pastor of the First Church, Russellville, Ky. and will succeed the Rev. Madison Scott who resigned the Oak Ridge charge six months ago to become pastor of Riverside Church, Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Galloway is a graduate of Mercer University. He served four years as a missionary in China.

Robert H. Wilson has recently gone to the First Church, Maryville, to be Minister of Education. He comes from a similar position with the First Church of Columbus, Mississippi.

Wilson is a native of Martin, Tennessee, and a graduate of Cumberland University and Southwestern Seminary. He was Royal Ambassador Summer Field Worker in Tennessee during three Summers of his college and Seminary days.

Mrs. Wilson is the former Nell Coke of Springfield, and also a graduate of Cumberland University.



# What Makes Baptist Colleges Baptist?

By Dr. A. Donald Bell, Director of Graduate Studies, School of Religious Education,  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Southern Baptists have lost some of their strongest colleges. They have been lost to the denomination because they have not remained truly Baptist. It is difficult to list those characteristics which keep a college "in the fold" because Christian education is a broad and intangible influence. Some requirements of a senior Baptist college might be formulated, however. They would include:

1. College operation and ownership by a Southern Baptist convention (usually a state convention).
2. College board appointed or approved by that convention.
3. Christian interpretation given to all subjects taught by the school.
4. A faculty composed of active Baptists.
5. Specialized training afforded to pre-seminary volunteers to Service.
6. Courses in religion (usually Biblical survey) required of all students.
7. Provision for a Christian social and recreational campus program.
8. Required chapel attendance.

Let us look at two of these.

## I. Required Courses in Religion.

Some of the requirements noted above are involved and difficult to discuss. Two of them, however, are easily examined and of primary importance traditionally. They are required religion (Bible or religious education) courses and compulsory chapel attendance.

The Writer surveyed the recent bulletins of our thirty senior Baptist colleges and found the following:

### *Southern Baptist Senior Colleges and Required Religion Courses*

Requiring as much as six semester hours of all graduates 26 schools  
Requiring more than six semester hours 3 schools  
No single requirement 1 school

Total 30 schools

What are the values of required courses in religion? If our college students were mature they would not have to go to college. Therefore, we prescribe certain courses which prepare them to do certain things with their lives. Thus, to require English, but not require Bible and religious education is inconsistent.

Some who insist that we must allow the student to "elect" courses in religion insist on compulsory physical education. Is bodily health more significant than spiritual health?

We invest denominational dollars in colleges so as to reap the revenue of Baptist workers in our homes, churches, and communities. This investment is sound only if these graduates know how to live and believe like Baptists.

Some required course work in the field becomes an essential of Baptist college education.

## II. Compulsory Chapel Attendance

The study of chapel attendance revealed:

Colleges requiring chapel attendance of all students 26 schools  
Colleges stating that they "encourage" chapel attendance 4 schools

Total 30 schools

The chapel, for a Christian college, is as much a part of the curriculum as are the classes. Therefore, students ought to be in regular attendance. Recently a vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention said that attendance at Chapel in school had meant as much to his life and ministry as his classwork.

The spiritual morale of a church-related school is fired in its chapel exercises. It does for the school family (administration, faculty, and students) what regular church attendance does for the family at home. College administrators who allow their students to avoid chapel services are not fulfilling the stewardship responsibilities which the denomination has given them.

## III. Some Conclusions.

Although every Southern Baptist college will want to retain all right characteristics mentioned, these two are most urgent. Constantly enriched courses in religion must be required to give spiritual leaven to the future leadership of many spheres of our denomination. Worshipful, Baptist-centered, chapel services must be provided for students who are yet finding maturity. They must attend these services!

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World Missions Year will certainly please our Lord. The compelling urge of our Saviour's life was prompted by "other sheep" or that the lost might be saved. It was this urge that constrained him to go all the way to Calvary. Among the last words of his resurrection ministry were "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." This Great Commission is our Commission still.

It will revive our churches. Information begets inspiration. Inspiration begets action. If the spiritual dearth of a lost world could be properly placed on the hearts of the people in any Southern Baptist church, I believe that an unbearable restlessness would result and a veritable revival would "break out." Let's try it.

It will enlist needed workers. We are admonished to plead with the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers. Isaiah's response came after he saw the need. Countless thousands of young people will respond if we help them to see the need.

It will aid in keeping our denomination in the center of God's Will. Missions was born in the heart of God, demonstrated in the ministry of Christ, and advanced by the Holy Spirit as the paramount purpose of the church. Missions is our mission. World Missions Year will deepen our convictions concerning missions which has made us and which must sustain us and keep us on the divinely appointed course.

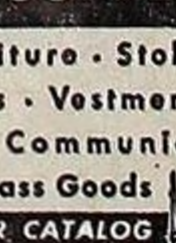
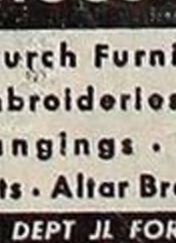
It will arouse needed interest, prepare the way for and guarantee the success of our Baptist Jubilee Advance. The proper observance of World Missions Year will be the finest preparation imaginable as we look toward the launching of our Baptist Jubilee Advance Program. It may well be within the providence of God for Southern Baptists to set the pattern for the greatest mission advance in the world's history.

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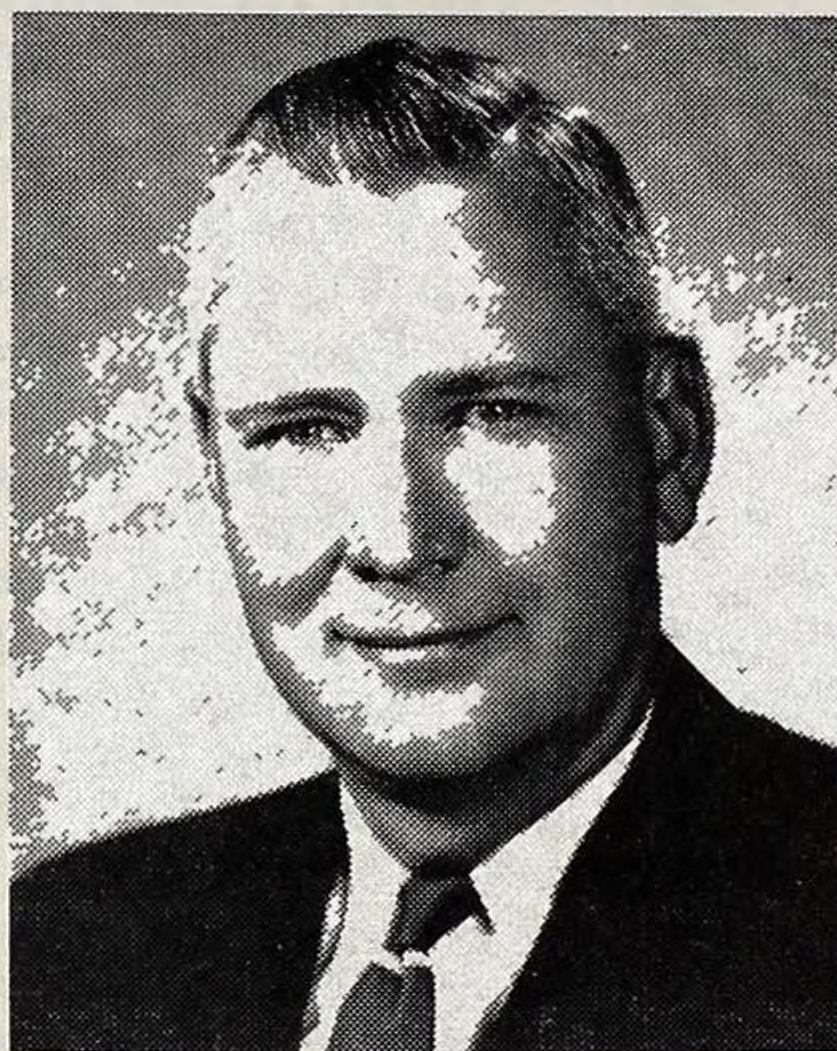
## East Tennessee Students Look To Carson Retreat

Every indication points to an overflow crowd at the annual East Tennessee Student Retreat at Camp Carson April 28-30. Quotas have been assigned to the various campuses in order to keep the attendance in proportion to the facilities. However, it is anticipated that many students and others living nearby will drive in for the programs although there is not sufficient lodging for all to spend the night. Adults and young people in the area are urged to attend.

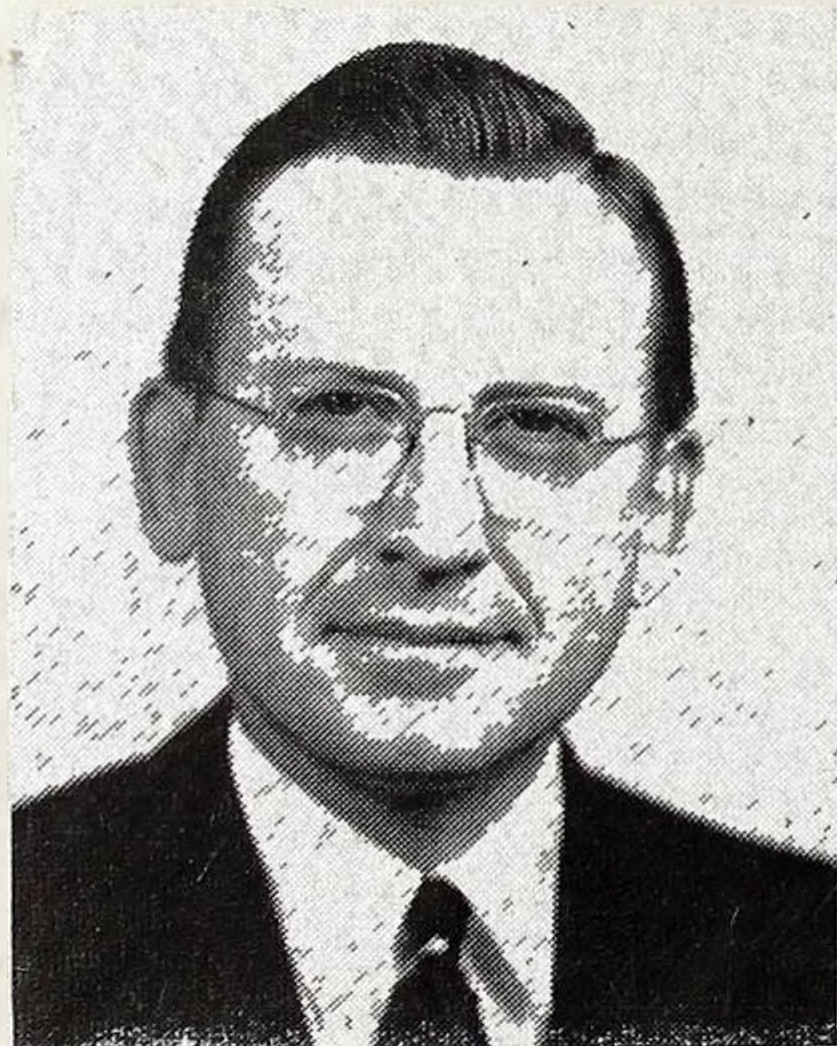
A different feature on the program this year will be a three-act play entitled, "No More Darkness," presented by the Carson-Newman College Players under the direction of Professor Harvey Hatcher. The play will be presented Saturday evening, April 27. The theme of the retreat is "But, This Is Your Hour." Key speakers are Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, McLean Baptist Church, Memphis, Friday night; Rev. F. M. Dowell, State Secretary of Evangelism, Saturday morning; Dr. Franklin Fowler, Medical Missionary to Paraguay, Sunday morning. Conference leaders include Mr. Gene Crane, Associate in the State Training Union Department; Mrs. Helen Bolt Davis, Student Director,

Columbia, S. C.; Professor Ray Koonce, Carson-Newman College; Professor Sherman Vanamon, Carson-Newman College; and Miss Dottie Whitsel, Editorial Associate, Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The annual election of state B.S.U. officers is a feature of the retreat.



Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, Medical Missionary to Paraguay



Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, Pastor McLean Baptist Church, Memphis



Rev. F. M. Dowell, Tennessee State Secretary of Evangelism



Professor Harvey Hatcher, Carson-Newman College

Sympathy is extended the family of Mrs. T. A. Duncan of Martin, who died the night of March 24, following a heart attack early that morning. Funeral services were conducted March 26 at Mt. Pelia Church near Martin, where she and her husband, the Rev. T. A. Duncan, were members. Brother Duncan retired three years ago after more than 30 years in the active pastorate, most of which time was in Beulah Association. A son, Russell Duncan, with the University of Tennessee, Martin Branch, is Chairman of the Pulpit Committee of First Church in that city.

## Young People Sought In Church-Related Fields

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Southern Baptists will seek for more than 30,000 young people to dedicate themselves to life service in church-related vocations during worship services June 16.

W. L. Howse, Nashville, said the Sunday has been set aside by the Southern Baptist Convention as "Church-Related Vocations Day." The goal is for an average of one young person to dedicate his or her life to this service in each of the 30,800 churches affiliated with the SBC.

Howse, director of the education division for the Baptist Sunday School Board, is chairman of a special committee on church-related vocations set up by the Inter-Agency Council of the Convention.

"The emphasis on church-related vocations is part of Southern Baptists' observance of World Missions Year during 1957," he said. This is the first year such a special Sunday has been observed.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, acting for the Inter-Agency Council, will send out materials to pastors of all Southern Baptist churches and missionaries serving associations of churches.

This material will include suggested outlines for either morning or evening worship services on June 16, Howse added. The day's emphasis is especially directed at the 13 through 24-year-old age groups, from which most of the dedications would come.

"We hope the day will show Southern Baptists churches the need of our denomination for additional workers in many vocational fields," Howse said.

## College Trustees Vote Confidence In Leader

PINEVILLE, La.—(BP)—Louisiana College trustees have issued a report in which they express "continued confidence as to character, ability, and quality of leadership" of College President G. Earl Guinn.

The trustees' statement followed their investigation of criticism directed against the college administration. Trustees said a committee of their number held three hearings at which critics could present their views.

The report listed criticisms of the college, with a statement of the committee's findings following each criticism.

The trustees' lengthy report ended with an appeal to "friends and supporters of Louisiana College (to) close ranks and work together for an even greater and more glorious college."

The report also said the board looked with favor on employing a college public relations director at an early date.

The four-year college, located in Pineville, is operated by the Louisiana Baptist Convention.



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1. Sunday School Department Workers, reading from left to right: Bob Patterson, Miss Maurine Elder, Miss Kathleen Aycok, Mrs. Lois Nugent, Mrs. Frances Smothers, Mrs. Bettie Higgins, and Jesse Daniel.



2. Theme of Convention Banquet "Royal Road to Readiness." Shown here is the Castle of Readiness.



3. Reading from left to right: C. A. Dabney, pastor host; Jack H. McEwen, Convention President, Daisy; Ray Rozell, Educational Director, Owensboro, Ky.; Miss Mary Mills, State W.M.U. Secretary; Jesse Daniel, State Sunday School Secretary.



4. Mr. Patterson and Miss Aycok presenting Shields to those in attendance at the banquet who had earned diplomas or seals during the past year.



5. Baptist Book Store Exhibit, Miss June White, Manager.



6. Primary conference led by Miss Hazel Bailey of Louisville, Ky.



7. Junior conference led by Mrs. Lillian Moore Rice of Nashville.



8. Intermediate conference led by Miss Maurine Elder of Nashville.



9. Young People's conference led by Mrs. Ramsey Pollard of Knoxville.

Other conferences not shown: Cradle Roll, led by Miss Kathleen Aycok of Nashville; Nursery, led by Miss Emma Noland of Nashville; Beginner, led by Miss Helen Young of Nashville; Adult, led by Jesse Daniel of Nashville; Extension, led by J. C. Hockett, Jr. of Nashville; Pastors and Superintendents, led by Roy E. Boatwright of Louisville, Ky.; Church Library, led by Miss Frances Lee of Nashville; Visual Aids, led by Frank Armstrong of Nashville.



## Mrs. Roy W. Babb Elected W.M.U. President

Woman's Missionary Union in its Sixty-ninth Annual Session at Knoxville, March 27-29, registered 2,062 delegates and visitors from 48 associations. The Tennessee Federation of Business Woman's Circles registered 334 at their meeting Saturday, March 30, for a total of 2,396.

Mrs. Roy W. Babb, Winchester, was elected W.M.U. President to succeed Mrs. M. K. Cobble whose six year term had expired. Mrs. Vitruie Bass, Nashville, was elected President of the B.W.C. Federation.

Other officers elected included: First Vice-President, Mrs. Harold J. Purdy, Nashville; Vice-Presidents from Divisions: Northeastern, Mrs. J. D. Thomas, Johnson City; Eastern, Mrs. G. P. Mahan, Knoxville; Southeastern, Mrs. W. S. Moore, Etowah; Southcentral, Mrs. B. E. Cockrum, Cowan; Northcentral, Mrs. S. S. Dibrell, Sparta; Central, Mrs. Joe W. Burton, Nashville; Northwestern, Mrs. J. M. Anderson, Union City; Southwestern, Mrs. Eldon Roark, Memphis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Sam Reynolds, Memphis; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Robert C. Chaffin, Madison; Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Mary Mills, Nashville; Secretary of Youth, Miss Abbie Louise Green, Nashville; Prayer Director, Mrs. S. T. Bowlin, Dresden; Mission Study Director, Mrs. W. C. Summar, Oak Ridge; Stewardship Director, Mrs. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville; Community Missions Director, Mrs. T. M. Deaton, Memphis; Trustee Representative, Mrs. Lyle S. Moore, Jr., Newport; B.W.C. Adviser, Mrs. C. T. Bahner, Jefferson City; Nominee for Member on Southern Union Nominating Committee, Miss Mary Northington, Clarksville; Alternate, Mrs. Albert McClellan, Nashville.

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Divisional Vice-Presidents: Northeastern, Mrs. Henry King, Johnson City; Eastern, Mrs. Guilford Simpson, Knoxville; Southeastern, Mrs. P. S. Taylor, Etowah; Northcentral, Mrs. A. M. Nicholson, Murfreesboro; Central, Mrs. Granville Miller, Nashville; Southcentral, Miss Alma Reed, Columbia; Northwestern, Mrs. Thomas Moore, Dresden; Southwestern, to be elected.

Miss Katharine Bryan was elected Field Worker for Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union.

## \$100,000 Left To Endow Foreign Mission Work

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—(BP)—A 73-year-old San Antonio widow, Mrs. Lillian Nelson, has transferred \$100,000 in common stocks to the Baptist Foundation of Texas to be used as a permanent endowment fund for foreign missions after her death.

Until her death, income from the stocks will provide her with annuity income. Mrs. Nelson is a member of Beacon Hill Baptist Church and has been a Sunday school teacher for 55 years.

"If I can't go to the foreign mission field," she said, "it is my duty to make provision for those who can. I am obligated to see that the other person has the same opportunity of knowing Christ that I have had."

Pastor Harley Silvers and Clifton View Church Johnson City, were assisted in a revival by David A. Cavanaugh of Midway Church, Johnson City. There were 16 additions for baptism.



**MEMPHIS**—Twenty-two of the 25 volunteers for Foreign Mission Service among students at Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing are shown here. Seven are Tennesseans. First Row, (left to right) Nesha Alford, Batesville, Miss.; Norma Morehead, Tupelo, Miss.; Rochelle Battles, West Helena, Ark.; Janet Hitt, Jonesboro, Ark.; Patricia Bunch, Greenville, Miss.; Attis Popwell, Tylertown, Miss.; Kaye Miller, Norris, Tenn.; and Elizabeth Ann Thomas, Gilham, Ark.

Second Row, Mary Hope, North Little Rock, Ark.; Emma Steelman, Gallatin, Tenn.; Marie Flowers, Milan, Tenn.; Jean Bates, Bluff City, Tenn.; Ruth Killebrew, Tchula, Miss.; Kay Cochran, Risco, Mo.; Betty Manner, Milan, Tenn.; and Martha Coleman, Sheffield, Ala. Third Row, Edna Henderson, Sugar Grove, Ky.; Tahlie Morgan, El Dorado, Ark.; Shirley Potterbaum, Metropolis, Ill.; Jane Anderson, student director at the hospital; Mae McLellan, Memphis, Tenn.; Opal Burt, Brookhaven, Miss.; and Gwendolyn Ford, Idlewild, Tenn.



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## Sunday School Board Asks To Retain Name

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The 1957 Southern Baptist Convention session at Chicago will be asked to drop the matter of considering a new name for the Baptist Sunday School Board, located here.

W. Perry Crouch, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., said that the request to drop the matter came from the Sunday School Board itself. Crouch is chairman of committee appointed by the 1956 Convention to study the proposed name switch.

Complications over use of the word "Education" in the proposed new title—"Board of Education and Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention"—were given as major reason for asking that the matter be dropped.

The request for a new name originated with the Sunday School Board. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the board, Nashville, said the board had considered the change for 18 months before asking the Convention last year to approve it.

The request for a change in name developed because of increased activities of the board since its name was adopted in 1891. While Sunday school work remains one of its important functions, it also has many other responsibilities such as church music, architecture, church recreation, advertising, etc.

Crouch said that a petition came to his committee following the semi-annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board last December. The petition asked the committee to recommend that the matter of the change be dropped.

The petition reported "there is some question in the mind of some as to whether the proposed title is adequately brief and specific" and that "some degree of misunderstanding and resistance to the proposed use of the word 'Education' in the new name" had developed.

The Sunday School Board's petition said it had "no desire to push this matter at possible cost to its present excellent relationships now sustained with all the agencies and institutions of the Convention."

Sullivan, explaining the different attitude of the board toward a change in its name, issued this qualifying statement:

The Sunday School Board's committee on name change met last December to reconsider its previous recommendation and request that the name of the institution be changed to 'Board of Education and Publication of the Southern Baptist Convention.' It had been their request, approved unanimously by the Board, which brought the resolution for name change to the Kansas City Convention.

"A re-study of the matter revealed the apparent impossibility of finding an adequate name for the Board which did not incorporate the word 'Education' in some way. Complications arose over the use of

that word, however, because 'Education' is a broad term which suggests areas also occupied by the seminaries and the Education Commission.

"This particular phase of the problem had been analyzed previously, but no serious conflicts were seen at that time because the seminaries and Education Commission are related to education in a specialized and institutional sense. The Sunday School Board is related more to mass education at the local church level. Each area is controlled by charters which cannot be changed except by Convention action.

"When the use of the word 'Education' was challenged, the Board's committee on name change felt it would be better to withdraw the request than to be misunderstood in its petition or to create any confusion.

"Being unable to find another title which was descriptive of the Board's character and functions which did not use the word 'Education,' it was concluded by the committee that the request should be dropped entirely and that the historic name of the institution should be continued even though it is an admittedly inadequate title when all the assigned functions of the institution are taken into account."

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## ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS, MARCH 31, 1957

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## H. P. Wrather Dies



H. P. Wrather, for five years pastor of Williamsport Church, Maury Association, died March 11, in his automobile, apparently as he was doing some pastoral visiting.

He was born in Rutherford County, December 10, 1903, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wrather of Murfreesboro. He spent some years in the U.S. Army, and for 26 years was active as a Baptist minister.

In recent years he served three churches in Maury County, being pastor at Cross Bridges, Viola and Williamsport, which church he organized in 1951

### CORRECTION

*Contributions made by First Baptist Church, Etowah, were credited to East Etowah Baptist Church in the 1956 Tennessee Baptist Annual. Report should read, First Baptist Church, Co-operative Program, \$4,492.37; Designated and Reported, \$1,319.88; and Campaign for Schools, \$1,666.27.*

GENE KERR,  
Statistical Secretary

"The Norris Gilliam Memorial Loan Fund" has been created recently at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., according to an announcement by Dr. Warren F. Jones, president of the University. The fund has been begun by members of Dr. Gilliam's family in tribute to his memory. He was a graduate of Union and maintained an abiding interest in the University and in Christian education. The Memorial Loan Fund will be of assistance to students at the University. Many people will doubtless like to make some contribution to this fund in appreciation of Dr. Gilliam, and in friendship for the family.

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## Tennessee Topics

by ROY W. BABB, Winchester

Trace Creek Church opened new building March 24 for New Johnsonville area. Building is three-fourths of mile from city limits. Robert Armour is pastor.

Bob McCray has resigned as pastor of Mount View Mission in Crossville to accept pastorate of Pond Grove in Rockwood.

Trinity Church, Nashville, revival services April 7-14 with Glen Hester as evangelist, Jerry Songer as music director. Bill Hall is pastor. All three are Belmont College students.

James Peek of Madison is new pastor for Rover Church, New Duck River Ass'n.

Belmont Heights, Nashville, Concord choir received highest rating of any Intermediate group in state choir festival at Jackson.

Inglewood Church, Nashville, revival services, April 7-21 with Lewis W. Martin, Sr. of Home Mission Board as evangelist. His son is educational director at Inglewood.

Grace Church, Nashville, conducted special Dedication Service March 31 at first services in new Educational Wing housing 15 new departments including new nurseries.

The churches of New Duck River Ass'n are conducting revivals during April. Tom Madden of Tullahoma First Church was speaker for revival rally at Smyrna Church on March 31. James Turner is Supt. of Evangelism for ass'n.

Glendale Church, Nashville, is now conducting two morning services.

Christian sympathy is extended to Richard Brown of Smyrna Church, New Duck River Ass'n because of the death of his father, James F. Brown, in Florida.

North Springfield Church revival scheduled for April 14-21 with Vern B. Powers of LaFollette as evangelist.

Rosedale Church, Nashville, held first services April 3 in new location, half block from building destroyed by tornado.

First Church, Columbia, observed 10th anniversary of Pastor James F. Brewer March 31.

Judson Memorial Church, Nashville, revival April 3-14 by C. H. Bolton of Fort Pierce, Fla. as evangelist, with Minister of Music Gordon B. Haygood in charge of song services.

The churches of Riverside Ass'n conducted Schools of Missions during the week of April 1.

Ex-Nashvillian Leonard Sanderson, now secretary of evangelism for HMB, one of three invited to conduct evangelist services in Tiawan.

The Young Men's basketball team of Lockeland Church, Nashville, won the League Championship of the Baptist Boys Basketball Ass'n winning from First Church.

Immanuel Church, Nashville, voted to award \$167,675 contract for construction of new two-story educational wing.

Nineteen have been added to Rayon City Church since J. H. Harvey became pastor Feb. 1.

First Church, Dover, reached top attendance March 24 in revival services with Clyde Cobb, Maryville, as evangelist. Nine were received for baptism and three by letter. Carlos Owens, who has served as pastor, is an appointee by the Foreign Mission Board for overseas service.

The young people of McEwen First Baptist Church sponsored a revival April 5-14 with services each night. A full list of officers among the youth had charge of the church offices with Howard Deck as youth pastor.

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# Jesus' Victory And Commission

TEXTS: Matthew 27:55 to 28:20 (Larger)—Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20 (Printed)

This is the lesson chosen for Easter Sunday. At this time we give attention to man's persistent question, asked long ago and best answered in the light of the printed text. "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job asked it (Job. 14:14a) and Jesus answered it by His own resurrection. Paul discusses it, philosophically and theologically (I Cor. 15). In his discussion, he shows how the doctrine constitutes the keystone of the arch of all Christian doctrine and belief and indicating that if this is removed the entire structure collapses. All men are immortal and will live forever but only for the Christians (those who have placed their trust in Jesus Christ first as Saviour then as Lord) can it be said that they will not only live but also live with God. The others will live but they will live in torment because they are completely separated from God's merciful love and grace (the essence of spiritual night) as our Lord so clearly taught in our lesson for March 31 (Matthew 25:31-46). According to the Scriptures, no fact is more clearly authenticated than that of the rising from the dead upon the part of Jesus. Two concepts emerge. What are they?

## Signs (vv. 1-10)

Luke writes of many "infallible proofs" or signs (Acts 1:3). In these ten verses we see several signs. First, there was the sign of the earthquake. Second, there was the sign of the angel of the Lord with the striking of the keepers and the message to the women. Third, there was the sign of the empty tomb. Fourth, there was the sign in the meeting with Jesus on the way with His promise of a later meeting in Galilee. Altogether, there were ten or more appearances of the risen Lord during a period of forty days. And yet there are those who today teach that Jesus' resurrection was not real.

Jesus had foretold that His body would

rise from the dead (Jn. 2:18-22). He had also taught that such an event illustrates the law of life itself, both in the physical as well as the spiritual realms for Himself as well as for those who would become His followers (Jn. 12:23-25). To discredit the actual rising from the dead upon Jesus' part is to discredit the very principle of the multiplication of life. Simon Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, places Jesus' resurrection at the very center of his sermon (Acts 2:22-24), and makes his appeal for repentance upon the part of his hearers revolve around it. To ignore His resurrection is to take the very heart out of the Gospel message.

## Significance (vv. 16-20)

Is Jesus' rising from the dead to be regarded merely as an event in history. Are we to be satisfied solely with a contemplation of it say at least once a year, such as on Easter Sunday? These five verses sug-

gest items far from such questions and their answers. What, then, is the inner meaning or significance of the Resurrection?

Robertson links the meeting of Jesus with the brethren in Galilee with Paul's reference to the more than five hundred (I Cor. 15:6). If this is tenable, there is added significance to the giving of what is often called the Great Commission (other commissions are seen in Jn. 20:22 and Lu. 24:44-49). The Great Commission was delivered to the more than five hundred brethren assembled on the designated mountain in Galilee, to the larger company of His followers rather than to the Eleven as such. All of the brethren are to have a part in its execution.

But what of the Great Commission itself? First, it was authoritative. The word "power" has a military connotation, and military men always are to obey orders. Second, it involved winning and enlisting disciples and then continuous teaching. Third, it promised His presence among those who sought to carry out its commands. Thus we are reminded that in Him we are to have not only victory over death but also victory in life here and now.

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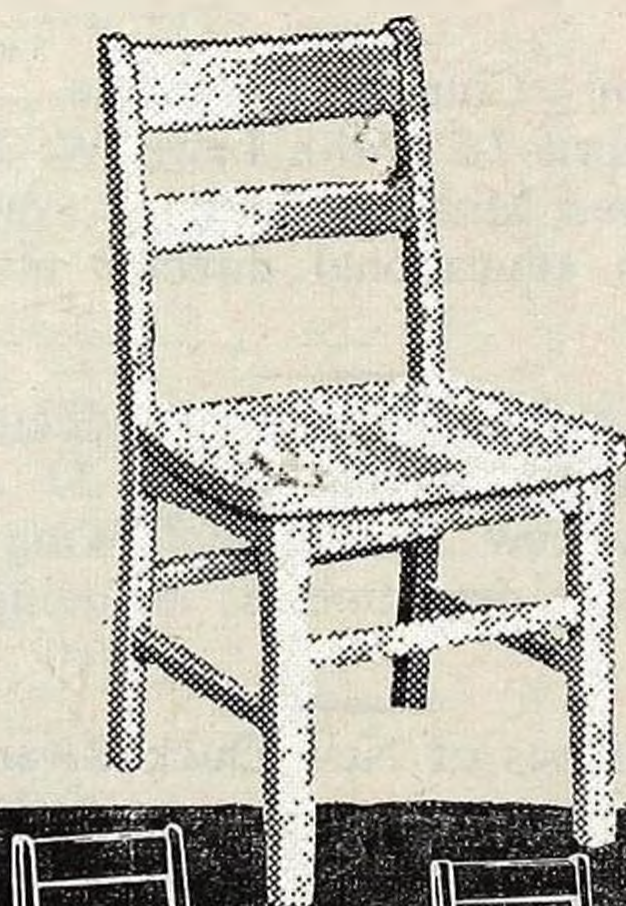
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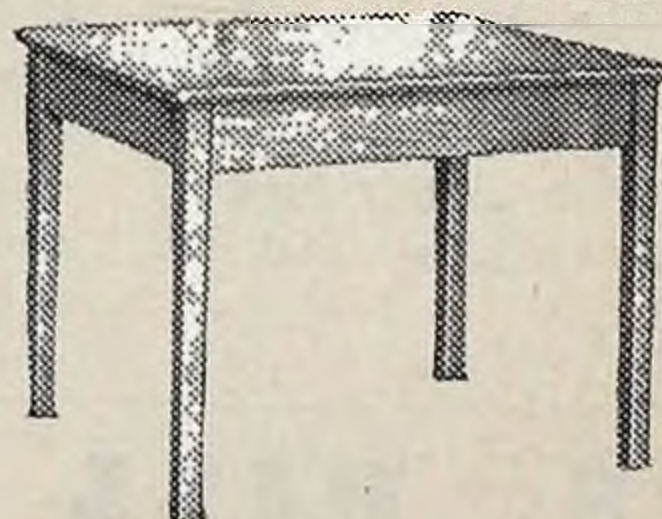
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# The Young South

Among today's letters is one from a friend in another state. There is also a letter from a friend who knows first-hand how much fun it is to write and receive letters. (She gets two or three every week! I imagine she also writes at least that many each week, in order to keep up-to-date on correspondence.) Other letters mentioned interesting hobbies and include invitations to you to learn more about those hobbies.

*From Wade Scully, P. O. Box 590, Morgan City, Louisiana:*

I would like to have some pen pals. My hobbies are writing, swimming, playing football, baseball, and tennis; singing; and collecting photographs. I am seventeen years old.

*From Barbara June Thomas, Route 5, Maryville, Tenn.:*

I am 13 years old. I go to Chilhowee View School where I am in the seventh grade. I would like to have many pen pals ages 13-16. I am a member of Piney Grove Baptist Church where I go. I also have many hobbies. Thank you for printing my letter.

*From Louise Crowe, 103 Twenty-seventh Avenue, N., Nashville, Tenn.:*

I am 14 years old. I will be 15 on November 15. I am a freshman at West End High School. My hobby is collecting old keys. I also like to write poems.

I would like to have pen pals between the ages of 14 and 16. I would especially like to get letters from boys and girls of other countries who have come to live in the United States. I promise to answer every letter I receive. My grandmother gets the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. Every time I go to visit her I read the papers. I enjoy them so very much.

*From Mary Louise Wright, 4805 Viola Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn.:*

I am 12 years old and go to Red Band High School and the Baptist Church. My hobbies are riding a bicycle and stamp collecting. I have a dog, a cat, a bird, and a sister. I would like to have pen pals ages 10 to 15. I will answer every letter I get. I will be 13 on December 29.

*From Judy Wheeler, Route 2, Lickton Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn.:*

I am 13 years of age. I go to Union Hill School and Union Hill Baptist Church. I am in the eighth grade. I like to play basketball and baseball and to go horseback riding. I would like to get letters from boys and girls ages 13-17. Thank you very much for printing my letter.

*From Barbara Dickerson, 235 E. Woodrow St., Gallatin, Tenn.:*

I am 13 years old. I go to Vera Stuart School. I am in the eighth grade. I am a member of the First Baptist Church. My pastor is Rev. James P. Craine. I would like to have pen pals ages 12-16.

*From Elizabeth Mitchell, 900 Knox Ave., Nashville, Tenn.:*

This is my third time to write to you I received lots of letters last time I wrote. I have 23 pen pals, but I want many more. I started writing letters last May and since then I've received 68 letters! I have been writing to one girl about eight months and I really almost know her well. One of my pen pals is going to send me the address of a girl in France, and I am going to write to her.

I am ten years old. My birthday was January 28. I go to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. I am in the fourth grade at Clemons School. My hobbies are playing the piano and watching TV. My favorite subject is Geography. I enjoy the Young South page and the column of jokes.



*From Georgia Anna Abel, Route 12, Box 389, Memphis, Tenn.:*

I am twelve years old and in the seventh grade at Horn Lake Junior High School. My hobbies are swimming and horseback riding. I would like to have pen pals ages 11-16.

*From Sheila Luster, Rt. 2, Box 294, Goodlettsville, Tenn.:*

I would like to have some pen pals ages 10-13. I am 11 years old and go to Union Hill School and Union Hill Church. I have a dog and a parakeet. I promise to answer every letter I get.

I've been hoping to get a springtime news letter from you. Maybe you'll find time to write it this week!

Love,

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

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

Two Scotsmen were discussing the son of one of them. Said McPherson: "I thought your son was studying to be an ear specialist—now he's told me he's studying dentistry. What changed his mind?"

"I dunno, Mac," replied Sandy. "All I ever said was 'People have 32 teeth and only two ears'."

An old lady was having her eyes examined. The optician placed some cards at a distance with the letters "xzptvch" printed on them, and asked if she could read them. Said she, "I can see them clearly, but I can't read Russian."

A friend is a person who knocks before he enters—not after he has taken his departure.

A 4-year-old girl was visiting her grandparents. When put to bed she sobbed, said she was afraid of the dark, and wanted to go home.

"But you don't have a light at home, darling, do you?" said her granny.

"No," she replied, "but there it's my own dark."

An English teacher was discussing the fact that Louisa M. Alcott, in writing about herself, stated that she tried to sell stories to keep the wolf from the door.

"What do you think Miss Alcott meant by saying she was trying to keep the wolf from the door?" the teacher asked one of the 10-year-olds in the class.

"I suppose," was the prompt reply, "she just didn't want the guy bothering her."

Barber: Haven't I shaved you before, Sir?

Vet: No, I got that scar in the South Pacific.

The private was making a strong plea for a furlough on the ground that his wife needed him at home. Finally his commanding officer asked, "Do you place your wife before your duty to your country?"

Replied the private, "There are 11 million men taking care of my country, but as far as I know I'm the only one taking care of my wife." He got his furlough.

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# Tennessee Topics

by EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington

Since our last column was published we have lost five ministers by death, three of them in Beech River Association.

Rev. J. L. McAliley died February 25 at his home in Jackson. He was 77 years of age. For 18 years he was a professor at Union University. Since his retirement he served as supply pastor for several churches, conducted many funerals, and spent much time in his study.

Rev. Woodard Bartholomew, Parsons, died February 26 after a heart attack. He was 68 years of age and had retired from the pastorate just a few months before his death. He served three years as Clerk of Beech River Association and four years as Moderator. His last pastorate was Friendship Church in Chester County.

Rev. A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, died March 14 at the age of 83. He had been a Baptist preacher for more than 60 years. At the time of his passing he was honorary pastor of Mt. Ararat Church where he began his ministry and where he served his last active pastorate. Brother Nunnery was a great debater and engaged in numerous public discussions with representatives of other denominations. His last debate has been published.

Rev. Robert P. Mahon died at the home of his son in Jackson on March 22. He was 91 years of age. The latter part of his ministry was spent in Kentucky where he served the First Church, London, and later as professor at Clear Creek Mountain Preachers School. Many years ago he was pastor at Humboldt and also served some 18 years as a missionary to Mexico.

Rev. Jesse Dodd, Parsons, died March 30 at the age of 50. He was ordained to the ministry in 1953 by First Church, Parsons, and served Franks Chapel as pastor. At the time of his passing he was supply pastor for Akins Chapel. His wife, the former Annie Townsend, is young people's leader for Beech River Associational W.M.U.

Wells Station Church, Memphis, entered their new \$65,000 educational building, March 10. This is the first unit in a long range building program. Facilities for 32 classrooms are provided in the new air conditioned unit which is used twice each Sunday morning. This church has been having two Sunday school hours for a year. While the Juniors and Intermediates are in worship at 9:30 the other departments are in Sunday school. This has proved successful and since the church has grown to such an extent this arrangement is being continued to have space for worship. Clint Oakley is pastor and Alva Jewell is educational director.

First Church, Dyersburg, ordained Peter Ray Jones to the ministry March 27. He has been called as pastor of Bethel Church in Beulah Association.

Kenneth Coleman, a deacon in Seventh Street Church, Memphis, is the subject for the Baptist Young Adult Quarterly lesson for May 26. He is a former ward of the Connie Maxwell Home, Greenville, S. C. The title of the article is "Johnny Has Found a New Home." Pastor T. J. Tichenor speaks in high praise of Mr. Coleman.

## Revivals—

T. J. Tichenor, Seventh Street, Memphis, was evangelist at West Shiloh, Stantonville, Earl Warford, pastor.

James M. Windham, Maryville, will be with Union Avenue, Memphis, April 14-21, Stanley E. Wilkes, pastor.

Carl H. Barrett, pastor at Toone, led his church in a successful revival. Dan Jones conducted the song services.

Hillcrest, Dyersburg, Robert H. Dills, pastor, will have Henry Guy Jackson, missionary of Riverside Association, in a meeting beginning April 22.

Stanley E. Wilkes, Union Avenue, Memphis, was with Providence Church, Washington, D. C., in a revival. While there he conducted daily chapel services in the Pentagon.

Herbert C. Gabhart, McLean Church, Memphis, will be with Pastor Robert L. Orr and First Church, Dyersburg, April 28-May 5.

Charles A. Wingo, Kennedy, Memphis, preached in a revival at Tomato, Arkansas.

Bob Odenwald, pastor of First Church, Coldwater, Miss., preached at Kensington Chapel, Memphis, April 7-14. L. E. Brown serves this Chapel as pastor.

Harold Tallant, First, Madisonville, Ky., will be with Boulevard Church, Memphis, C. M. Pickler, pastor, April 7-17.

Brownsville, James F. Yates, pastor, will have Hankins F. Parker, First Church, Paducah, Ky., as preacher April 14-21.

J. Ralph McIntyre, assistant to Dr. Robert G. Lee at Bellevue, Memphis, was with First Church, Ripley, Bernard Scates, pastor.

Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg, was with First Church, Lawrenceburg, H. J. Rushing, pastor.

M. M. Fulmer, pastor of First Church, Rockdale, Texas, was with First Church, Milan, E. L. Smothers, pastor.

C. R. Story, Parsons, will assist Pastor J. F. Rogers and Walnut Hill Church near Ripley, April 7-14.

John Brown, Bruceton, has been in a

revival with Grace Church, Ripley, Larry Waycaster, pastor.

Lawrence Green, North Jackson, will be with Calvary Church, Parsons, Coy Thurston, pastor, April 14-21.

Englewood Church, Madison-Chester Association, J. L. Ford, pastor, holds its revival April 21-28 with Carl Duck, pastor of First Church, Batesville, Miss., doing the preaching. Pastor Ford will lead the music.

## Pastoral changes:

Ernest Scott resigned at Tiptonville and accepted Calvary Hill, Dyersburg.

V. E. Boston resigned at Newbern but will continue for a while as supply pastor.

Hugh Callens resigned at Southside, Dyersburg, and accepted First Church, Trezevant.

Woodville Church near Ripley has called Reed Sanderlin, a Union University student, as pastor and he has accepted.

H. R. Northcutt resigned Calvary Hill, Dyersburg, and accepted a pastorate in Waterloo, Illinois.

Edward R. Black is the new pastor of Buntyn Street Church, Memphis. He was formerly a field worker in Arkansas.

Pastor Jonas L. Stewart, Huntingdon, reports a great day March 17. After several weeks of careful preparation a "Decision Day" was held and 23 responded. Eight came for baptism, two others made professions of faith, one joined by letter, two volunteered for the ministry, one came declaring his willingness to teach an adult class, and there were nine re-dedications.

Pastor Bill F. Riley, Jr., reports a great revival at First Church, Ridgely. Stanley Barnett, pastor of Second Church, Union City, did the preaching. There were 47 decisions with 22 professions of faith and 7 additions by letter and statement.

We have had a wonderful meeting at First Church, Lexington, with Walter M. Martin, pastor of Antioch Church near Humboldt, as the guest preacher. There were 42 additions, 33 by baptism and nine by letter.

Trace Creek Church, New Johnsonville, held open house for their new building March 17. Pastor Robert L. Armour and his people have done a fine job.

Prospect Church, Hollow Rock, C. C. Sledd, pastor, has entered the Rural Church Development Program.

Ted Wimberly was ordained to the gospel ministry, March 17, by Hillcrest Church, Dyersburg. Assisting in the ordination were Pastor Bill Bateman of Zion Hill Church, Deacon Thomas L. Kee, P. C. Tipton, Jr., Pastor R. H. Dills of Hillcrest Church, H. H. Boston of Union University, and Pastor Robert G. Leigh of Friendship Church. Providence Church in Crockett County has called the new minister to be their pastor.