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## Brotherhood Leaders Conducting Clinics

MEMPHIS—(BP)—Two Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission leaders recently spent a week in Panama conducting Brotherhood clinics.

The two men are George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Commission here, and John W. McCall, Memphis, who has been a member of the Commission for 20 years.

These men went at the invitation of R. G. Van Royen, superintendent of Baptist work in Panama, who is anxious to strengthen and enlarge Brotherhood work there.

Working as a team, McCall will bring the devotional message and Schroeder will give the men information about the best ways to organize and operate the Brotherhood organization.

This will be the fourth such trip Schroeder has made to help establish and enlarge Brotherhood work in other countries.

His first trip was to Zurich, Switzerland, in 1953. In 1954 he helped in clinics in Cuba and in 1956 accepted an invitation to Hawaii.

Plans are in progress for Schroeder to go to Australia in spring, 1958, to conduct similar clinics there.

"It is heartening to know of the increasing interest in Brotherhood work in all parts of the world," says Secretary Schroeder. "There seems to be an ever-growing realization that men must shoulder more and more responsibility in our church life if the conquest of this world for Christ is to succeed."



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## Thus Saith The Preacher—

## People, Not Programs

Dear Editor:

Any preacher or church worthy of being considered salt, light, or leaven will have some kind of a projected program of work. By the same token, there will be recognition that people are more important than the program. But sometimes we can get so involved in keeping the organizational wheels of the church machinery turning that we forget the persons for whom they turn.

There is no point in having a meeting just to have a meeting. There is no point in having an organization just to get a little placard saying, "This Is A Four Star Church", just for the sake of having the placard publicly displayed. It's easy to get the impression that we plug away at meetings, programs, and organizations just because it's expected of us and forget the potential ministry to persons.

Do you remember John Steinbeck's novel *Of Mice and Men*? What? You haven't read it? Well, Steinbeck describes an unfortunate fellow who is mentally retarded. The man loved to stroke the fur of small animals. But he would hold them so tight he would crush the life out without realizing it. Then he would go on and fondle them after they were dead. The live animal wasn't important. The soft fur was.

Just so, we can smother whatever spiritual vitality a program or an organization may have by holding to its forms too rigidly. But, with little awareness, we can go on fondling the form from which the spirit has fled.

We Southern Baptists have a genius for organization. That genius has contributed to our condition. More important, we have had a concern for people. Fortunately, the two—concern and organization—have been well matched. Now we must see to it that program and organization always get tailored to meet the needs of people. That's our task, yours and mine.

The story is told of a group of fellows who met to play ball. It was discovered that they had no ball. One of them said: "Oh, forget the ball. Let's get on with the game." You cannot forget the needs of people and get on with the program.

Programily yours,  
G. Avery Lee  
Ruston, La.

## Urges New Policy For President Of Seminary

NASHVILLE—(BP)—If the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention approves a recommendation of one of its agencies, the presidency of American Baptist Theological Seminary will no longer be restricted to a member of the Negro race.

The Southern Baptist Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary will present the recommendation as part of its annual report to the 1957 session of the Convention in Chicago.

L. S. Sedberry, Nashville, executive secretary of the Commission, said the proposed change originated with the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and has already been approved by National Baptists.

The Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., largest organization of Negro Baptists in America, jointly operate the seminary for Negroes.

Victor T. Glass, now serving as acting president of the seminary, is the first white man to serve as head of the institution.

Previously the agreement of the two Conventions has required the president of the seminary to be a Negro man and a member of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

Sedberry said the Commission recommends this requirement be changed so that any "qualified theologian a member of either the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., or of the Southern Baptist Convention" shall be eligible to serve as president.

## Bobbitt To Siam Church

David E. Bobbitt who has been associated recently with Dr. C. C. Warren of First Church, Charlotte, N.C. is the new pastor of Siam Church, Elizabethton. A native of North Carolina, he received his education at Wake Forest College, Duke University and Southern Seminary. He spent most of his ministry in North Carolina, having served at Colerain Church, Colerain; First Church, Cherryville; and 13 years at Green Memorial Church, Charlotte. Mrs. Bobbitt has been active in Baptist circles and served as superintendent of the Charlotte division of the W.M.U. For the past three years she was state chairman of the Woman's Missionary Union Fundamentals. They have a son, J. Albert Bobbitt, a junior at Furman University.

Bill Kennedy, Southwestern Seminary, will be the new youth director at Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga, the latter part of May. He will serve during the summer months.



## Stevens Reports Mission Need For Religious Films

"There is a growing awareness on the part of the modern-day missionary to use every facility to reach people," reported Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission, upon his recent return from a 35,000-mile world journey.

Stevens made his tour of Southern Baptist mission fields in the Far East, Africa and Europe under auspices of the Foreign Mission Board as he sought to determine the radio and television needs and opportunities of the missionaries.

"From the point of view of religious radio and television," he said, "I found a situation resembling a vacuum into which many undesirable independents have rushed. The material they have used has not always been representative or pleasing to foreign ears. We must take a firm grip on the microphones of the world and repeat the message of the crucified and risen Christ, which only can give peace."

"There is a widespread demand for religious films for use on TV and (in areas where there is no TV) for public showing," Stevens said. For instance, the director of public information for Her Majesty's government in Nairobi, Kenya, has eight vans equipped to go into native villages to show films. He accepted eight sets of the "This Is The Answer" TV series to be magnetically sound stripped at their own expense and used indefinitely in the colony.

## Ridgecrest History To Be Published

NASHVILLE—(CP)—*A Dream Come True* is the title of a new history of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly to be published by Convention Press, Nashville.

Located in the mountains of North Carolina 18 miles from Asheville, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly is "a miracle of God's mercy and grace." It is really "A Dream Come True" and R. L. Middleton has told the story in this book, which was written this year to celebrate the assembly's 50th Anniversary.



Middleton

Ridgecrest is operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, R. L. Middleton, director of the Business Division.

The book follows the development of the assembly through exhaustive research on the part of the writer, beginning with the dream in the heart of B. W. Spilman, who was for many years field worker both in

North Carolina and for the Sunday School Board, and continues through the years of hardship while the assembly was being established. It covers the fifty years and ends with the modern Ridgecrest of today.

*A Dream Come True* will be available June 1 at all Baptist book stores.

The fiftieth anniversary celebration of Ridgecrest will be held July 24 when the semi-annual 50-member board meeting of the Sunday School Board will be held at the assembly. The new children's building, completed last year, also will be dedicated with Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, as dedication speaker.

## Seeks Reduced Postage Rate On Educational Materials

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—Legislation to give religious and other non-profit organizations a reduced rate of four cents a pound on educational materials "exchanged" among them was introduced in Congress by Rep. Charles O. Porter (D.-Ore.).

The rate would apply to books, printed music, academic theses, bound volumes of periodicals, other library materials, films, filmstrips, slides, microfilms, sound recordings and catalogs when mailed by a religious, educational or non-profit institution and addressed to another non-profit organization.

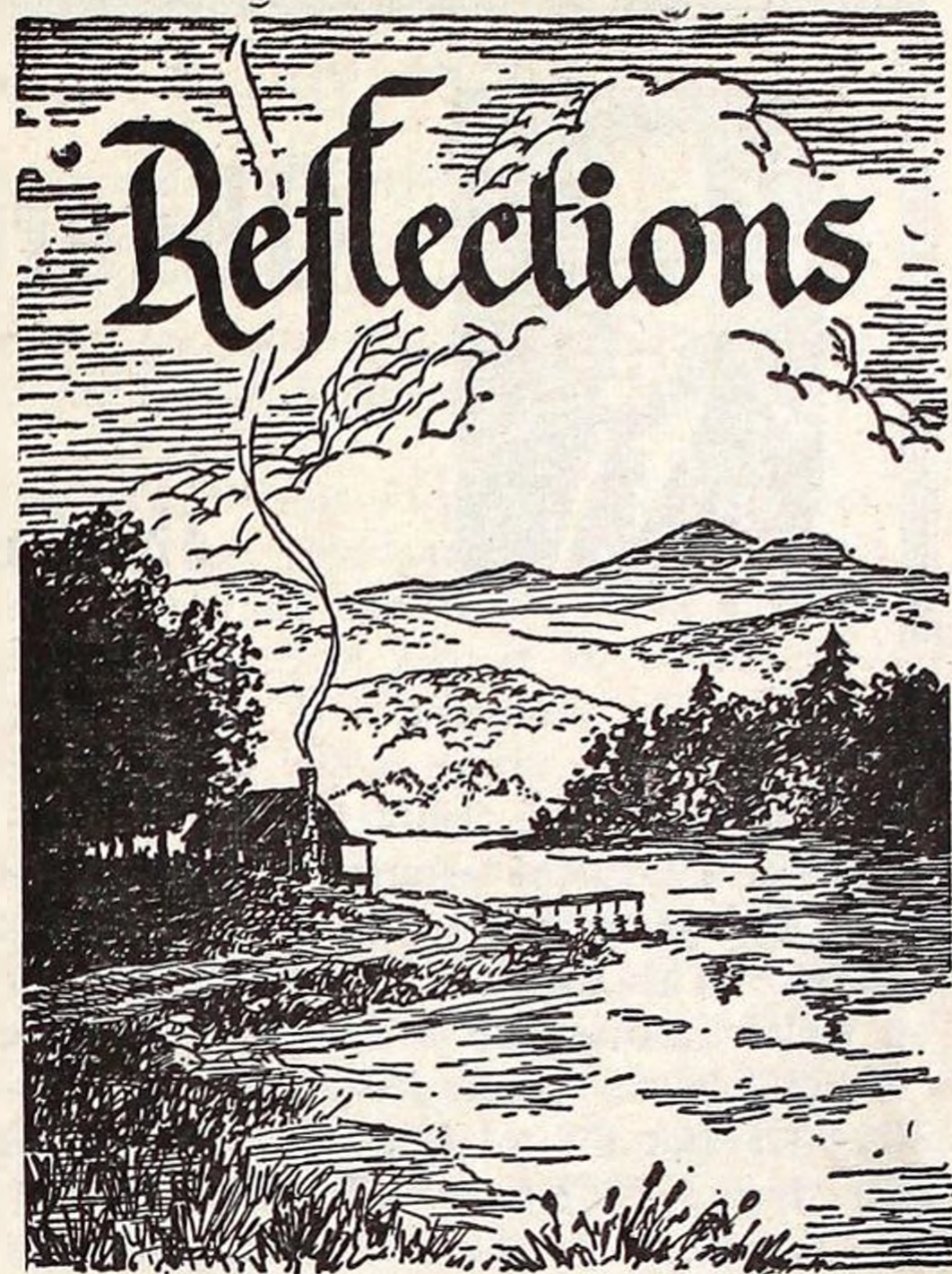
Mr. Porter said the proposed reduced rate would be applicable to all educational materials mailed by a church headquarters to member churches or exchanged between churches.

The present "book rate" for these materials is eight cents for the first pound and four cents for each additional pound. The proposed new rate would be four cents a pound and one cent for each additional pound.

Mr. Porter's bill also would have it declared "the sense of Congress" that the Postmaster General take action under the Universal Postal Convention of 1952 to reduce by 50 per cent the regular printed matter rate for overseas mailings of newspapers, periodicals, books, pamphlets, music and maps.

The Oregon lawmaker, a member of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, said enactment of such legislation would encourage the distribution of educational and cultural materials at home and abroad.

A prediction that 20,000 Americans will die this year in traffic accidents caused by driving while drunk has been made by the chairman of the American Medical Association's medico-legal subcommittee on chemical tests for intoxication. He said that alcohol probably played a part in about 50 per cent of the 38,000 highway deaths in 1956.—*The Survey Bulletin*



Our sins have a way of overtaking us. Dr. W. E. Sangster once told an unusual story in this connection. He said a woman in England found a basket on her doorstep. When she opened the basket she found a pigeon with a note tied on its leg. The note demanded that money be fastened to the pigeon's leg, otherwise her house would be burned that evening. She immediately notified the police who came, tied streaming ribbons on the bird, loosed it and followed it by plane through the air. After considerable flight the pigeon alighted on the barn where its owners were waiting. It was an easy matter for the police to make the arrest. Our sins, like pigeons, have a way of coming home to roost.—Gaston Foote in *Living In Four Dimensions* (Fleming H. Revell Company)

While looking at the beautiful Congregational church in Stockbridge, Mass., last summer the thought came to me: In olden days the clock was on the *outside* of the churches as if people would be careful to get there on time. Now-a-days the clock is on the *inside* as though we are fearful of staying overtime in the house of the Lord.—Margaret McCord Lee, *The Presbyterian Tribune*

"You cannot overcome a false philosophy by force, although it has been attempted many times in the history of the world. It can only be overcome by a superior faith—a false philosophy beaten down by a true philosophy. We have the true philosophy in Christianity, but we shall never overcome the influence of communism with a Sunday morning Christ or a tepid dedication." —Sidney W. Powell, former pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., during Baptist evangelistic crusade in Washington, D. C.





# Observations

By  
OWEN

## The Cost Of Failing To Tithe

According to the Southern Baptist handbook for 1957, the estimated personal income of Southern Baptists was \$11,813,000,000. This was in 1955, the latest year on which information is available. A tithe of this income would have been \$1,181,000,000. But the total of Southern Baptist gifts during 1955 was only \$334,836,000. The compilers of the handbook point out that if the "ungiven tithe" could have been placed at the disposal of the Foreign Mission Board, 75 times as much as it received for missionary work in 1955, missionary personnel could have been increased from 1,020 missionaries to more than 75,000!

You figure it yourself—how much is it costing the cause of Christ for Southern Baptists to fail to tithe?

You might think about this, also. Fifteen leading advertisers in the U.S.A. last year spent more than 370 million dollars to promote their products in magazines, newspaper supplements, and over TV. This amount was exclusive of radio and outdoor advertising. The embarrassing contrast now is that 30,800 Southern Baptist churches gave 372 million dollars to promote the cause of Christ.

## Inflationary Factors

The rising cost of living is reflected in an article in *U.S. News and World Report* which provides some significant data. Since 1939, industry's hourly wage costs—not including the mounting expense for fringe benefits—has gone up 212 per cent. But during this same period of time, output per man hour has risen less than 41 per cent. So long as cost factors, such as wages, climb faster than production output, the gap can only be closed by the inflationary trend of hiking prices. This same magazine also points out the change which has taken place in the distribution of the nation's income. Labor's share has risen from 69.6 to 75.8 per cent. At the same time, business proprietors and professional men's share has decreased from 11.8 to 8.8 per cent, while that of the farmers has dropped from 7.7 to 3.5 per cent.

Consumer prices now stand at 118.7 per cent of the 1947-49 level, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This shows an

increase of .04 per cent in February, and 3.6 per cent last year.

The federal debt has been reported to be equal to the value of everything of tangible value in the United States—land, buildings, mines, machinery, livestock. The Federal Government's direct debt is \$180 billion, a percentage increase of almost 1,200 per cent over the debt in 1933.

## A Majority Vote Cannot Make Wrong Right

A story has its point. It was one told by Mr. Veikko Huotari, a Finn by birth, but now a citizen of this country.

There were three farmers who lived far away from any population. One farmer was industrious. He labored hard for the coming winter, for he knew that he could not feed his animals if he did not do so. The other two, who took life easy and did not want to work hard and provide for themselves and their cattle, did little to provide for winter. Then, in a quick blow, winter was there. The roads were under snow. The industrious farmer had no reason to worry. But the other two had nothing to feed their animals. One of them suggested that they go over and take from Mr. Industrious farmer what they needed to feed their animals. The other one said, "No, that is not right. You remember the commandment, 'Thou shalt not steal.' I have a better plan. Let all three of us have a meeting." At the meeting the two farmers presented the hard-working farmer with their request that he divide his feed with them. They decided to vote on the matter. Sure enough, the industrious farmer lost two to one and was forced to share his feed.

In the words of Mr. Huotari, "Now the end result was the same as if those two fellows had stolen the feed in the first place. The only difference was that the theft was made respectable and legal by the decision of the majority. The taking of the feed was not made right by the vote of the majority. A majority does not change the morality of a man's actions. Moral laws cannot be changed by men. If the majority violate the rights of the minority, it is tyranny."

## Ben W. Hooper

Tennesseans in each section of the State honor the memory of Ben W. Hooper of Newport who died at the age of 86, April 18. His was an unusual story. He rose to the top in State leadership, though he had been a waif at seven adrift upon the streets at Knoxville. He was adopted and kindly cared for.

He was a strong exponent of the cause of prohibition. Twice he served well as Governor, rendering able leadership in one of the stormiest political eras of Tennessee's history.

He served the nation well on the Railway Labor Board in Washington. He continued to serve the State after retirement in studies that led to election law reforms.

Mr. Hooper was one of those who gave valuable land which led to the creation of Camp Carson in 1947, as one of the units in our Tennessee Baptist Camp Program.

"His private and his public life were given their tone and color by his Christian convictions," Dr. Fred F. Brown, of Knoxville, said in the Easter Sunday funeral service for the former governor who had been for 72 years a Baptist.

Pastors in several states have recently received mimeographed letters from the Barrio Belgrano Baptist Church, Rosario, Argentina, appealing for \$30,000 with which to build a new building. This letter is misleading as to the advantages to be gained in exchanging dollars into pesos.

The Foreign Mission Board does not approve direct approaches by churches on the mission field to churches in the United States for the purpose of soliciting funds. The Southern Baptist Mission in Argentina has set up a Church Building Loan Fund from which funds are made available to deserv- ing churches.

First Church, Manchester, has now been using its new \$100,000 edifice for two years. The church has two missions. A new 36 by 90 foot unit has been completed into which the Welcome Mission moves this month. The other mission is on Woodbury Road. The church has reduced its indebtedness now to about \$35,000 on its new structure. We appreciated an opportunity to be with this church on Easter Sunday while the Pastor, Rev. E. M. McCarty, was leading revival services at New Hope Church. —R.N.O.

Mrs. L. G. Frey is now home at 1510 Paris Avenue, Nashville, following hospitalization for four days. She is reported mending. "The prayers of the friends over the state have been deeply appreciated," states her husband, Rev. L. G. Frey, who is Secretary of Missions Dept., of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.



# A Mother's Day Meditation

By H. H. Smith, Sr.

Since Jesus Christ came into the world as a babe, motherhood has been exalted to a place of highest honor. Who will question the fact that the incarnation has forever ennobled and sanctified motherhood? The Jewish mother of Bible times regarded herself as highly honored of God, and she was right, for every mother is indeed a co-worker with God. Would that every mother realized the full import of her sacred privilege and weighty responsibility. Wherever mothers have responded to their high calling, in a worthy manner, they have blessed the world. Lincoln said: "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my mother." Thomas A. Edison bore this testimony to the influence of his mother upon his life: "My mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of me, and I felt that I had someone to live for, someone I must not disappoint."

The true mother finds her greatest joy in her children. The mother who is more concerned about dress, or pleasure, or society than she is about the welfare of her children, is not worthy of being a mother. The true mother is ever alert to give her children the best training possible. A mother once invited some children to her home, that they might have the right kind of associates, and they all played in the yard on the beautiful lawn. Another mother, seeing the children romping on the lawn, said, "Those children will spoil your beautiful grass. I could never allow that." The wise mother replied, "I'm raising children, not grass."

Mothers need recreation and diversion for their own welfare, as well as for that of their children, but some mothers become absorbed in these things to the neglect of their children. What can be more pathetic than the case of a young man who stood before a judge to be sentenced for some crime, and when asked if he had anything to say, replied: "Oh, judge, if I had only had a mother." Some children who are not motherless are virtually orphans from neglect.

We should bear in mind that what counts most in the training of children is the "atmosphere of the home." We may teach both by precept and example, but should remember that "actions speak

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# A Mother's Day Prayer

*O Lord, we thank Thee for the benediction in human life of motherhood. We praise Thee for our own dear mothers who built up our own lives by theirs; who bore us in travail and loved us the more for the pain we caused; who nourished us in tenderness and hushed us to sleep in the security of their arms.*

*We thank Thee for their tireless love, for their prayers uttered and unspoken, for their guidance of our feet into the way of righteousness, for their sacrifices in love through which we have been led to see Him who is for us our sacrifice unto redemption. Bestow Thy peace on all mothers. Put upon the mothers yet-to-be the awe, the sacredness, of their future calling.*

*We thank Thee that when Thou camest to save us, Thou didst come as a Babe, claiming a mother's love and tender care. Thou gavest to the world Thy greatest gift through the medium of motherhood. Today we make this our Motherhood prayer: Protect her life, O Lord, who gave the gift of life to me. And may she know from day to day the deepening glow of joy that comes from Thee.—R.N.O.*

louder than words." Sometimes it is said that a person is "more sinned against than sinning." In this connection, the case of that pitiable woman, Mrs. Hetty Green, the miser who worshiped her hundred million dollars, comes to mind. Sometimes she would practice fraud to get free medical treatment, and when called on to help the needy, would often say that she was not able to give anything. Hetty Green was brought up in a home where great emphasis was placed upon the acquisition of money. Daily surrounded by others who were devoted to the "game of money making," she soon learned the meaning of "stocks and bonds and bulls and bears," and late in life said: "By the time I was fifteen, when I went to Boston to school, I knew more about these things (financial transactions) than many a man who makes a living out of them." As a child, she may have been told that religion is important and the habit of prayer and church-going not be neglected, but six days of the week she was surrounded by those whose daily conversation and conduct emphasized one thing above everything else—the acquisition of wealth.

The tragedy of it is that there are so many homes today where the material things of life—pleasure, possessions, so-called worldly success, are emphasized above everything else.

# Literacy vs. Illiteracy

The sober truth is a paradox. Both literacy and illiteracy are increasing. The Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature informs us that more children are learning to read in the schools, and yet more people may be illiterate than a generation ago.

The world's population increased about 33 per cent from 1920 to 1956. The resources of education have been unable to keep pace with this increase. In many countries, 70 per cent to 80 per cent of the people still cannot read.

Through a Bible printed in the United States in 1946, freedom of religious choice reached a former enemy. He was Sakae Kobayaski, who had been a suicide Japanese pilot during the war. On the morning of the surrender, he was saved from taking off on his final mission, but by minutes. Returning to find his home destroyed and many of his family killed, he also discovered himself ostracized by order of the occupation forces. To him, this was punishment for being loyal and brave. He was bewildered. Then he was introduced to the Bible by a young woman who believed in the message she had found there. He came out of bitterness and confusion into freedom from the past.

This young man reminds us of the need for more Christian literature than is now available to those seeking answers to the deepest problems of life.



## WORLD MISSIONS YEAR

LOULIE LATIMER OWENS



**"Christians believe that all nations under God can have a new birth of freedom."**

When Abraham Lincoln sat down to write his famed Gettysburg Address, he wanted to express a profound personal conviction. He believed that his country, which had dedicated itself to freedom, would experience new freedom out of the bloody sacrifices of Gettysburg. So he wrote, "that the nation shall have a new birth of freedom—." But at Gettysburg, as he faced his audience, Lincoln extemporized. Under the solemn spell of the occasion, he said instead, "that the nation, *under God*, shall have a new birth of freedom—."

Lifted from their context, Lincoln's words state an eternal truth. Christians believe that not this nation alone, but all nations *under God* can have new freedom. Not freedom from physical slavery only, but freedom from sin. It is freedom bought, like that at Gettysburg, with sacrifice—the sacrifice of the Son of God.

In observing World Missions Year, we Southern Baptists are declaring anew our belief that the Christian message can set men free. We are declaring our desire to go all-out in a program to send that message.

Lincoln, standing at Gettysburg only a few weeks after the battle, could not realize that the all-out effort of that battle had already turned the tide of the Civil War. If we Southern Baptists, nine million strong, will truly go all-out through the World Missions Year, we can mark a turning point in the war to save the world from sin.

Mrs. Owens is a prominent writer, the author of *Minnie Belle*.

## Points Of Interest In Illinois Shown

CHICAGO—(BP)—Here are points of interest related to Southern Baptist work in Illinois which those planning to attend the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago next month might like to visit.

Carmi—State Highway 1, site of Baptist Children's Home operated by Illinois Baptist State Association. Carmi is in southeast part of the state.

Carbondale—on State Highway 13 and U.S. 51 in southern Illinois. Site of office of Illinois Baptist State Association and of Southern Illinois College of the Bible, on Campus of Southern Illinois University.

Champaign-Urbana—U.S. 45 in east central Illinois. Site of Chair of Bible on campus of University of Illinois.

Pinckneyville—State Highways 13, 127, in southwestern section of state. First Baptist Church of Pinckneyville is where Illinois Baptist State Association was organized in 1907. 10 miles north of city on Highway 127 is Lake Sallateeska, 80-acre summer encampment and assembly grounds of state association.

Jonesboro—U.S. 51 in extreme southern part of state. Site of First Baptist Church, oldest Southern Baptist church in Illinois and second oldest church in the state with a continuous history.

O'Fallon—near E. St. Louis. The oldest Baptist church in Illinois—Bethel Baptist Church—is located about five miles south of O'Fallon in the country.

ROUND ROCK, Tex.—(BP)—James S. McNabb, Jr., has been named administrator of Texas Baptist Children's Home here. He has been the home's acting administrator since July, 1956.

McNabb was previously manager of the college book store at the Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Tex., a personnel director for the National Youth Administration and assistant manager of the Mineral Wells, Tex., office of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

## New Forward Program Of Church Finance To Be Presented In Tennessee

by Gene Kerr

According to Dr. W. Fred Kendall, Executive Secretary, plans have been completed to conduct eight Clinics to present the new program developed by the Southern Baptist Convention. These meetings will be held at Cookeville, May 2-3; Johnson City, May 6-7; Memphis, May 20-21; Pulaski, May 23-24; Jackson, June 3-4; Tulsa, June 6-7; Chattanooga, June 20-21; and Knoxville, (date not set). Gene Kerr, Administrative Assistant, will assist Dr. Kendall with the clinics.

Each of the Clinics will provide at least ten hours of study, which will include not only the details of the program, but results of test campaigns conducted last year. A summary of 33 churches in 14 states that used the new program in 1956 reported an increase of 81% in pledges, 79% increase in pledgers, and 91% increase in tithers. The average cost of the campaign per dollar raised was 1.06 cents.

The Forward Program of Church Finance provides a complete program for the every member support of an enlarged church program, including world missions, local work, and building needs. It is a plan for greatly increasing budget receipts and developing the spiritual vitality and missionary achievements of the congregation. The Southern Baptist Convention at Miami in 1955 approved the establishment of this program, and the Promotion Committee, in cooperation with the state secretaries, agencies heads, state editors, stewardship leaders, and pastors worked out the details after studying the best of all church, denominational and professional budget, fund raising and church finance programs. It is of high professional quality, and built particularly for Southern Baptist Churches and fitted to their needs, facilities, programs, and principles. The program is planned to fit in with the present organizations in the church, and is built upon the great stewardship principles as set forth in the Bible.

Arrangements for the Clinics have been worked out with the cooperation of the associational missionaries, and a group of pastors who attended a special training Clinic sponsored by the State Convention and led by Dr. Merrill Moore, Promotion Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention, and his associate, Dr. Robert Hastings.

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# Cauthen Discusses African Mission Strategy

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, returning to the States a few days before the April meeting of the Board, devoted his report primarily to Africa and the Near East, the areas he had just visited.

"Projection of new work in East Africa, consideration of entry into other areas, and consultation relative to further steps in higher education in West Africa gave added significance to this mission journey," Dr. Cauthen said.

"An added reason for making the trip at this time is that careful study is being given to the strategy for advance as we look toward the future. Plans for advance in every area of our work are now being projected upon the basis of a seven-year period looking forward to the close of 1963 when we anticipate having gone beyond the number of 1,750 missionaries. With an anticipated number of no less than 1,800 by the end of 1963, we should have 600 missionaries in each of the three main areas of work." The three large areas into which the Board divides its work are (1) Africa, Europe, and the Near East, (2) Latin America, and (3) the Orient.

"Every missionary of our Board could be placed in any one of the three areas, or every missionary could be put in any one of the larger countries of an area, without meeting all the needs," Dr. Cauthen continued. "Our being engaged in a worldwide operation requires that we utilize resources on as broad a scale as possible.

"Experience has indicated that, while maintaining sufficient force to do effective work in a given location, there must be constant advance geographically. Placing even a limited number of missionaries in a given country serves to guarantee opportunity for work in that field on a larger scale as resources become available. It also provides the possibility for redeployment of forces when emergencies call for relocation of staff.

"Further advance will take place as well-trained African workers can replace missionaries in some of the older fields, thereby enabling missionaries to project work in other locations.

"Any strategy for the future calls for an emphasis upon the development of churches.

We make no better investment than in measures to help churches become strong and effective.

"Attention is being given to proposals relative to a venture in higher education in Nigeria. Careful discussions were held in Nigeria with mission and government representatives. . . . In principle, the idea of a Baptist school in Nigeria which would train leaders for educational work and provide liberal arts training for ministers of the gospel is looked upon with high appreciation. Further study will be carried forward by responsible committees.

"The outstanding impression which comes from a visit to any mission area is that of the high quality of devotion on the part of the missionaries."

## Calls For Nurses

Rev. Elmer S. West, Jr., secretary for missionary personnel, said, "As always, our largest number of calls is for preachers. Our most urgent need continues to be for nurses. It may seem unbelievable that we should have more doctors ready for appointment this year than nurses. We need every doctor whom God is calling but we are deeply concerned that expansion of our medical work in a number of places is being curtailed due to the shortage of single women to serve as missionary nurses.

## Religious Education Workers

The Foreign Mission Board stressed the importance of developing religious education activity in various countries of the world through missionaries especially trained for the preparation of Bible study and Christian training materials and the promotion of their use. A vital part of the program of church development is the production and distribution of literature. Literature work is usually related to the promotion of religious education in the churches.

## Student Workers

The report of the Board's committee on the Orient called special attention to needs and opportunities in the major cities of the Far East for student center and student evangelistic programs in relationship to government and private universities.

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, said there is urgent need right now for student workers in 12 major cities

of Asia. Some of these cities are Seoul, Korea; Manila, in the Philippines; Bangkok, Thailand; and Djakarta, Indonesia.

Dr. Crawley said: "Young men of our Convention who have served the denomination in Baptist student work or as pastors of college churches and can meet the other requirements for missionary appointment will find a rewarding place of service among the thousands of university students who will be the leaders of Orient countries in the coming years."

## Missionaries Number 1,141

Sixteen new appointees and two reappointments at the April meeting of the Board brought the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,141.

First Church, Clarksville, received 32 new members, six by letter, and 26 by baptism during an eight-day revival with President Duke K. McCall of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., as guest preacher and William J. Reynolds, music editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board as music leader. Robert L. McCan is pastor.

Combined circulation for the twenty-five state Baptist newspapers totals 1,279,691 compared with 850,612 seven years ago. Most of the papers are printed weekly; and three new papers have been created during the past seven years. It is estimated that 5 million of the more than 8 million Southern Baptists are reached by the papers.

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**HOHENWALD**—Ground-breaking service for the new auditorium by First Baptist Church here took place March 31 immediately following the morning service. Members holding the shovel are on the building committee: Paul Burklow, chairman; J. O. Kidd and Gilbert Evans. The first dirt was turned by Pastor Fred T. Evans (left front holding a Bible), followed by each member of the committee and Harold Reed, representing the deacons. Construction has begun on the auditorium to seat approximately 400. The new unit will complete a program started about five years ago when the church erected a two-story educational building. This is the only church in Lewis County affiliated with the State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

## Wisdom Of Southern Baptist Method

Southern Baptists practice the best method of support for their world missionary work. Our churches support the missionary work of the denomination through the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.

This method is in contrast to that of depending on individual churches or groups of persons to pledge support for certain missionaries. Some "faith" missionaries depend on the support of certain churches and individuals, and when this support fails they find themselves in a predicament on the foreign field.

Certain dynamic missionaries have done a wonderful work on the mission field and they have secured their support by their own appeal. But soon after these missionaries have passed on or their source of support has been cut off their work begins to crumble and soon dies. Thus by the "independent" method of missionary work, both the missionary and the effectiveness and permanency of his program are in constant danger.

Some Baptist groups work their mission program by this "independent" method, but not Southern Baptists. We have learned that there is strength and wisdom in working together as one body in Christ Jesus. If certain churches or individuals among us fail, our entire world mission program or the welfare of one certain missionary is not thereby put in jeopardy. We still have the rest of the denomination to depend on.

By pooling our resources, by operating through our mission boards Southern Baptists build a permanent and stable program throughout the world. Failure of individuals and of churches or great depressions most certainly have their effects on the Southern Baptist mission program. But in

time of crisis we have the entire group of Southern Baptists to depend on. We have a reserve fund in our mission boards to help ease the shock and to enable us to make adjustments without sacrificing all of the progress that has been made.

The Southern Baptist plan of missionary support through our mission boards has proved so superior to the "independent" method that it is a wonder that any group will persist in doing their mission work on such a fragile basis. We thank God for the group consciousness of Southern Baptists and for the wonderful Cooperative Program that gives stability and security to our missions and missionaries.

Just recently we have received a communication from a Baptist group that does its missionary work by the "independent" method. This group has more than 300 missionaries on the foreign field. The appeal lists 181 missionaries who had their support underwritten by churches and interested individuals before they left. The rising cost of living has trapped these missionaries without adequate support. The appeal is for more individuals to underwrite the deficit for any one or more of the missionaries.

Through the Southern Baptist plan, when such an emergency arises, adjustments are made through our board and the missionary is not left wondering whether he can remain on the field or will have to return home or whether his mission will continue or close up.

Southern Baptists have found that their plan deprives no church of its independence and that their work is on a stable, permanent basis.—Editor W. Barry Garrett in *The Baptist Beacon*, Phoenix, Arizona.

## New Orleans Commencement

Annual commencement exercises for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will be held May 17 with Dr. Warren F. Jones, president of Union University, Jackson, Tenn. delivering the principal address. For the first time in the history of the institution, the doctor of religious education degree will be awarded. Donald W. Minton, Slidell, La., is the candidate.

Eight students are candidates for the doctor of divinity; 36, master religious education; nine, bachelor of religious education; 14, master of sacred music; one, bachelor of sacred music; 16, diploma in Christian theology; nine, diploma in religious education; and five, diploma in sacred music.

## News Notes

"First Church, Elizabethton, had one of the most spiritual revivals in its history with the Eddie Martin Evangelistic Team leading. During the eight-day meeting seventy-two made professions of faith and there were eleven additions by letter. Personal visitation by Mrs. Robert Martin for several days preceding the meeting, evangelistic messages to the schools each day, a tireless schedule of visitation each afternoon and fervent gospel messages each evening stirred the people of this area into decisions for God. There were many rededications and on Sunday evening one hundred and sixty-eight young people made decisions for full-time Christian service. These young people are being organized as a Christian Life Service Band," Rev. Herman W. Cobb, pastor.

Eagleville Baptist Church has called as pastor the Rev. E. A. Byrd. He is a native of Fulton, Kentucky and a graduate of Murray State College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. He was pastor of churches in Kentucky and at Whiteville, Tennessee. He served four years in the United States Army as chaplain in Europe, Korea, and Japan, and holds the rank of major in the active reserve. Mrs. Byrd is the former Gamaline Phelps of Benton, Kentucky. They have a three-year-old daughter. Mr. Byrd is now doing graduate work at Peabody College in Nashville in connection with his Eagleville pastorate.

—Scott Williams

Julius C. Thompson comes to Hollywood Church, Memphis, May 6, as pastor, from the Bouie Street Church of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. A native of Martin, Mississippi, he attended Clark Memorial College in Newton and graduated from Mississippi College in Clinton in 1953. He holds the B.D. degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary which was received in May, 1956. During his college days, he pastored churches near Jackson, Alabama, and Morton, Mississippi. While at Hattiesburg, he served as pastor advisor of the B.S.U. at William Carey College. Mrs. Thompson is the former Margaret Carolyn Wood of Hattiesburg, a graduate of Belhaven College of Jackson, Mississippi.

—Mrs. Glenn Weir, Church Secretary



## D. C. Baptist School Recommended By Editor

WASHINGTON—(BP)—Baptists could render "an immeasurable service" by establishing a "first rate graduate school" in Washington, the editor of the Capital Baptist declared in a recent editorial.

"A graduate school situated in the Nation's Capital," he said, "... could bring an intelligent Baptist witness before the executive, legislative, and judiciary branches of our government that would be felt around the world."

Editor James O. Duncan said that "to-day when a Congressional committee wants to hear the ideas of an expert, too often it is one of the members of the faculty of either of the great Catholic universities here."

The graduate school, Duncan continued, should be "well staffed with qualified men in different fields of service."

"A call has come from two groups in the Southern Baptist Convention for 5000 dedicated young people to enter the fields of communication," according to Duncan. "Do we have the faculty to train this many people?" his editorial asked.

He cited the facilities available to graduate students in Washington—the Library of Congress and libraries of other universities, opportunity for employment in government and other related agencies, and meeting people from all parts of the world.

"Baptists have said a lot and done a lot about going to the wide open spaces with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but the day will soon be upon us—if it is not already—when the great mission fields of America are its large cities," Duncan wrote.

## Seminary Professor New Area Secretary For FMB

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has elected H. Cornell Goerner, professor of comparative religion and missions at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, to be its new area secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

Goerner, ending a 22-year teaching career at the seminary, will succeed George W. Sadler, who is retiring after 1957. Goerner originally planned to be a Baptist missionary to Romania, but instead became a professor for the seminary at Louisville.

Albert J. Gowan, of East St. Louis, Mo., and former student of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, has joined the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board as artist in the advertising layout and design section of the Board's Art Department.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1957

## To Sing At Convention



Featured singers on the Christian home program at the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago in May will be this girls' sextet from the First Baptist Church of Plainview, Texas, directed by John Ward, minister of music. Left to right: Maureda Hanna, Glenda Ruth Jackson, Jeannell Greene, Sondra Jameson, Shirley Vernon, Brenda Swanner. At the piano is their accompanist, Melinda Stokes. These girls have been singing together for three years, in their church, at assemblies, at the Texas Training Union Convention. They are scheduled to return this summer to Glorieta for the second year.

Theme song for the Convention home program in Chicago will be "God Give Us Christian Homes", by B. B. McKinney, which was first introduced on the Christian home program in Chicago in 1950. Other songs to be sung by the sextet include "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling," "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," "That Sweet Story of Old," "Holy Spirit, Lead Us."



NASHVILLE—The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has put into use this ultimate in the way of inserting and mailing machine. Work requiring five persons three days can be done by this machine and one operator in one eight-hour day. It has been installed to reduce operating costs, to speed up service to Southern Baptist churches and maintain mailing schedules. Tommy Grubbs and Mrs. Sudie Summers, employees of the Board, are shown with this new "robot" inserting and mailing machine which is said to be the largest in the southeast.



# Operation Home Study

A Summertime Home Study Program That Will Bring Many Blessings

Stanley Williamson

Operation Home Study is a summertime training program that enlisted 100 people in training during a two-months period at Eastland Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

During the following nine months, 72 additional training awards were earned as a direct result of this training plan.

This is how the plan works:

The central idea behind this program is for each Sunday school general and department officer, teacher, class officer, and pupil to complete a book in the Sunday School Training Course by the home study method.

The home study method may be done one of two ways: (1) Write answers to the questions printed in the books, or (2) write a development of the chapter outlines or a summary of each chapter.

The training course book that is suggested for use needs to be one for which very few have received credit. It also needs to be a book of universal interest, such as a Bible, doctrine, or soul-winning book.

This year it is suggested that *The Call of the Harvest* by Charles L. McKay be used. This book is centered in evangelism and will get the hearts of the people ready in a wonderful way for summertime revivals and Preparation Week.

Specific groups are assigned a due date for their papers. This due date is called "D" Day. It is the date they are to turn in their home study papers.

Group	"D" Day
General officers	June 16
Department supts.	
and dept. officers	June 30
Teachers	July 14
Class officers	July 28
Class members	August 11

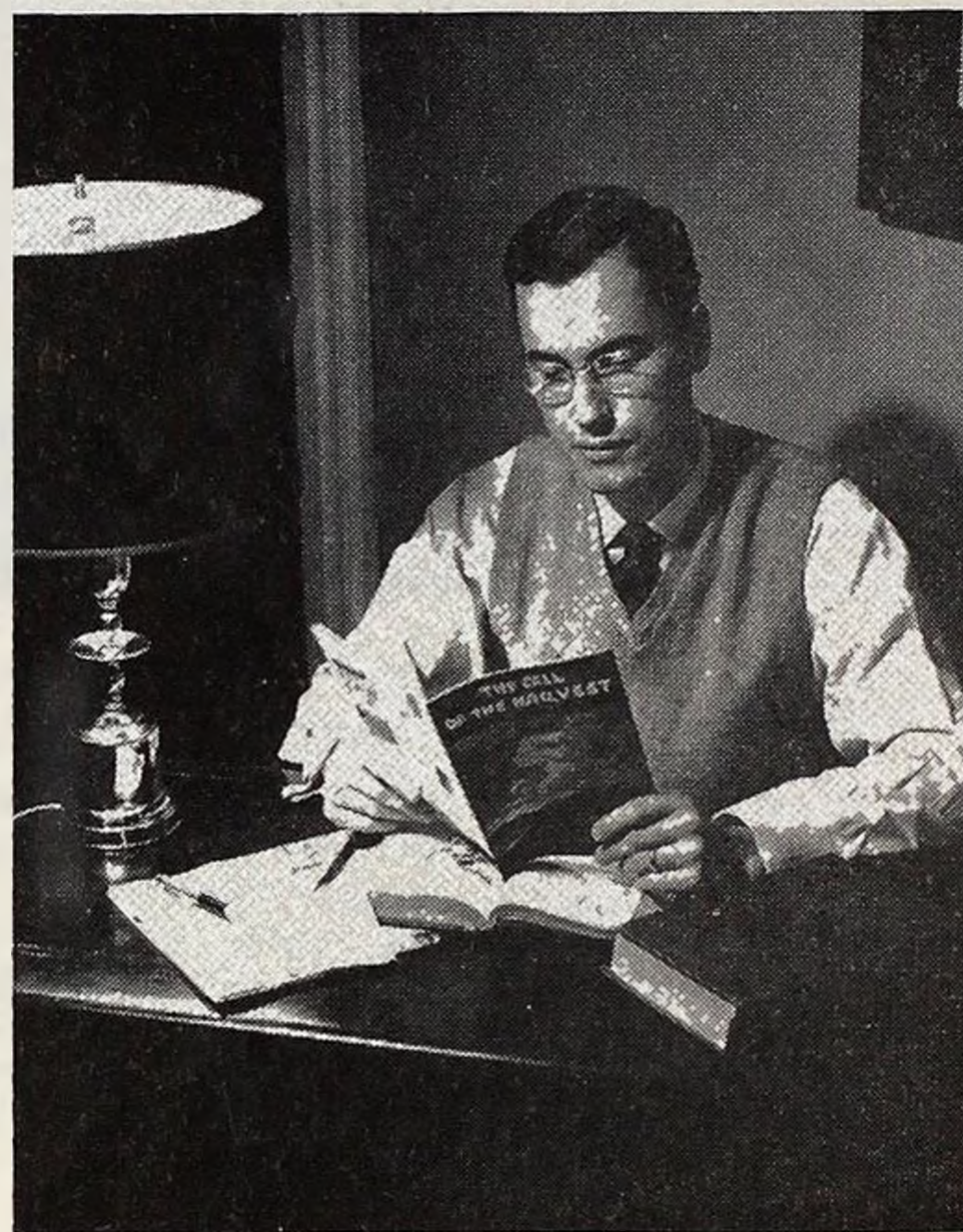
In order to keep this program before the entire church it is suggested that a large piece of white cardboard be used to indicate the progress that is being made. On this chart would be the "D" Days for each group the names of those in each group, the date each paper is turned in, and a place for a gold seal to signify the work has been done. This chart should be placed in a prominent location in the church by at least May 19. On the reverse side of this page is a sample of the Operation Home Study wall chart.

To help the Sunday school leaders and members to take advantage of Operation Home Study use these aids:

1. Present Operation Home Study to all officers and teachers during April at the weekly officers and teachers' meeting or monthly workers' conference.

2. Order sufficient copies of *The Call of the Harvest* from the Baptist Book Store during April.

3. Sign up to participate in Operation Home Study using this plan: Pastor signs up all general officers. General superintendent signs up all department superintendents.



Department superintendents sign up all department officers and teachers. Teachers sign up all class officers. Group leaders sign up all class members. Begin sign-up activities May 19.

4. Present Operation Home Study as a spiritual opportunity for the church in the preaching service May 19.

5. Write a letter to all church members concerning the plans for Operation Home Study and how they can be blessed by taking a part in it. Mail this letter May 23.

6. Have testimonies in the services by those who have completed the book as to what it meant to them.

7. Prepare a sample outline or summary of one chapter on a training course book to serve as a guide in preparation of the home study papers.

8. Mimeograph questions in *The Call of the Harvest* leaving space for the answers to the questions. Make these available in ample quantities.

9. Keep the idea of Operation Home Study and its progress constantly before the officers and teachers at their regular meetings.

10. In the church bulletin carry the coming due days, reports of progress, and recognition of outstanding achievements relative to Operation Home Study.

11. Mail completed home study papers to your state Sunday school secretary.

Operation Home Study will bring spiritual blessings to those who participate in it. Churches that promote it will have an increase in unity and interest during the sum-

## Baptist Group Commends Chaplains Commission

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—(BP)—The pastor's conference of Buncombe Baptist Association has voiced "a strong word of commendation" for the Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

In a letter to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn., the president of the pastor's conference said the vote of the association's pastors was unanimous.

The association is composed of Baptist churches in the Asheville vicinity.

"We are located near Moore General and Oteen Hospitals, both of which are Veteran Hospitals, and we have had some opportunity to observe our Baptist chaplains at work," conference President W. F. Waggoner reported.

"It is our observation that the Chaplains Commission has done a good job in screening undesirable men before approving them for a chaplain's commission," the conference president added. "We would certainly hate to see anything happen to this Commission and its future usefulness between our denomination and the Government."

Recent events, the pastor said, "have strengthened our feeling that the work of the Commission is vitally important and that the Commission should be continued."

A new set of policies and procedures for the Chaplains Commission was approved by the December meeting of the Home Mission Board. The Home Mission Board asked the Executive Committee to review the policies and procedures.

A committee of the Executive Committee recently held a public hearing in Nashville, Tenn., to hear pros and cons on the policies and procedures.

The Komsomol (Soviet Young Communist League) has called for a nation-wide drive to raise the moral standards of youth. It said that drunkenness, idleness, hooliganism, and loose morals should be combated. It also called for improved ideological and educational work, and for more intensive atheistic propaganda.—*The Survey Bulletin*

The United States Office of Education has reported that 744 of the 1,886 colleges and universities in the United States are controlled by religious groups. There are 474 Protestant colleges and universities; 265 Roman Catholic, and five Jewish. Some 661 institutions of higher education are publicly controlled.

mer months. Sunday school leaders will become acquainted with the possibilities of the Home Study method of training.

—*Sunday School Bulletin*



## Chapel Sets Hard Pace For Mother Church

LaBelle Baptist Chapel, an extension of LaBelle Baptist Church of Memphis, concluded a most successful Training Union Enlargement Campaign Sunday, March 24.

Miss Roxie Jacobs of Nashville, for 35 years the work horse of Tennessee Baptist, let the campaign assisted by Mrs. Jesse Meek, State Nursery - Beginner - Primary Leader of the Training Union Department.

The week's Training School reported an unusual phenomenon, attendances of 111, 108, 117, 135, and 144 were recorded in the 5 leadership and 4 children's courses offered. In Memphis, Thursday and Friday nights are consistently the lowest. Each night the attendance was higher than the number in Training Union on the preceding Sunday night.

The Nashville Duet coupled with LaBelle's hard working pastor, D. M. Renick and Minister of Education and Music, Donald H. Holton, led in doubling the number of departments from 7 to 15 and from 9 unions to 15 above Junior age.

Sunday, March 17, the Chapel reported a Training Union enrollment of 240 and an attendance of 107. On March 24th, the attendance was 257 with 48 new members and an increase of 24 to 67 workers.

Mrs. Meek inspired us to form 9 Elementary departments from the existing 3 to match the Sunday School organization and enlarge the number of workers from 7 to 26. In fact, we now have a Training Union department for every one in Sunday School save two, a single Young People and a third Adult Department.

We provided for the people. We went after them with 395 contacts reported, and they rewarded our faith by coming in droves through the black clouds, high winds and rain. We led our people to think of Training Union as a family affair.

## A Pastor's Testimony

We have more than a third more members in the Training Union now than we had a year ago. Both new and old members have taken hold of their assignments with more vigor and determination. We have had 38 people to get diplomas for the completion of the Manuel study. As a result of this study, we have led the members to reorganize their union and we are much in hopes that we can go Standard this next quarter. I think that the most trouble will be in having enough awards. We are striving to reach the goal, even if we have to have more than the required study courses for the year.

We are adding a new department to our Training Union. We now have enough 6-8 year olds for a Primary Department.

We would like to say that we appreciate



## Miss Katharine Bryan

Miss Katharine Bryan, Nashville, was elected Field Secretary for the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union at the recent convention in Knoxville, March 27-29.

Miss Bryan was born in Nashville and has spent most of her life there. She was converted early in life and has been an active member of Edgefield Baptist Church since she was a junior girl, and so, is well qualified to take up this challenging work for which she feels definitely called.

Miss Bryan has worked in Woman's Missionary Union Camps for five years as assistant to the camp director. She was manager of the book store for the Sunday School Board at Camp Linden.

In May she will graduate from Carson Newman College with a Bachelor of Arts degree, her majors being English and history.

During her college years she received many honors, among them being President of the Young Woman's Auxiliary; President of the Woman's Student Government; Critic, Hypatian Literary Society; Vice-President Modern Portia Club; Representative Baptist Student Union Executive Council; elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Miss Bryan will report to the office for work on June 17. She will not be accepting field assignments until later in the summer. All assignments will be made through the office of the Executive Secretary and requests for her services should be made to Miss Mary Mills.

your fine work and the many wonderful books that are made available for our study. We are praying that you and your staff will be able to keep up the good work in the future; and, that we through your leadership can be better trained workers on this great field of harvest.

Pray for us and our work.

Rev. Burl H. Smiley  
Leadvale Baptist Church  
White Pine, Tennessee

## CARVER SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Tickets for Anniversary Luncheon for the Alumnae of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Chicago, Tuesday, May 28, are now on sale in the Tennessee W.M.U. Office. Each ticket is \$2.50. No tickets can be sold from the State Office after May 15. Those failing to get them by that time may secure them on arrival in Chicago.

## TENNESSEE DELEGATES TO CHICAGO

Tennessee has 91 delegates to the Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C. in session May 26-28. There will be no registration cards issued in the Tennessee Office and the plan of "first come, first registered," will be the plan observed by our state. You will get your card at the registration desk upon arrival. Let's fill our delegation.

The fifth annual National Church Conference for the Blind will convene in Kansas City, Mo., July 22-25. Information about the conference may be secured from Edwin Wilson, executive director, Braille Evangel, Box 6999, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

Baptists in Texas are planning to construct an amphitheater at their Palacios Assembly Grounds to honor John L. Hill, retired book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. For many years, Hill was vesper speaker at the assembly.

Miss Johnnie Barnhart, YWA president at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will become YWA and GA secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Oklahoma on June 1.

Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and Howard Butt, Baptist lay evangelist, will be among the speakers who will address the Southern Presbyterian Men's Convention at Miami in October.

William C. Doster, chairman of the humanities division at Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., was elected president of the Arkansas College Teachers of English for 1957-58 at the group's annual meeting.

Luther Carden, pastor of First Church Livingston since July 1954, resigned to become pastor of First Church Hartselle, Alabama April 21. Bro. Carden came to the Livingstone Church following graduation from the Louisville Seminary. He did a fine work in the church and in Riverside Association, serving in his second year as moderator.



## ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS, APRIL 21, 1957

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West

# Tennessee Topics

by EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington

Thomas C. Jowers, 91, died at his home near Reagan April 15. He had been a Baptist preacher for 73 years. His last pastorate was Piney Creek in Henderson County. This was the fourth minister we have lost in Beech River Association since February.

Jerry Glisson has completed one year as pastor at Leawood, Memphis. During these twelve months there were 314 additions, 129 by baptism. The church took note of this anniversary by presenting the Glissons with a projection screen and an electric cooker. W. O. Adams has been called as part-time music director and plans are underway for a new \$150,000 educational building. Howard Kolb, Birdsville, Texas, assisted the church in its spring revival April 14-24.

Roderick Latta, a product of West Jackson Church, has accepted a call to the First Church, McAllen, Texas. For the past three years he has served as minister of music at First Church, Stanford, Texas. He is the son of Deacon and Mrs. C. C. Latta of West Jackson Church.

Herbert C. Gabhart, McLean Church, Memphis, assisted Pastor Robert L. Orr and First Church, Dyersburg, in a revival April 28-May 5.

There were 19 additions in the meeting at Southland Church, Memphis, in which Walter M. Martin, Humboldt, did the preaching. Keith Wilson is pastor.

Asa Griffin was ordained to the ministry by Grace Church near Ripley on April 21. Larry K. Waycaster is the Grace pastor. Bro. Griffin has been called as pastor of Golddust Church near Ripley.

J. Russell Duffer is the new pastor at Ardmore, Memphis. He came from East Side Church, Paragould, Arkansas.

Work is progressing nicely on the new \$85,000 annex at First Church, Martin.

Gordon Crocker has served Leclair Chapel in Memphis since last December. There have been 90 additions. The mission is sponsored jointly by Leawood and Berclair churches.

Rockwood, Eureka	148	69	----
First	627	216	4
Pond Grove	122	41	----
Sevierville, First	716	132	2
Shelbyville, Edgemont	250	79	8
Shelbyville Mills	310	101	2
Smyrna, First	255	68	----
Somerville, First	305	143	3
South Pittsburg	256	68	----
Spring Hill, First	85	45	2
Sweetwater, First	542	102	----
Talbot	154	90	10
Ten Mile	80	34	----
Trezevant, First	205	70	----
Union City, First	864	246	3
Samburg	99	58	----
Watertown, Round Lick	216	92	----
White Pine	257	83	10
Nina	55	----	2

C. A. Noe has resigned Southmoor Church, Memphis, and has accepted the care of Reading Avenue Church, Texarkana, Texas.

James G. Phelps is the new pastor at Eads. Formerly he was with Chewalla Church in McNairy Association.

Herbert C. Gabhart has been elected president of the Shelby County Baptist Pastors Conference.

First Church, Paris, O. E. Turner, pastor, will have President Duke K. McCall of Southern Seminary in a revival, July 21-28.

West Paris Church observed anniversary Sunday recently. Pastor Leonard F. Gassaway is doing a fine job. The church was assisted in a revival, April 7-14, by Pastor G. D. Barrett, Huntsville Park Church, Huntsville, Alabama.

James E. Coggin, former pastor of Central Avenue, Memphis, and now at First Church, Texarkana, Texas, preached in a revival at McKenzie, L. H. Hatcher, pastor, April 21-May 1.

First Church, Collierville, D. C. Bandy, pastor, was blessed by a good meeting conducted by R. A. Hill, of High Street Church, Somerset, Ky. Fred Goldsmith led the singing. The meeting was a part of the Shelby County crusade, April 7-21.

Pastor W. A. Farmer reports 13 professions with 11 baptized during a recent meeting at Puryear conducted by Wade L. Carver, Memphis. Dan Erwin, local song leader, was in charge of the music.

Robert Benson has been called to the Church at Alamo and is now on the field. He succeeds J. T. Poe who is in language school in Costa Rica. Bob, as he is affectionately known, a graduate of Union University and Southwestern Seminary, comes from a pastorate at Rochester, Texas.

There were seven additions to First Church, Camden, Robert A. Sanders, pastor, April 7-14. E. L. Smothers, Milan, did the preaching.

Bruce Coyle is the new pastor at Westover near Jackson, succeeding Bob Patterson now with the state Sunday school department. Bruce is a former member of Calvary Church, Jackson.

Pastor David Q. Byrd reports one of the great revivals in recent years at West Jackson. There were 45 additions. Dan Cameron, pastor at Union City, was the visiting preacher and H. Lowrey Haynie conducted the song services.

There were 75 additions to Boulevard Church, Memphis, during a revival in which Harold Tallent, Madisonville, Ky., was the preacher. Pastor C. M. Pickler also had the services of Karl Steele, Wheaton, Ill., chalk-talk artist, during the meeting.

Robert G. Lee, Bellevue, Memphis, was with First Church, Macon, Miss., for a two-night preaching mission April 28 and 29. On Sunday evening he preached on "A Place Called Heaven" and on Monday evening, "Pay Day Some Day." Ivor L. Clark is the Macon pastor.

Charles A. Wingo observed his tenth anniversary as pastor of Kennedy Church, Memphis, on April 21. During this decade there have been 1,031 additions to the membership. There were 32 additions in the recent revival conducted by W. A. Boston, pastor at Raleigh.

Central Church, Martin, Alvin Gilliland, pastor, has a new minister of music, Robert Nations, of Jackson.

J. Paul Palmer, Charjean Church, Memphis, was with Pastor John W. Lowrance and Calvary Church, Nashville, in a recent revival.

First Church, Lexington, set an all-time high in Sunday School attendance on April 21. There were 634 present. At the evening hour the choir under the direction of Mrs. R. C. Chambers, presented a cantata, "He Lives Again."

Seventh Street Church, Memphis, reports 64 additions during their recent meeting in which the preaching was by Joe T. Odle, Jackson, Miss.

William Lloyd Glover, Jr., received the "God and Country" Scout award in a special service held recently at First Church, Ridgely, Bill F. Riley, Jr., pastor. This is the first award of this kind in the Ridgely church.

We shall miss the regular columns of our fellow reporter and good friend, Lloyd Householder. He was greatly beloved by the West Tennessee brethren.

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## Responding To God's Call

**TEXTS:** Genesis 12; 15 to 17; 22 (Larger)—Gen. 12:1-3; 17:1-9 (Printed)—Psalm 25:4 (Golden).

That three great religions, the Jewish and Christian and Mohammedan, look to Abraham as leader indicates something of his outstanding character. He is called, "the father of the faithful." His strength and vision, to mention only two factors, continue to amaze us. Such passages from the New Testament as Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19 help to understand and appreciate such a stalwart man of God. The printed passages for this lesson suggest the beginnings of his growth in faith. We consider them not merely as historical items but rather as guides to our own growth and development in Christian faith. Each of us, along with Abraham, should respond to God's call. For He always calls to our betterment as well as that of others.

### Change of Habitation (12:1-3)

For Abraham such a change involved one of location. He was called to leave the land of his fathers and migrate to an entirely new one. He responded "not knowing whither he went". For us it is more likely to involve a change of attitude rather than a change of location, for this too includes a change of "habitation". It is where we actually live in spirit and in ambition that counts.

Many who read these notes would do well to change habitations, in the sense just indicated. We may continue to dwell on the same street or farm and at the same time really live, for the first time it may be, in "Beulah land". To find ourselves in the very center of God's will, regardless of geography, is a change that all of us need to make. This means, among other things, a complete break with the objectionable past and a courageous facing of the future. "Get thee out of thy country", God says.

### Covenant of Promise (17:1-4)

The covenant of promise offered by the Lord to Abraham occurred during the latter's ninety-ninth year. One wonders how this conforms to the modern practice of often forced retirement of workers at the age of sixty-five. Society and the individual are paying a terrific price, in more ways than one, in such a practice. An aroused public conscience will correct this in the future. Be that as it may, God made a solemn promise to Abraham. He promised him multiplied offspring. "Thou shalt be a father of many nations". He also promised him the land of Canaan "for an everlasting possession". But, as always, the covenant of promise was two-sided. Abraham and his descendants must meet the conditions of being loyal and faithful to God.

One theological formulation which encompasses the above concept is the final preservation, or perseverance, of the saints. God's people will be preserved in order that

they may persevere. It is well to keep clearly in mind both words and the thoughts for which they stand. God promises and we illustrate such promises in performance. A covenant, or contract, is sacred and must be kept by both parties who enter into it. We do not worry about God's part. We must keep in mind our part.

### Consecration of Life (17:5-9)

The Father of the Faithful had his name changed from Abram to Abraham. The change of name was symbolical of his change of life. In much the same manner, although without as much accentuation of nature, his grandson would have a similar experience. The name of Jacob would be replaced with that of Israel. But for both the experience indicates consecration of life. This is what should be expected in all spiritual covenants.

If God obligates Himself, we should obligate ourselves. If He lives up to His part, we should live up to ours. Such consecration reaches its most exalted and challenging expression: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20a). This is indeed a high ideal, but surely it is not too high.

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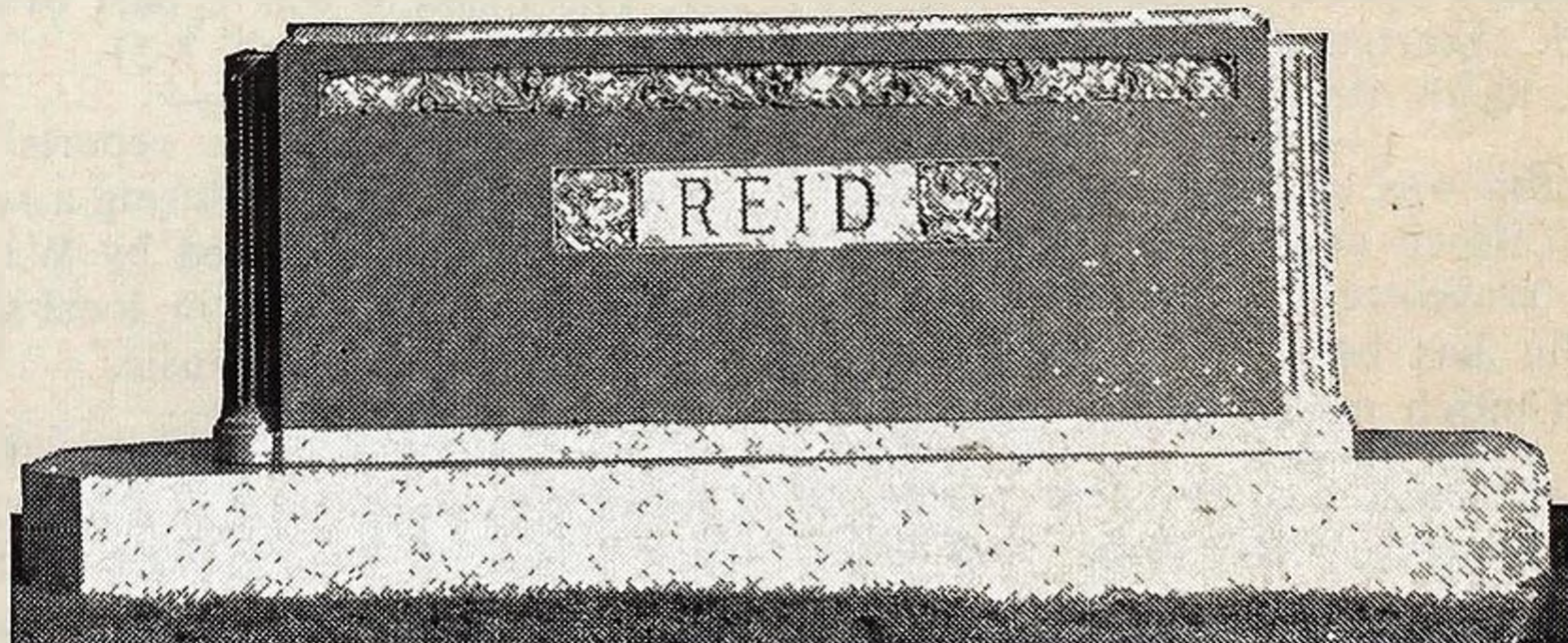
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# The Young South

Do you like to pretend? Most boys and girls do. Let's pretend that I am visiting your town this week and you are showing me some of the springtime loveliness there. What would you choose to show first? Would it be the beautiful flowers in your yard or along the roadside? Or would it be a "carpet" of green grass or a big shade tree with bright new leaves? Perhaps, if you live on the farm, you will choose to show me your springtime garden with tiny new plants pushing up through the soil. Birds, baby chicks, farm animals, bright blue skies with fluffy white clouds—perhaps you'd show me these.



Of course, I can not visit each Young South friend. I cannot even go to each town, every section of Tennessee. So I must depend on you to share your springtime beauties in another way. Do you think you could draw a picture of something pretty in your neighborhood? Or would you make me a word picture that describes a special bit of beauty near you? Thank you!

Now is a good time to choose pen pals, too. There are many interesting things to write about. Read today's letters then choose one friend with whom to share a bit of your springtime joy.

*From Ruth Waddell, 409 E. Barnard Street, Greeneville, Tenn.:*

This is my first time to write to you. I am 15 and in the eighth grade at Junior High School. I would like to have some pen pals about my age—14-17.



*From Robbie Jones, Star Route, Tellico Plains, Tenn.:*

I am 7 years old and will be 8 in September. I go to Rural Vale School. My hobby is playing with dolls. I go to Towee Falls Baptist Church where Brother Woodrow Butler is pastor. I enjoy church very much. I promise to answer all the pen-pal letters that I get.

*From Clure Jones, Star Route, Tellico Plains, Tenn.:*

I am 12 years old, My birthday is December 19. My hobby is playing the piano. I go to Rural Vale School and am in the seventh grade. I also go to Towee Falls Baptist Church. I have one sister. I enjoy watching TV. I want pen pals any age and will answer every letter I receive.

*From Paulette Hunicutt, Route 1, Portland, Tenn.:*

I am 10 years old. I go to Portland Elementary School and am in the fourth grade. I want pen pals between the ages of 8 and

12. I would like to have a picture of each pen pal. I go to Portland Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother Dowdy. I will try to answer every letter I get. Thank you.



*From Betty Lehew, 202 Rogers Avenue, Lebanon, Tenn.:*

I am 10 years old. I go to Southside Baptist Chapel. I have two sisters and one brother. My family are all Christians. My hobby is skating. My pastor is Brother Tommy Mosley. I would like to have pen pals ages 10-12 and will answer all the letters I get.

*From Onetah Faye Sellars, Route 2, Watertown, Tenn.:*

I am 17 years old. My birthday is April 7. I go to Watertown High School where I am a sophomore. I am a Christian and go to the First Baptist Church at Watertown, where Brother Joe Strothers is pastor. I think he is one of the best pastors anyone could have.

I would like to have letters from friends 14-18 years old. I want a pen pal in another state and one from outside the United States but now living in the states. I will try to answer every letter I get. Thank you.



*From Ann Lehew, 202 Rogers Avenue, Lebanon, Tenn.:*

I am 13 years old and go to Southside Baptist Chapel. I am a Christian and am enrolled in Sunday school and Training Union. My pastor is Brother Tommy Mosley. My favorite sports are basketball and softball. I would like to have pen pals ages 13-15. I will answer every letter I get.

A happy springtime to you! And thank you again for taking time to share something pretty with me!

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way it was  
told to us . . .

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

A car screeched to a halt at an intersection and barely missed an old lady. I waited for the tongue lashing that I thought the woman was going to give the driver.

Instead of bawling him out, she just smiled sweetly and pointed to a pair of baby shoes dangling from his rear-view mirror.

"Young man," she asked, "why don't you put your shoes back on?"

At dinner one evening a 6-year-old granddaughter overheard a child refuse bacon with words, "I'm Catholic and don't eat meat on Friday."

She went back to her meal without saying anything, but the following Monday she pushed away her spinach. "I'm Methodist," she said firmly, "and don't eat spinach on Monday."

A lady with a young boy drove into a service station and asked that her tires be checked, but before the attendant could get around to his chore, her son leaped out of the auto and said he would check the tires.

"You get back into the car and let the man do it," the woman told him. "What do you think we pay taxes for?"

*Outdoor California*, published by the California Department of Fish and Game, reprinted an essay by a youthful naturalist on "This Is What a Geese Is," as follows:

"Geese is a low, heavy set bird which is mostly meat and feathers. His head sits on one side and he sits on the other. Geese can't sing much on account of dampness of the moisure.

"He ain't got no bettween-the-toes and he's got a little balloon in his stummick to keep from sinking.

"Some geese when they get big has curls on their tails and is called ganders. Ganders don't haff to sit and hatch but just eat and go swimming.

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# Calendar Of Activities Prepared For Adoption

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The Southern Baptist Committee on Denominational Calendar has prepared a calendar of activities for 1958 which it will ask the Convention to adopt at its Chicago session May 28-31.

The major emphases by months, according to Albert McClellan, Nashville, chairman of the committee:

January—Church schools of missions; Special Bible study week, Jan. 6-10; Woman's Missionary Society Focus Week, Jan. 12-17.

February—Emphasis on theological seminaries and Carver School of Missions and Social Work; Baptist World Alliance Sunday, Feb. 2; Young Women's Auxiliary Focus Week, Feb. 9-15; Southern Baptist Rural Life Conference, Feb. 24-27.

March—Home Missions emphasis; Woman's Missionary Union week of prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, Mar. 3-7; Training Union study courses; Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday school, offering, Mar. 30.

April—Stress Baptist colleges and schools; youth week, Apr. 6-13; Baptist youth night, Apr. 12; Jewish Fellowship Week, Apr. 14-20; Christian Education day, Apr. 27.

May—Emphasize ministry of Baptist hospitals and nurse recruitment; Christian Home Week, May 4-11; Girls Auxiliary Focus Week, May 11-17; annual session, Southern Baptist Convention, May 21-23, Houston, W.M.U. session, May 18-20.

June—Emphases are Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board; life commitment to Christian service; Vacation Bible Schools;

Convention assemblies at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., begin summer season.

July—Assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

August—Assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorieta in final weeks; Sunbeam Focus Week, Aug. 10-16; Off-to-College day; Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress, Aug. 12-14, Fort Worth.

September—Emphasis on church music and on state Baptist foundations and Southern Baptist foundation; associational Sunday school planning meetings, Sept. 9; Training Union planning meetings (may be observed in October or November if desired); W.M.U. season of prayer for state missions.

October—Call attention to Cooperative Program, the financial plan of the Convention, and to associational mission rallies; Sunday school training courses; Layman's Day, Oct. 12; State mission day in the Sunday school with offering, Oct. 26 (may vary in some states); Christian Stewardship Week, Oct. 26-Nov. 2.

November—Christian literature is emphasized listing the various types published by the Convention; Pledge Day (for church budgets), Nov. 2; Royal Ambassador Focus Week, Nov. 2-8; Children's Home day (as promoted by state Baptist bodies).

December—Special emphasis on foreign missions; Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to Foreign Missions and Woman's Missionary Union prayer week for foreign missions, Dec. 1-5; Training Union "M" night, Dec. 1; Student night at Christmas service, Dec. 28.

## Preacher In And Out Of Jail For Many Years Is Free Again

BEDFORD, England, February, 1676—(BP)—John Bunyan, the nonconformist minister who has been in and out of jail here since 1661, is free again. His latest confinement was for only six months.

The preacher owes his freedom today to the intervention of Bishop Barlow of Lincoln. Friends of Bunyan appealed to the bishop, who has the right to release a nonconformist prisoner in his diocese upon the appeal of two or more persons. The release was granted under the provision that the prisoner shall conform to the requirements of the Anglican Church within six months.

One of those who appealed to Bishop Barlow on Bunyan's behalf was John Owen, prominent nonconformist and former associate of the bishop at Oxford. The clergyman took the precaution of having release of the Protestant firebrand approved by the Lord Chancellor, thus relieving himself of responsibility in the event of repercussions.

After enjoying freedom for approximately three years, Bunyan was placed under arrest again in March, 1675.

The warrant ordered the arrest of "one John Bunyan, who has at divers times within one month past in contempt of His Majesty's good laws, preached or taught at a meeting or assembly under color or pretense of exercise of religion in other manner than according to the liturgy or practice of the Church of England."

Bunyan had been released from prison in 1672 under the Declaration of Indulgence of King Charles II, but the action proved unpopular with nonconformists who suspected that the declaration was designed to protect Catholics. Intolerance of nonconformists became acute last year, and Bunyan was arrested after the king was persuaded to call in the licenses granted to nonconformist preachers and places of worship.

The preacher was first arrested in 1660 while preaching and was charged with conducting a seditious meeting. Sentenced without a jury trial to three months' imprisonment, Bunyan remained in jail for twelve years. Law enforcement officers refused to release him because the prisoner frankly declared that he would resume preaching if set free.

Through the years Bunyan and his wife tried unsuccessfully to win for him a fair trial. Once the jailer was warned to keep a closer watch on the preacher when it was reported that Bunyan was sometimes allowed brief leaves of absence. In prison the minister wrote prodigiously, preached to other prisoners, and supported his wife and family by making and selling laces.

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## Baptist Paper Manager Dies Of Heart Attack

GREENVILLE, S. C.—(BP)—Funeral services and burial were held here for Robert Francis Terrell, circulation manager of the *Baptist Courier* for more than 25 years.

Terrell suffered an apparent heart attack shortly after completing his sermon April 7 at Starr Baptist Church, Starr, S. C. The congregation was singing the closing hymn when the attack came. He was supplying the pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

Terrell joined the *Baptist Courier*, weekly paper of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, in 1926 as circulation manager.

He filled the same post for the *Biblical Recorder*, Baptist weekly paper in North Carolina, from 1935-1940, then returned to Greenville and his former post with the *Baptist Courier*.

*Courier* Editor S. H. Jones assisted Pastor C. Earl Cooper in funeral services at Earle St. Baptist Church here, where Terrell held his membership.

## Missouri WMU Workers Killed In Auto Wreck

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—(BP)—Two office workers for the Woman's Missionary Union of Missouri here were killed recently in an automobile wreck while en route to a WMU convention in St. Louis.

A field secretary for the state WMU organization was injured and a fourth passenger in the car escaped injury.

Editor H. H. McGinty of the state Baptist paper, *Word and Way*, said the workers killed were Mrs. Helen Stacy and Mrs. Bernice Scrivner. Mrs. A. B. Constantz, driver of the car, was injured. The other passenger was Miss Mary Bidstrup, associate secretary of the state WMU.

McGinty said Mrs. Constantz was forced off the highway by another motorist. It was the first fatal accident involving state Baptist workers, who travel thousands of miles a year by various modes of transportation.

Funeral services and burial were held in Jefferson City.