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## *Personalities in Chicago Meetings*

Among those to appear on the program of the Woman's Missionary Union, meeting in the Medinah Temple, Chicago, May 26-28, are at right, J. Howard Williams, president, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., WMU president; Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board; bottom from left, Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, executive secretary, WMU; C. Oscar Johnson, pastor, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, and Mrs. Howard Butt, Jr., wife of the layman evangelist, Corpus Christi, Tex. — Baptist Press.



Scheduled on the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel, May 27-28, are, at the left, James P. Wesberry, Atlanta, president; R. G. Lee, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; F. Townley Lord, London, past president, Baptist World Alliance; bottom row from left, E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston; Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, and Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, president, Baptist World Alliance. —Baptist Press.



# The Mailbag

## ... Link With Cooperative Work

I hope I am not too late in renewing my subscription as I do not want to miss a copy of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. It is the best letter I get from home. Since I've moved here it is my only link with Co-operative Southern Baptist work. I find American Baptists friendly, spiritual folk, but their method of operating is quite different from Southern Baptists. So I yearn for familiar terms . . . graded Sunday school, Woman's Missionary Union, Training Union and many others that we took for granted BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR keeps me informed about these things.—Mrs. Irvin L. Hill, Sr., Milldale and Franklin Streets, Plantsville, Conn.

## ... Southern Baptists in the North

● Recently I had the privilege of being in the city of Detroit, Michigan and of speaking in the Cass Avenue Baptist Church, one of our Southern Baptist Churches of that City. This fine group of Christians bought the building formerly occupied by another denomination in downtown Detroit. The work they are presently carrying on is most encouraging, even though it is fraught with great difficulties.

Pastor L. G. Hall, a native Tennessean, has been with the work in that city for many years now, and he pointed out certain problems that exist. For example, many Southerners pour into Detroit and other northern cities each year, but they are usually unaware of our Southern Baptist work in the area. Some Baptists with American Baptist Churches and others remain inactive.

These courageous leaders who are launching the work in northern and western states need more help and encouragement from our local churches. Our emphasis on affiliation with our local church is commendable. But we need to realize that people



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Thus Saith The Preacher—

## Of Time, Space, And The Preacher

Dear Editor:

Next time you take the grandchildren out to visit the zoo, take a look at the wondrous variety of animals and think to yourself: "There, but for a few physical modifications, are members of the species *preacher*."

Wait a minute, I don't intend this as any indignity to the homilectic profession, nor am I expounding brother Darwin's theories. A Dallas preacher would skin my hide for the latter. It just seems to me this is a good way to point out that preacher's habits are so diverse as to defy definition.

There's the heavy-footed, slow-moving type who keeps plugging away at a single sermon theme, then the enthusiast who bounces blithely from one limb to another, the plunger who likes to immerse himself completely in his subject and footnote every sermon with church history or the original Greek, and there's the dreamer on the tree-top whose only movement is a mysterious rolling of the eyes.

No matter what category you or I fit, the real factor to consider in the long run is: Are we satisfied with our present working habits *in terms of the results they get*? If not, shed your skin right away and try a different one on for size.

If you're making no progress by maintaining a stand-offish, lion-like pride in the subjects you design to preach, become a giraffe. Stick your neck out and try a different diet. If the system of sticking to the path of one idea trying to gather momentum like a rhinoceros doesn't pay off, try a few chimpanzee tactics instead. Swing from one subject to another and back again, not only for variety, but to see things in a different perspective.

Personally, I prefer the chimpanzee method. Watch it, get that gleam out of your eye, I know what you're thinking! I often wish I could be more systematic, but I'm just happier with lots of ideas runnin' around at the same time. One thing sort of nourishes another, even if the subjects aren't too closely related.

But the best way for us to judge our working habits is by the results we get, or *want!*

Wantingly yours,

G. Avery Lee

Ruston, La.

## Traffic Advice: Don't Use Auto In Chicago

CHICAGO—(BP)—If you come to Chicago by automobile, don't plan to use it to commute between downtown hotels and the International Amphitheater.

The best thing to do is to park your car and use some other means of transportation to and from the Amphitheater, the arrangements committee for the 1957 Southern Baptist Convention session recommends.

While there is a 15-acre parking lot at the International Amphitheater, it is a four-mile drive to reach the Amphitheater from the area where most Conventioners will be staying. Much of that driving would have to be done through congested city traffic on unfamiliar streets, some of it during rush hours.

There are several large parking lots, owned by the city or by private firms, within a short distance of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, the Convention headquarters hotel.

do move, and it is quite important for their future welfare that we inform them about transferring their membership to other active Southern Baptist Churches.

Another way that we can offer encouragement to these missionary endeavors is by contacting the leaders as we travel in these sections of the country. They welcome our visits in their services and our offer to participate in their programs if we let them know in advance of our coming. They deserve our prayers and continuing interest.—G. Harold Massey, Dean of Students, Belmont College, Nashville

## Shelby Association Reports 1,146 Baptisms

There were 1,146 baptisms in the churches of Shelby County Baptist Association as a result of the recent simultaneous revival evangelistic crusade, according to a report received in the office of F. M. Dowell, Jr., secretary of Evangelism for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville.

The report sums up results from 91 churches and missions in Memphis and Shelby County. In addition to the 1,146 baptisms there were 846 additions by letter and 10 by statement making a total of 2,002 additions to the churches. Boulevard Church with 86 baptisms topped the list of churches reporting in the crusade.

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—(BP)—Ouachita College trustees have created the new post of vice-president of the college and elected James Edmondson to fill it.

Edmondson, a professor at the Baptist college since 1951, is presently chairman of the department of business. He will be primarily responsible for financial administration and fund-raising.

The trustees re-elected Ralph Phelps to a fifth year as president of the college.

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—Governor of Kentucky, A. B. Chandler, will speak for the golden anniversary celebration at Campbellsville Baptist College here on May 17. May 17-20 has been designated as semi-centennial week-end on the campus.



## RACIAL TENSIONS

Some of our people feel that we should avoid any discussion of this issue because of its controversial nature. This is a strange note to inject into the affairs of Baptists. Religious controversy led to the stoning of the prophets, the crucifixion of Christ, the beheading of Paul, and the death of unnumbered martyrs through the ages. The churches of Christ have made progress and have changed the course of history by the introduction of discordant ideas. A conformist church never changes anything.

In this our day of world mission advance, we cannot avoid this issue. The problem is rooted deeply in our history and is the product of a series of tragic social experiences that have left their marks on both the Negro and white citizens of our country. The people of both groups must gird themselves with patience, the white man fighting the pride of his old mastery and the Negro the pride of his new achievements.

We must remember that in this controversy we are dealing with individuals as persons. We cannot depend upon automatic social processes to produce harmony as if all the people of any one race are alike in quality of character or capacity. Nor can we depend on laws that fix the status and define the rights of individuals in one race in relation to those in another. Legal and social patterns that doom all Negroes to a servile "place" in American society regardless of their cultural progress can only make for increasing conflict. Laws are futile solutions. They cannot make peace. The Christian cannot stop at the point of law. He is motivated by love and grace.

We must realize that the racial issue is basically a moral and religious question. We do not mean by this that the churches should seek to implement court decisions, although any church, church body, or individual should be left free to express himself on the question. We do mean that the Christian is obligated to accept and follow the teachings of Christ with respect to the dignity and worth of every individual, irrespective of his race or position in human society. Any movement, system, or law that denies this truth by statement, implication, or social practice is not in accord with the teachings of Jesus nor the principles of our Christian faith.

In accordance with these teachings, this Commission protests the violence in all its forms that is used against Negro people in the current segregation issue or at any other time. In recognition of the Negro's rights as a citizen, the law enforcement agencies of local, state, and national governments should protect him, irrespective of his position or culture, from lawless attacks on his person or property.

We believe that our nation cannot long endure these lawless attacks made upon the person and property of free citizens in contempt of the law and the courts of justice. The perpetrators of these crimes, regardless of their position or influences in the community, should be brought to legal justice.

Furthermore, in keeping with our historic Baptist position on the freedom of conscience and expression in religion under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we call to the attention of the people in our churches and other citizens of our country the fact that any suppression of these freedoms, whether it be by the laws of state or by economic, civic, social, or church pressures, denies the voluntary principle in religion and imperils both religious and political freedom at its source.

We are witnessing today the betrayal of these freedoms by vocal minorities in some communities and churches who are able to arouse sufficient opposition to force the resignation of pastors and to incite retaliation against peaceful citizens who speak or act according to their convictions on racial justice and interracial goodwill. The people of our nation should be reminded that both the voice of God and the verdict of history warn us that those who deny these freedoms to others do not long retain them for themselves.

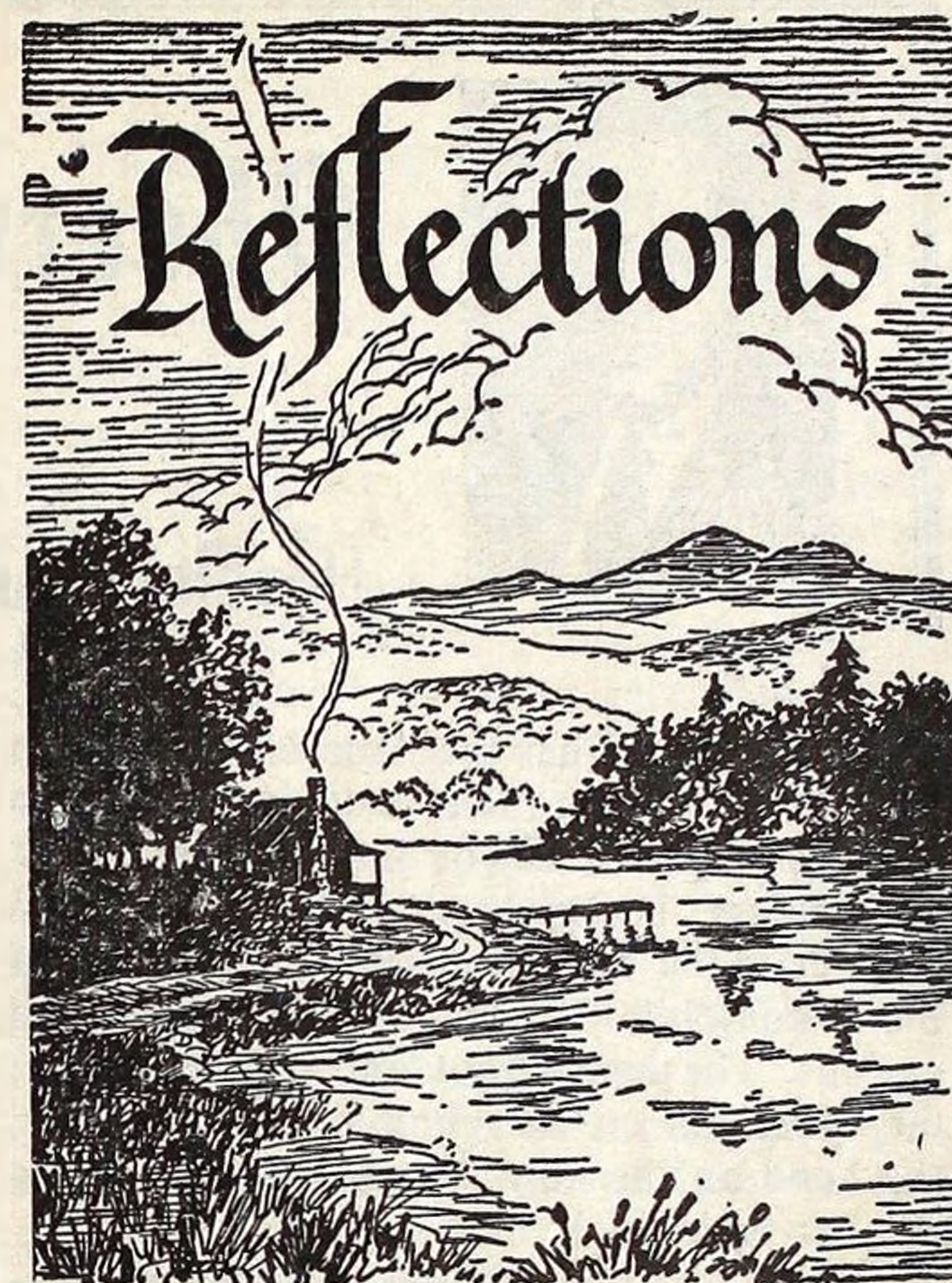
## New Buildings Approved

GREENVILLE, S. C.—(BP)—Contracts for four new buildings to be erected at the new campus of Furman University have been officially approved by the University's board of trustees.

The buildings include three dormitories and a dining hall. Already completed at the new campus, five miles north of Greenville, are four major structures—a men's dormitory, administration building, main classroom building, and library.

Construction on the buildings is expected to start immediately, and should be completed in about a year, according to J. H. Scarborough, administration director of the university.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—Three states moved past the 100 mark in advance registrations for the first National Conference of Southern Baptist Men during April. Texas leads in number of men registered, with Oklahoma and Missouri second and third respectively. Total registration now is 847.



It is not the fact that a man has riches which keeps him from the Kingdom of Heaven, but the fact that riches have him.—David Caird, *World Call*.

Recipe for "Brotherhood Cookies": Take 3 cups *faith*, 2 cups *patience*, 1 cup *sympathy*, 1 cup *forgiveness*, 2 teaspoons *kindness*, one-half cup *courage*, 1 tablespoon *respect* and 1 cup *understanding*. In a bowl of love, mix patience, faith and sympathy. Whip forgiveness, kindness and courage until well blended, and add to batter. Pour into a heart of joy flavored with harmony. Top with spread of understanding, sweetened with respect. Bake in oven of faith. Serve with a smile.—Ester Fire, author of *"The Power of Dynamic Faith."*

Our society is full of people who are terribly worried about success and prestige, but not worried half enough about what they are doing to themselves. From any sensible standpoint they ought to be bothered about the fact that their children are strangers to them; they ought to be bothered about the fact that their friendships are superficial. No amount of money can compensate for the way they are robbing themselves and making slaves of themselves. They have every right to be anxious; but they are anxious about the wrong things.—David E. Roberts, *In The Grandeur and Misery of Man*

Ministers are not called to be dictators, but shepherds. As shepherds they should lovingly lead the flock, not drive it. A driven flock will be a divided flock before long.—From *"Called of God"* by Gilbert L. Guffin (Revell)

If the average preacher would listen to some other preacher twice each day for two weeks, he would go home and abbreviate his messages.—*Baptist Standard*.





# Observations

By  
OWEN

## Heedless And Needless

A new disease has the American people in its grip and no miracle drug is in sight to stop its frightful toll of human lives.

Heedless horsepower bringing needless disaster is the chronic disease of the Age of the Automobile. Its symptoms are many and various. The heavy foot on the accelerator; the eye fixed on the climbing speedometer; the hand on the horn; the mind idling while the car is in high.

In its 23rd annual highway safety publication, "Heedless Horsepower," The Travelers Insurance Companies of Hartford, Conn., point to the fact that 40,000 Americans were killed and 2,368,000 injured in 1956 on U.S. highways. That's an increase of six per cent in fatalities and nearly ten per cent in injuries over 1955's toll.

"The disease of heedless horsepower is highly contagious," the booklet states. It can be spread by an irresponsible word, an inflated claim, a careless example. And everyone who is in a position to influence drivers should learn that horsepower, in the hands of the heedless, is the fundamental cause of our ever-mounting toll of disaster.

Criminally contributive to needless disasters is the effect of drink upon drivers. The drinking driver is a deadly menace at the wheel of a car. He becomes heedless of life itself.

In recent years, engineers have made many attempts to feature safety equipment in the new cars. Probably many lives have been spared by safety glass, seat belts, padded instrument panels, all-steel bodies, etc. But these safety devices can be nullified by any combination of speed plus carelessness, thoughtlessness or lack of judgment by the driver behind the wheel.

Casualty lists on U.S. highways have mounted steadily until in 1956 all records of heedless haste and needless waste were shamefully broken. The facts of human suffering and death speak for themselves.

Human error is by far the biggest single cause of accidents. Figures compiled by The Travelers show that in 96.4 per cent of the fatal crashes last year, the automobile was in apparently good condition. Clear,

## Figure It Out For Yourself

"Who Makes Our Denomination a Success?" Robert L. Lee, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, last week answered this question in the Louisiana Baptist Message in the following striking way. You figure it out for yourself:

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcxpt for onx of thx kxys. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd prxfxctly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty-six kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our church is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr—not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working propxrlly.

You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I am only onx pxrson. I won't makx or brxak thx church." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcasx a church to bx xffxctivx nxxds thx activx participation of vxvry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdx, rxmxxbxx my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I am nxxdx vxry much."

dry weather prevailed in more than 85 per cent of these instances!

If this year's record is equal to that of 1956, one in 70 Americans will be a statistic . . . a pain wracked survivor, or a name in the obituary column.

## Students From Overseas

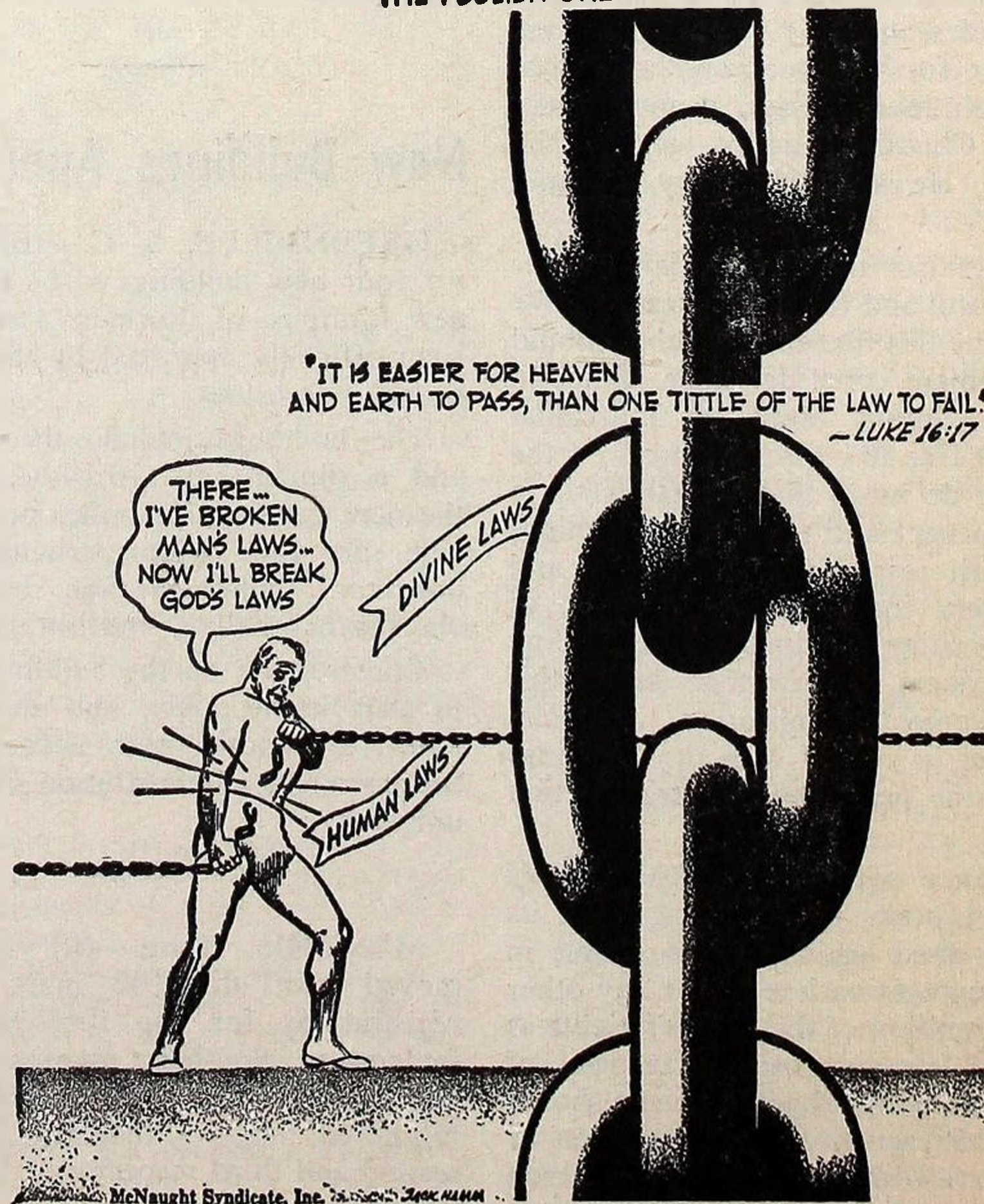
The J. R. Saunders of Santa Monica, California, are doing a work among foreign students in this country which is paying off in dividends of friendship for America.

Through Pan Pacific Centers, Inc., they are providing a welcome to these, often lonely, students which helps them to feel a hand of friendship in America. BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR appreciates a recent visit by the Saunders.

Ruddy-faced, white-haired, Dr. Saunders has a warm and friendly smile. A native of McNairy County, Tennessee, he went out to China as a Southern Baptist missionary in 1901. Mrs. Saunders (Mary Ellen Hawk) is a native of Bristol. They edit "Asia Calling," which points up the need in America for Christian interest and friendliness to young people from Asia who are students in our land.

"There are more than 11,000 Asian students studying in our schools," says Dr. Saunders. "They are the picked leaders of the Orient; upon them hangs the future of war or peace in the East. Investment in them, through hospitality, financial assistance and the friendliness which seeks not only to have them understand us, but to understand them, will yield manifold dividends for world peace and cooperation."

## THE FOOLISH ONE





## Five Major Questions Will Confront S.B.C. At Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill.—(BP)—At least five major questions will confront the 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention when it opens its four-day meeting at International Amphitheater May 28.

In addition to these major questions there will be four or more matters of Convention emphasis which will be brought out in programs and reports.

The probable major questions are:

1. The proposed sixth seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention. The 1956 session at Kansas City approved the seminary and asked a special committee on theological, religious, and missionary education to consider a site for it and means for financing it.

The committee has visited several proposed sites including Chicago, Kansas City, and Denver. It has not thus far indicated whether it will recommend any one of these as the most suitable location for the seminary.

Strong sentiment exists among Southern Baptists for each of the localities. Supporters of each have made clear by word and printed material why they believe their site is most appropriate.

2. The survey of Southern Baptist Convention agencies. The committee to study the total Southern Baptist program of activities is asking for another year to complete its survey. If the request is granted, the question will be one of the major ones confronting the 1958 Convention at Houston rather than the 1957 Convention.

3. The election of a new Southern Baptist Convention president. C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., ends his two-year term as president and is ineligible to be re-elected.

4. The proposed SBC hospital at Miami, Fla. The 1956 Convention approved location of a hospital there, following offer of land and part of the money necessary to build it from Arthur Vining Davis, retired aluminum company official and multi-millionaire Florida land developer. From several Convention groups and well-known ministers has come opposition to the hospital being operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. They feel that the hospital ought to be an undertaking of Florida Baptists instead.

5. The pending amendment to the Southern Baptist Convention constitution regarding church autonomy. The proposed amendment was offered at the 1956 Convention but must be heard a second year before it can be acted upon. Its supporters claim it would give increased weight to the Convention's position that churches now co-operating with it have complete freedom over their property and internal affairs, including withdrawal of co-operation with the SBC.

The emphases which will underlie the 1957 Convention are (1) world missions, since 1957 is World Missions Year; (2) the joint session of the Convention and Woman's Missionary Union, only the second time in SBC history it has happened; (3)

the record budget of \$16½ million for 1958 to be offered for approval; (4) development of plans for the Baptist Jubilee Advance and establishment of 30,000 new churches, missions, and preaching points by 1964.

## Worship And Service

No one aspect of modern religious life pleases me more than the change in the conception of the two key words in my heading. In my boyhood days, people went to church on the Sabbath to attend "services"; now we go to church to attend the worship and then go into the world to do service. One of the fundamental and primary purposes of worship is to reinforce and prepare one for life service. In my younger days and in my early community, if many of the church members got into their respective seats in time to hear the minister announce his text, they felt that they were in good time. The bulletin of our church here at Wake Forest announces the service to begin at 10:55. A friend asked why that was done when the morning paper announced it to begin at 11 o'clock. I told him that the organ prelude began at 10:55 and that our people had come to regard that as an essential part of the worship. Personally, I hope that we are learning to worship in a way that was not true in my boyhood or even twenty-five years ago. May this concept of the two words continue to develop this way until the richest and best in each of the words has been realized in its proper and most meaningful way!—W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest, N.C.

## Attack Lavish Funerals

EUGENE, Ore. — (RNS) — Too many persons have lavish funerals their families can't afford, the Rev. Steen Whiteside told the Eugene Ministerial Association.

The Episcopal minister said he drives a Ford and can see no reason when he dies "to park my carcass in a Cadillac." He said burial is no time for a family to be held up to a standard of cost which the deceased never had.

The propriety and economics of present-day funeral practices came under close scrutiny by the ministers at their meeting. Eugene is Oregon's second largest city.

Other ministers were critical of funeral parlor lighting effects on open caskets, which they said, takes emphasis away from the word of God.

One pastor said he thought music requested for funerals sometimes was in poor taste.

The Rev. Ingard Olsen, a Lutheran, said ministers are happier when a memorial is given in place of flowers.

The Ministerial Association voted to poll local morticians on their criticisms.

## Study Time For Pastors

The arguments continue pro and con over the matter of overloaded and overworked pastors. Some have even denied that a problem exists, seemingly daring to assume, unrealistically that a preacher is a little bit more than human and who stands up year after year under the load of three men's work. At least that seems to be the lot of the typical Southern Baptist pastor who does a little bit of everything, especially with the present shortage of staff members in so many growing churches. Of course, there are a few pastors among us who manage to keep four hours of study time daily, and curtail their other activities to visiting and counseling, but you will find most of these "exceptions" pastoring churches that are not typically Southern Baptist.

Maybe we need to think through new patterns of arrangement between pastors and churches as to vacations and study time. A doctor recently disclosed that it is necessary for him to get out of town one week out of four because of the busy twenty-four-hour-a-day schedule for the three weeks he is in town.

The formula I suggest is as follows: one week every three months, three months every three years.

The interpretation is as follows: three months after vacation, a busy pastor feels the need of another "let-up". The church will benefit greatly when the pastor is able to enjoy one week of relaxation and/or uninterrupted reading every three months. Of course, two weeks could be taken together one time a year.

Unless a pastor is able to guard his four hours study each day, he could use a three months period every three years for special study in one of our graduate schools. Splendid courses are offered by all of the seminaries now during the summer but so many pastors feel that they are not free to leave their local church field to attend.

It may be that, by following such an arrangement, churches could help develop their good pastors into great preachers also.—Paul W. Turner, Pastor First Baptist Church, Clinton, Tenn.

(P.S. I plan to propose this new arrangement in my church in 1975—maybe.)

## Our Error—A Slug Dropped Out

New Orleans Seminary does not have any "candidates for the Doctor of Divinity degree" as appeared in a news item on page 8 of this paper on May 2 when a slug of type dropped out of the story concerning the commencement at the New Orleans Seminary May 17. The article was supposed to read, "Eight students are candidates for the Doctor of Theology degree; two for the Master of Theology; 79 for the Bachelor of Divinity."





LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Thirty-four Tennesseans are expected to receive degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here May 24. They are Top Row (left to right) John Greene Dyer, Chattanooga, M.S.M.; Robert Dewey McCray, Bristol, B.D.; Norman Smith Deaton, Memphis, B.D.; Charles Raymond Gaba, Jackson, B.D.; Mack Fair Bingham, Chattanooga, M.R.E.; Jean P. Peoples, Chattanooga, M.S.M.; Dillard A. Mynatt, Fountain City, B.D.; Joe Richard Stacker, Nashville, B.D.; Second Row, Robert N. Sanders, Memphis, B.D.; Dwight Keith Lyons, Elizabethton, B.T.; Robert Ernest Brown, Jr., Memphis, B.D.; James L. Corbett, Jefferson City, B.D.; David William Salley, Kingsport, B.D.; Doyle Kenneth Day, Greenfield, B.D.; Robert Burns Troutman, Knox-

ville, B.D.; George M. Horton, Martin, B.D.; Third Row, William D. Sharp, Clinton, B.D.; Paul Lemuel Smith, Knoxville, M.S.M.; Frank O. Blackman, Brentwood, B.D.; James Thomas Nolen, Clarksville, M.R.E.; Ward Arthur Weaver, Chattanooga, M.S.M.; Harry E. Moore, Jr., Knoxville, B.D.; G. Temp Sparkman, Madison, M.R.E.; C. Eugene Spencer, Knoxville, Dip. Ch. M.; Louis Oliver Ball, Jr., Knoxville, M.S.M.; Bottom Row, Lloyd Thomas Householder, Jr., Maryville, M.R.E.; Eleven Delano Hensley, Trenton, B.T.; James Foster Yates, Brownsville, B.D.; Richard F. Mazanec, Portland, M.R.E.; Cliffodean Boyd, Lebanon, M.R.E.; James A. Boswell, Medina, B.D.; Harold Rhea Gray, Chattanooga, B.D.; Fred Warren Hood, Chattanooga, M.S.M.; and Paul Jennings Tabor, Shelbyville, B.D.

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## SBC Gives Support To American Bible Society

NEW YORK—(BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention is the second-leading denomination in financial support to the American Bible Society.

The Bible Society office here reported that during 1956, Southern Baptists contributed \$120,732 to work of translating, publishing and distributing Bibles and portions of Scripture carried on by the Society.

Only The Methodist Church gave more as a denomination—\$174,447. Northern Presbyterian (U.S.A.) followed Southern Baptists with gifts amounting to \$73,583.

The American Bible Society does its work independent of affiliation with any denomination but receives support from about 55 denominations in the United States in addition to contributions from private donors.

Southern Baptist Convention support of the American Bible Society comes from local churches. The Convention itself does not appropriate any funds from its budget. However the American Bible Society has a place on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention each year in which it presents a report on its work.

## 800th Baptist Church Joins Illinois Asso.

CARBONDALE, Ill.—(BP)—The 800th church to affiliate with the Illinois Baptist State Association has been organized, fulfilling a goal the association set to be reached prior to the 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Noel M. Taylor, association executive secretary, reported that the 800th church is Southside Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, Ill. First Baptist Church, Waltonville, Ill., (No. 799) was organized at the same time.

Both new churches are former missions of Logan St. Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, Otho Williams, pastor.

Southside Church, Mount Vernon, with 105 charter members, occupies a \$17,900 building constructed by the sponsoring church. However the new church has assumed the remaining debt on the building.

Miss Evelyn Schwartz, missionary to Indonesia, is soon returning to the States for furlough and may be addressed at 209 North Vine Street, Winchester, Tenn. Miss Schwartz is a native of Winchester, where she makes her permanent American home.



## 973 Converted In Mexico During Tri-City Revival

"I have two deep desires," said a man to a Baptist pastor visiting in his home in Mexico. "The Baptists have always been cooped up in their small buildings and now all at once they have come out into all of the homes. I want to know who started all of this." His other desire was to kill a Protestant.

"I not only would like to kill a Protestant, but I have some gasoline I would like to dedicate to burning one," he said.

Three nights later this man was in a revival service and accepted Christ as his Saviour, becoming one of the 973 who made professions of faith in Christ during the simultaneous evangelistic campaign conducted by 24 Baptist churches and chapels in three neighboring cities of Mexico, April 14-21. The cities, Torreon Gomez Palacio, and Lerdo, have a combined population of about 230,000.

The pastor visiting this man was one of a large number of Baptist pastors, seminary students, and church members who formed teams and went from house to house during the eight days of the revival, winning souls and distributing New Testaments, portions of the Bible and other literature. In all, 3,237 visits were made and 50,000 tracts, 599 New Testaments, and 2,697 Bible portions were distributed.

A 12-year-old boy was visiting with one of the Christian workers in Lerdo, the seat of Catholic power in that area, when someone hit him in the head with a rock. He began to cry as the blood flowed from his head. After the wound was cleaned the worker told the boy that perhaps he shouldn't help give out tracts and Scripture portions the next day. But the boy, the only Christian in his family, replied that he was going to continue.

For promotion of the campaign an article on salvation and an announcement of the 24 meeting places and their addresses were inserted in the two leading newspapers of Terreon, and the Baptists had a 30-minute radio program.

On the closing day of the revival a rally was held for all of the 24 missions and churches in the First Baptist Church of Torreon, with 850 persons attending and 36 making professions of faith.

Missionary Ervin E. Hastey writes: "Never before have we had such a concentrated soul-winning effort in Mexico and never before have we seen such glorious results. We are praying that this revival spirit will sweep all over this country of 30,000,000 people and will continue all over Latin America. We know that it can and we believe that it will."

Intensive follow-up campaigns have been planned to conserve the results of the revival so that the new converts will become useful Christians in the Baptist churches.

Plans for the evangelistic campaign were

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1957

## Comparison 1956 and 1957 Receipts

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

	Cooperative Program 1957	Cooperative Program 1956	Designated 1957	Designated 1956
Specials	\$ 12,069.19	\$ 1,652.93	\$ 4,906.76	\$ 3,194.12
Alabama	213,174.57	191,916.52	281,712.97	258,186.27
Alaska	1,260.22	1,839.59	3,718.35	3,447.35
Arizona	6,313.10	12,711.52	22,035.83	18,665.24
Arkansas	183,163.13	148,417.03	154,879.96	144,188.84
California	27,000.00	22,213.42	30,000.00	44,974.91
Colorado	5,737.36	4,666.64	10,701.55	2,227.75
District of Columbia	14,416.49	14,052.94	15,965.68	15,920.33
Florida	286,514.64	275,519.93	242,457.63	205,068.88
Georgia	401,542.63	351,871.22	459,960.16	377,815.07
Hawaii		1,234.26		8,526.40
Illinois	64,481.26	67,455.43	63,314.53	52,836.13
Kansas	7,450.98	5,918.69	10,997.04	8,916.69
Kentucky	221,004.81	200,000.00	208,648.83	184,613.26
Louisiana	240,832.09	214,530.27	292,251.38	246,846.30
Maryland	47,492.46	42,967.50	24,079.78	203.64
Mississippi	184,542.16	180,035.27	263,175.21	242,101.32
Missouri	269,601.70	220,393.98	255,264.16	210,174.48
New Mexico	35,286.03	35,246.56	40,088.47	40,070.88
North Carolina	264,976.81	346,835.30	583,215.48	532,539.51
Ohio	5,790.29	4,699.68	4,882.94	2,772.62
Oklahoma	304,326.78	292,936.81	252,710.52	241,519.12
Oregon-Washington	4,020.00	2,837.71	10,636.83	8,790.39
South Carolina	409,756.06	365,530.29	327,357.88	281,600.39
Tennessee	338,820.33	343,774.74	289,618.01	258,789.24
Texas	885,000.00	785,000.00	1,886,571.13	1,790,030.33
Virginia	311,520.24	270,430.73	350,112.50	329,547.45
Totals	\$4,746,093.33	\$4,404,688.96	\$6,089,263.58	\$5,513,567.01

## Four-Month Receipts Run 9 Per Cent Higher

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Southern Baptist Convention total receipts through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts are 9¼ per cent higher than during the same period a year ago, Convention Treasurer Porter Routh reported here.

Receipts for the first four months of 1957 are \$10,835,356 compared to \$9,918,255 for January-April, 1956, according to Routh. The four-month Cooperative Program receipts are up \$341,404, or 7¾ per cent over 1956 and designated gifts are up \$575,696 or 10.44 per cent.

"Although the totals for the first four months of 1957 show increases over 1956, the monthly record of receipts for April shows a slight decline in receipts over April, 1956," Routh continued.

Totals for April, 1956, were \$1,157,504 through the Cooperative Program and \$829,365 through designated offerings. For April, 1957, the figures are \$1,108,703

begun in November, and committees had been working since that time. A giant rally was held for the young people of the area in Terreon's First Church on February 22.

Just prior to the opening of the revival two new churches were organized in Torreon bringing the total number within that city to four. Property has recently been acquired for two of the missions in Torreon, and the missionaries hope it will not be long before there are 10 churches in the tri-city area.

through the Cooperative Program and \$751,705 through designations.

This indicates a drop of \$48,801 in Cooperative Program receipts and \$77,660 in designated receipts—making a total decline over April, 1956, of \$126,461.

The April, 1957, receipts also show a slight decline in receipts compared to the previous month's figures. March, 1957, Cooperative Program receipts were \$1,140,748 and designated receipts were \$783,833. This represents a drop of about \$32,000 in Cooperative Program and \$32,000 in designated gifts, Routh pointed out.

Tennessee forwarded total receipts of \$91,041 during April, 1957. This included \$63,246 through the Cooperative Program and \$27,795 through designations. The state was ninth among those in the SBC.

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## Lottie Moon Gifts Total \$5,240,745

Books on the 1956 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering closed May 1 with a total of \$5,240,745.39. This represents an increase of \$612,054.36 over the 1955 total of \$4,628,691.03. Any additional Lottie Moon Offering money received by the Foreign Mission Board will be counted on the 1957 Offering.

## 78-Year-Old Grandmother Becomes Missionary

LAGOS, Nigeria—(RNS)—A 78-year-old great grandmother arrived here by plane to serve as a volunteer Southern Baptist missionary for six months.

Mrs. J. L. Anthony, a member of the University Baptist church at Abilene, Tex., said she came to Africa because "I figure I can help win more people to Christ there than anywhere else."

She will assist the Rev. Milford Howell, a missionary in the Warri Province of Nigeria. Her main job will be to teach native Bible classes.

Mrs. Anthony, a native of McMinnville, Tenn. and a widow since 1937, has taught Sunday school for more than half a century. She has missed Sunday worship services only 26 times in the 61 years since she joined the church.

A seamstress by profession, her 9,000 mile trip was financed by her church and personal friends.

Too old to go overseas as a missionary for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Mrs. Anthony is undertaking the venture as a self-styled "tourist."

## Baptist Alliance Head To Tour Africa

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will tour Baptist churches and mission stations in Africa this summer.

Dr. Adams, pastor of First Baptist church of Richmond, Va., will be accompanied by Robert S. Denny, the alliance's associate general secretary, and Mrs. Adams.

Alliance headquarters here said there are Baptist churches in 19 African countries.

The three will leave here July 8 and travel down Africa's West coast, across South Africa and up the East coast. They will return late in August.

## Woman's Missionary Union



MRS. VITRUE BASS

Mrs. Vitruue Bass, President, Tennessee Federation of Business Woman's Circles, was elected March 30 in Knoxville.

A native of Paducah, Kentucky, Mrs. Bass is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Hart. She lives in Nashville and is a member of the First Baptist Church. She has for the past sixteen years been employed in the Classified Advertising Department of the Newspaper Printing Corporation. She has two children, a daughter, Mrs. Kirby E. Smith, Nashville, and George Bass, who is a senior at Belmont College.

She has served in Business Woman's Circles as Chairman of Kathleen Manley Circle, First Church; President, Nashville Federation and First Vice-President of the Tennessee Federation of Business Woman's Circles. B.W.C.ers welcome her as their new leader.

Information on the Billy Graham special train to New York City June 10 will be of interest to many of our readers. The train leaves Nashville's Union Station Monday, June 10 at 7:40 a.m. A stop-over has been planned in Washington from Tuesday morning until Wednesday morning. The train arrives in New York about 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, and leaves New York Friday night after the Billy Graham service at Madison Square Garden, arriving back in Nashville Saturday, June 15, at about 10:30 p.m. The round-trip coach fare from Nashville for adults is \$47.14 with proportionate fares from Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Bristol. Additional information may be secured from Rev. James M. Gregg, 1601 Holly Street, Nashville, Tennessee.



LULA MING LEE

One of the speakers for the G.A. and Y.W.A. camps will be Miss Lula Ming Lee of Hong Kong.

Miss Lee is a student at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi.

Your young people will enjoy meeting this lovely Christian girl.

## W. M. U. Youth Camps

Information has been mailed to all Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary Counselors and Directors of Youth, giving detailed information about G.A. and Y.W.A. camps.

Dates are as follows:

### CAMP CARSON

Junior G.A.	June 10-14
Junior G.A.	June 17-21
Int. G.A.	June 24-28
Y.W.A.	June 28-30

### CAMP LINDEN

Int. G.A.	July 8-12
Junior G.A.	July 15-19
Junior G.A.	July 22-26
Junior G.A.	July 29-Aug. 2
Y.W.A.	Aug. 2-4

You will want to register early for your young people so they will be sure of a place at camp the week they desire to come.

Cost per camper, \$14.00 for G.A. camp; \$6.00 for Y.W.A. camp.

When registering for your girls, please send full amount for each camper.

## Tennessee W. M. U. Delegates To Chicago

Tennessee women will register 91 delegates at the Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C. Delegate cards and Tennessee ribbons will be at the registration desk. Immediately upon arrival all women should register according to the following schedule:

### Sheraton Hotel

Saturday, May 25, 3:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.  
Sunday, May 26, 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

### Medinah Temple

Sunday, May 26, 6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.  
Monday, May 27, 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M.  
Tuesday, May 28, 8:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

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# Tennessee Topics

**Editor's Note:** You are invited to send your church news and bulletins to Mr. Roy G. Lillard, Benton, Tenn. A layman much interested in all our Baptist work, Mr. Lillard has kindly agreed to serve at least temporarily as our East Tennessee correspondent. This position has been vacant since the death April 18 of the late, beloved Dr. Lloyd T. Householder who served in this capacity for eight years.

Miss Shirley Isenberg, graduate of Chattanooga High School to graduate from Carson-Newman College, May 24, will join the staff of First Church, Chattanooga, as youth director on June 1.

South Harriman Church, Lyn Claybrook, pastor, was assisted in a revival by E. M. Skinner of Victory Memorial Church, Providence, Ky. Brother Skinner is the son of the late J. E. Skinner and brother to R. T. Skinner, Editor of *Western Recorder* (Ky.). The singing was led by Pastor Earl Wagoner of Liberty Church near Wartburg. "The power of the Holy Spirit was manifest in many ways, especially in the saving of souls. Fourteen were baptized the last night with others to follow," reports Brother Claybrook.

Rev. Luther W. Clark, 71, retired US Army Chaplain and a former colonel of the Chaplain Corps, died recently at Veterans Hospital in Memphis. His home was on Haynes Sterchi Road, Knoxville. He served as pastor of St. Elmo Church, Chattanooga, from 1926 to 1931. He was also pastor of churches in Clinton, Rockwood and Knoxville, and in Owensboro, Ky.

Construction is now underway on the education building at Big Springs Church, Cleveland. The ground floor unit of the building is being built at this time. Members of the building committee are Troy Beck, Rubin McKinney, Ralph Henderson, Harlie Hysinger, and J. O. Gates. Clarence H. Petty is pastor.

W. S. Spradling, Chattanooga, was honored on his 88th birthday at the home of his son, Stewart Spradling, Decatur. Visitors came from Chattanooga, Knoxville, Oakdale, Sweetwater, Clinton, Athens, Decatur and points in Georgia. He served nine years as clerk of the old Eastanalle Baptist Association. A leader for many years of Rogers Creek Church in McMinn County, he moved to Meigs County where he was instrumental in re-establishing worship services at Decatur Baptist Church, then known as Goodfield Baptist Church.

First Church, Rockwood, observed its 79th anniversary, May 5, with Dr. James L. Sullivan of Nashville, as speaker at the morning service. Pastor Wallace H. Carrier preached at the evening service.

Pastor Frank D. Spurling reports that First Church, Whitwell, was blessed with the preaching of Harold D. Gregory, Nashville. There were 14 professions Sunday morning, April 28, four Sunday afternoon and 1 on Sunday night, making a total of 19 for the day.

James Davis of Boynton, Ga., supplied the pulpit of First Church, Richard City, May 5, while Pastor Dewey Robinson attended a Missionary Conference at Carson Newman College. Brother Davis was ordained by this church. He has engaged in evangelist work and served as pastor of Whitwell and Spring City Churches in Tenn., and Boynton Church, Ga.

Flat Gap Church, Jefferson County, engaged in revival services in which the preaching was by Jack Goodwin, pastor of Buffalo Trail Church, Morristown, and the singing was led by Clifford Cooley of Carson Newman College. Robert T. Winter is pastor.

Frank R. Campbell of Roanoke, Va., is the new pastor of English Creek Church, Newport. Brother Campbell has served as pastor of Waverly Place Chapel in Roanoke and as interim pastor of Siam Church, Elizabethton. He plans to continue his education at Carson Newman College.

Temple Church, Johnson City, burned the note through which a large building program was launched in 1950. A total of \$14,500 of the expenditure was paid during the past year. The church has also installed a new organ which is now debt-free. Haven C. Lowe is pastor and Cecil Morell, treasurer.

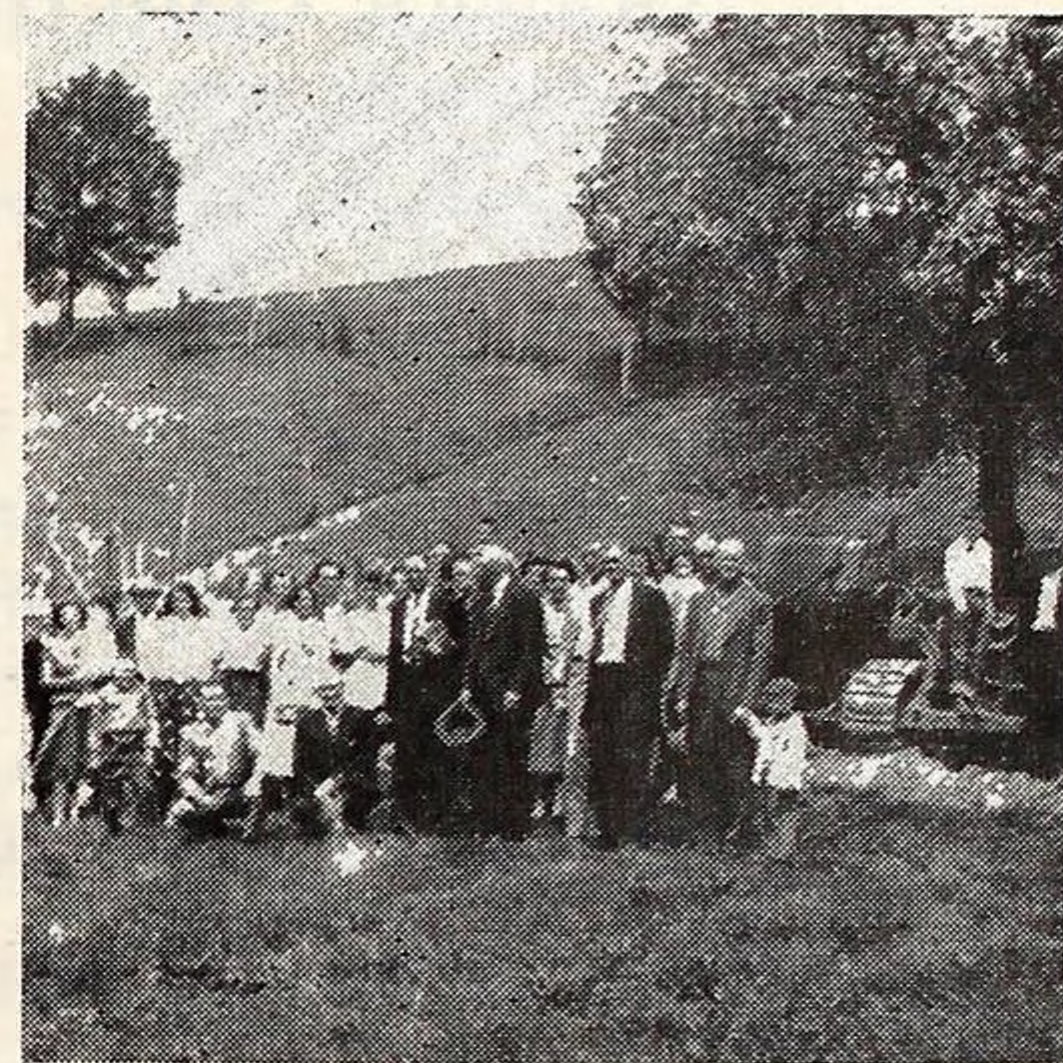
Opening services of Asbury Church, Johnson City, were held May 5 in the new building which is located one block off Market Street Extension on the corner of High Street and Pactolus Road. A three-story educational building has been erected, one story of which is being used for worship services. Pastor Otis Mullins was assisted by W. M. Grogan, pastor of First Church, Blountville, in revival services which began May 6.

Pastor Garland L. Bentley and Doe River Church, Elizabethton, were assisted in revival services by Bennie Pearson, pastor of North Bristol Church, Bristol.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were conducted May 5 for a new educational building by members of Memorial Church, Hixson, Dallas Roscoe, pastor.

C. M. Pickler, pastor of Boulevard Church, Memphis, has been in a revival at Avondale Church, Chattanooga, L. R. Whidden, pastor. Bill Campbell, director of music at First Church, Fairfield, Ala., led the music. Brother Pickler was pastor of Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, for ten years before going to Memphis.

## Cumberland Gap Churches Break Ground For Buildings



Pump Springs Church will have a brick building with full-size basement and eight Sunday school rooms. Walls of the auditorium are going up now. The church hopes to have the first service in the new building in August. This group was present for the ground-breaking service in April. The building committee is composed of Henry Williams, L. P. Lambert, Ralph Poore, Roger Smith, W. H. Southern and Earl Cline. Rev. I. S. King is pastor.



Oak Grove Church broke ground for its new brick building with full-size basement and six Sunday school rooms last January. Although not completed they entered the building for the first service Easter Sunday. Serving on the building committee are Hubert Fultz, Lon Fultz, Charlie Brooks, Cecil Brooks and Walter Brook. Baylus Fultz is pastor. Some of those in the picture are Missionary H. C. Brooks; Milford Brooks and Newt Lambert, former pastors; Pastor Baylus Fultz; Hubert Fultz, and Tommy Sutton.

Henry W. Stamey, 1018 Lansdell Road, East Ridge, Tenn., recently completed a revival at Bridgedale Baptist Church, Metairie, La., in which there were 16 additions, 12 by baptism. Four of the converts were Catholics coming by baptism.



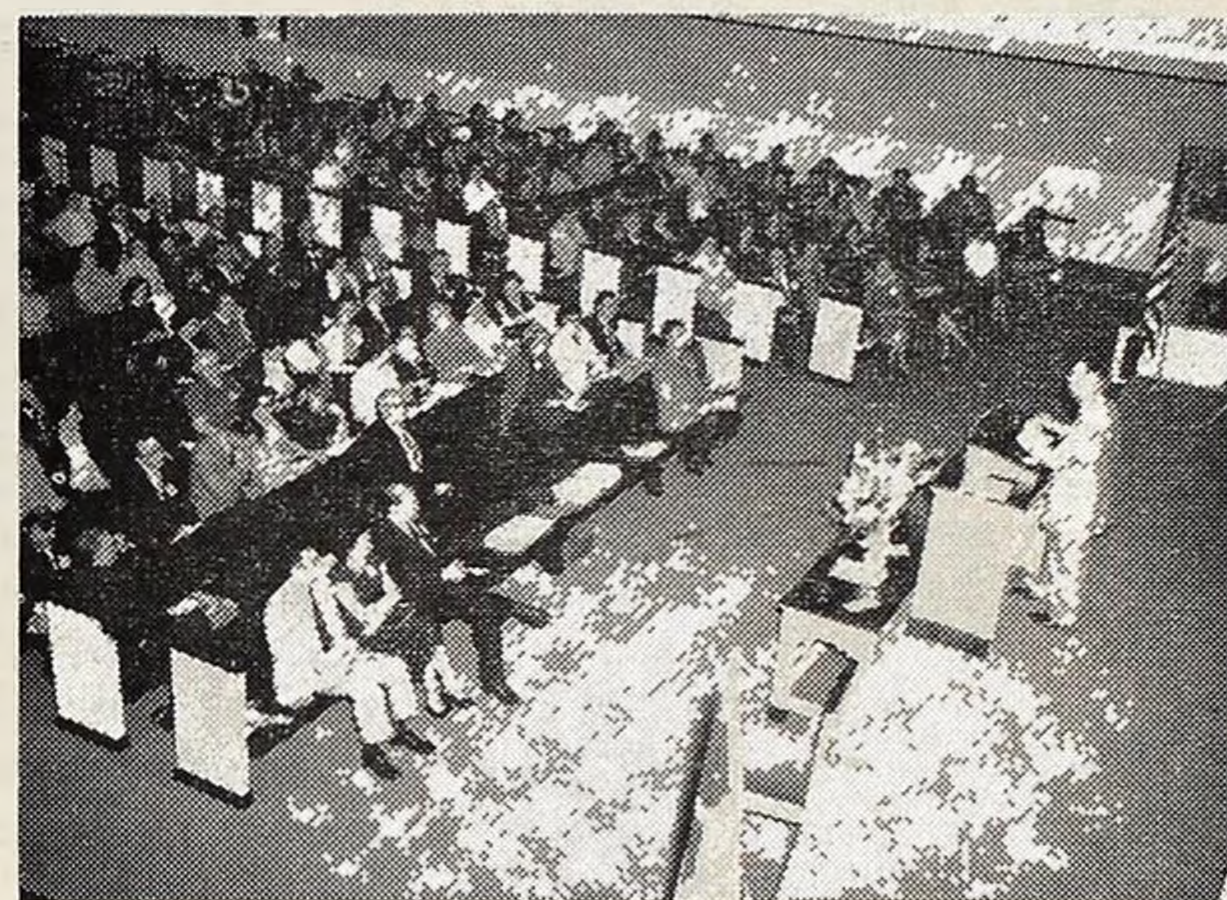
# HIGHLIGHTS OF STATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COACHING CLINIC

**Nashville, March 1957**

The State Vacation Bible School Coaching Clinic met at Belmont Heights Baptist Church, March 25-27 under the direction of Mr. Jesse Daniel, State Sunday School Secretary. Other State workers who assisted were Mr. Bob Patterson, Miss Maurine Elder, Miss Kathleen Aycok, Mrs. Lois Nugent, Mrs. Frances Smothers, and Mrs. Bettie Higgins.

Dr. W. Fred Kendall, Executive Secretary of Tennessee Baptist Convention, brought an inspiring message on Vacation Bible School work. Mr. Frank Armstrong, Visual Aids Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, assisted each of the conference leaders by presenting Visual Aids to the workers.

Over 300 carefully selected team members attended this meeting. You will note with interest pictures below, showing each of the conferences and their leaders. Since the State Clinic these teams have been busy holding associational group clinics. Prospects are good for an increase in the number of schools as well as an improved quality of work.



Clinicians eating in Belmont College Dining Room.  
General session meeting at Belmont Heights Baptist Church.



Junior Team Members—Mrs. Lacy Freeman, Rutherford, leader.



Intermediate Team Members—Miss Maurine Elder, Nashville, leader.



Primary Team Members—Mrs. J. Howard Young, Springfield, leader.



Nursery Team Members—Miss Kathleen Aycok, Nashville, leader.



Beginner Team Members—Mrs. C. R. Miller, Knoxville, leader.



Team Leaders—Dr. Charles Treadway and Mrs. Edith Steele, Nashville, leaders.



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## Tennessee Topics

by ROY W. BABB, Winchester

J. L. Knupp of First Church, Mt. Pleasant, has been called as pastor of Highland Park Church, Columbia, where he will preach his first sermon May 19. Brother Knupp has been pastor at Mt. Pleasant five and a half years. Under his leadership there the church added 182 members, the Sunday school attendance increased from 130 to 220, and the Training Union attendance climbed from 65 to 115. Three mission Sunday schools are being sponsored by the church. The first floor of the educational building has been built and equipped at a cost of \$30,000, and the sanctuary has been remodeled, redecorated and air-conditioned at a cost of \$15,000.

John Claypool, pastor elect of First Church, Hartsville, preached there May 5. Brother Claypool is engaged in graduate work at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He and Mrs. Claypool will move to Hartsville in September when he assumes the pastorate of First Church. John Buchanan, Jr., is the present pastor.

Revival Services at First Church, Cowan, were led by Lloyd B. Helton of Oak Grove Church, Holston Valley Assn. Howard Dixon of First Church, Tullahoma, directed the music.

John Adkerson, Albert Freeman, Fred Vick, Ed Jackson, Thurston Mansfield elected deacons at Park Avenue Church, Nashville.

Ex-Nashvillian Lauren Sprunger now educational director for New Green Acres Church in Tyler, Texas.

While Pastor J. Howard Young was in revival services at Hendersonville the pulpit of Springfield Church was supplied by A. A. McClanahan, one of the ministerial sons of the church.

Freeland Church, Nashville, reports good revival services sponsored first week by adults and second week by young people. Thomas Hart was evangelist and Bob Bandy directed the music. There were 20 decisions; 14 professions of faith, 6 rededications. H. C. Foster is pastor.

Bobby Spencer of Edgemont Church, Shelbyville, called as pastor of Bell Buckle Church. A Belmont College student, he is son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Spencer of Shelbyville.

Revival Services of Lincoya Hills Church, Donelson, were led by Courtney Wilson as evangelist.

Richard Waggener, a student of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, May 12.

E. C. Tilliman of Daytona Beach was evangelist for revival services at Westwood Church, Nashville, May 6-10.

**Bledsoe Assn.**—Paul Durham was ordained to the gospel ministry March 17 by New Hope Church, V. R. Butler, pastor. Bledsoe Creek Church called Brother Durham as pastor. This Church has organized a Training Union and weekly prayer meetings are being held. Portland, First, dedicated their new two-story educational building. Gallatin, First plans construction of new educational building which is to be built at the rear of present church building. When completed the church will have educational space to care for a Sunday school enrollment of 1500. Thomas Goodall is chairman of the building committee.

Dr. L. S. Ewton, pastor emeritus of Grace Church, Nashville, has been hospitalized since May 2 in Mid-State Baptist Hospital.

Don J. Pinson tendered his resignation as pastor of Eastland Church, Nashville, May 5. Due to illness, he has been out of his pulpit the past three months, but has been convalescing and was able to return on the above date. During the seven and one half years he has been at Eastland there have been 1,953 additions, 952 by baptism. The Sunday school enrollment has grown from 850 to 1,200. All church property has been air-conditioned and a new pastorium purchased. He has served on the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Board of Trustees of Belmont College and American Baptist Theological Seminary.

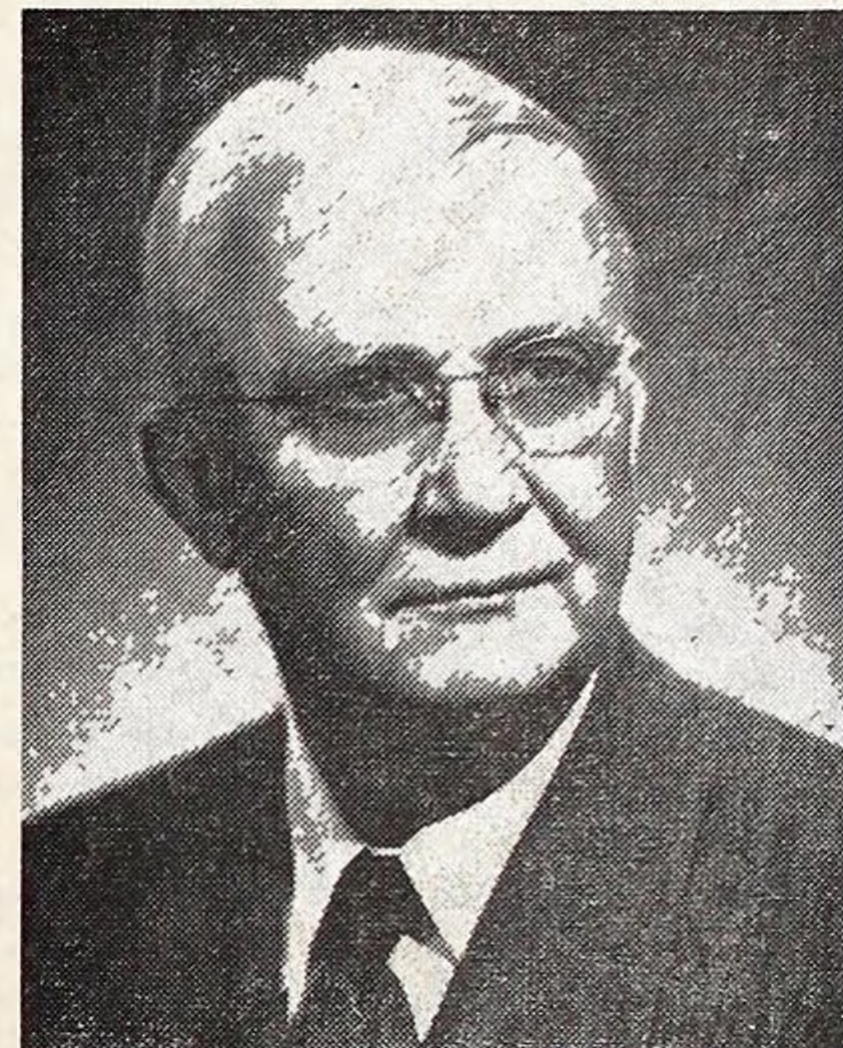
Baptist and Reflector congratulates the Joe Keslers on the safe arrival of Joseph B. Kesler, III, born May 7. Mr. Kesler is business manager of Baptist and Reflector and of the Executive Board and also the Tennessee Baptist Camps. Mrs. Kesler was formerly employed in the business office.

Dr. W. Henderson Barton who served as interim pastor at Saturn Drive Church, Nashville, for three and one half months has been highly praised for his services in a letter received from Stanley T. Bartlett, chairman of the deacons. Dr. Barton was the evangelist in their revival which closed Easter Sunday. There were 19 additions, 12 being by baptism. J. Victor Brown of Cookeville became pastor April 1.

## BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

CAMP LINDEN

June 14-16



Dr. Norman W. Cox, Executive Secretary of Historical Commission of Southern Baptist Convention, will teach the Sunday school lesson at Brotherhood Convention, Camp Linden, June 16.

We are now receiving reservations for Camp Linden. Please mail yours to Brotherhood Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Belcourt at Sixteenth Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee.

Maple Grove Church, Judson Association, ordained three new deacons recently. They are Edward Sprodlin, Loys Edwards, and Howard Petty. Assisting in the ordination were William E. Lyles of McEwen Church, B. L. Willis of White Bluff Church, and Ray Gregory, Nashville. This church has tripled in size and is now giving 10 per cent to the Cooperative Program. Herman Venable is pastor and Hugh S. Page is associate pastor.

Lewis D. Ferrell, pastor of the Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga, was with Gracey Avenue Church, Clarksville, in a revival which resulted in 31 additions by baptism, 4 by letter, and 20 rededications. Pastor Gardner Burden reports that Dr. Ferrell is a great preacher, and his work was appreciated by the church.

Mrs. Ira Dance is now home at 4008 Vailwood Drive, Nashville, after spending twenty-five days in the hospital as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Mrs. Dance is the widow of the Reverend Ira Dance.

First Church, McEwen, had a youth-sponsored revival led by a team from Belmont College. They were Ray Emerson, evangelist; Dean Butler, singer; Nancy Townsend, pianist. Harold Cole, music director, conducted the song services. There were 3 additions, 1 profession and 30 rededications. Wm. E. Lyles is pastor.



Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alcoa, Central	284	119	1
First Mission	439	160	
Alexandria	48		
Athens, Antioch	222	70	
East	207	42	
First	504	172	3
Avalon Heights	681	277	2
West End Mission	51		
Calhoun	64	38	
Clear Springs	127	38	
Five Point	86	39	
Good Springs	37	18	
Hiwassee	87	64	
Idlewild	76		
Lake View	72	39	
Lamontville	63	44	3
McMahan Calvary	45	32	
Mt. Harmony No. 1	95	54	2
Mt. Harmony No. 2	96	27	
Mt. Verd	54		
Meadow Fork	71	33	
New Hopewell	69		
Oak Grove	102		
Rocky Mount	74	59	
Rodgers Creek	55		2
Sanford	53	47	2
Short Creek	52		
Union Grove Meigs	123	65	
Union Hill	61	37	
Union McMinn	59		
Valley Road	120		
Valley View	55		
Walnut Grove	16	10	
West View	37	18	
Wild Wood	86	36	
Zion Hill	92	78	
Auburntown, Prosperity	64	50	
Bemis	147	62	
Blaine, Block Springs	300	131	
Bolivar, First	155	63	
Bristol, Calvary	382	154	
Mission	363	118	1
Bruceton, First	57	42	
Byrdstown, First	191	52	1
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	112	51	1
Chattanooga, Brainerd	136	122	
Chamberlain Avenue	981	370	6
Concord	229	65	
Eastdale	380	153	2
East Lake	470	122	8
East Ridge	589	150	3
McCarty	793	255	5
Northside	100	79	
North Market	474	110	
Red Bank	138	43	1
Ridgecrest	951	278	1
Ridgedale	91	52	
Ridgeview	567	170	2
White Oak	246	98	2
Whitwell, First	465	111	8
Woodland Park	196	40	4
Clarksville, Blooming Grove	424	107	
First	128	46	
Grace Avenue	718	193	1
New Providence	282	122	34
Cleveland, Big Spring	265	76	
Calvary	291	134	
Clingan Ridge	212	94	
First	82	32	
Galilee	610	211	2
North	35		
Clinton, Bethel	286	102	
Second	146	56	
South	505	124	
First	276	75	
Columbia, First	608	178	2
Riverview	564	199	1
Highland Park	42	20	
Cookeville, First	330	173	2
Crossville, First	538	156	2
Emmanuel	208	80	
West Side Mission	95	47	
Mt. View	13		
Pleasant Hill	71	35	
Dandridge	78		
Antioch	111	45	2
Deep Springs	26	16	
French Broad	100		
Piedmont	41		1
Swans Chapel	123	63	4
Dayton, First	101		
Cove Mission	272	96	5
Morgantown	57		
Decatur, First	37		
Dover, First	114	57	2
Elizabethton, First	99	42	
Reservoir Hill	637	182	3
Oak Street	17		
Siam	147	75	
Englewood, Dixon Avenue	244	143	
Erwin, Calvary	108	51	
Etowah, East	232	57	
First	72	54	
North	443	113	2
West	444	144	3
Fountain City, Central	42	31	
Smithwood	1224	316	3
Friendsville, First	802	328	1
Gallatin, First	217	81	1
Southside	641	234	
West Eastland	51	27	
Gladeville	56	35	
Gleason, First	145	43	
Goodlettsville, First	207	51	5
Grand Junction, First	346	114	6
Greenville, First	110	64	
	347	91	3

Greenbrier	336	115	3
Ridgetop Mission	77	36	5
Harriman, South	382	125	
Trenton Street	543	148	12
Henderson, First	217	48	
Hendersonville, New Hope	125	55	
Hixon Memorial	145	48	2
Humboldt, Antioch	239	92	
Emmanuel	166	52	
First	558	146	
Huntingdon, First	301	91	3
Jackson, Calvary	644	293	4
First	950	233	
North	310	164	
Parkview	409	119	
West	914	467	2
Jefferson City, Buffalo Grove	60	30	
Mansfield Gap	85		
Mill Spring	140	54	2
Mountain View	100		
Northside	233	88	
Johnson City, Central	759	165	11
Fall Street	110	50	
Temple	371	117	
Unaka Avenue	319	140	1
Kenton, Macedonia	110	91	
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	235	79	
First	846	202	2
Litz Manor	199	83	2
Lynn Garden	506	119	2
Knoxville, Bell Avenue	865	236	6
Broadway	1339	617	1
Fifth Avenue	810	343	1
First	1146	251	29
Glenwood	363	144	
Lincoln Park	1025	310	
Meridian	471	102	1
North	411	130	
Sevier Heights	734	316	5
Branch	20	20	
Stock Creek	209	67	
Wallace Memorial	354	141	2
LaFollette, First	382	107	
West	155	34	
LaGuardo	130	79	
Lawrenceburg, First	249	101	
Hoover Street	18		
Lebanon, Cedar Grove	127	36	
Fairview	310	126	11
Rocky Valley	120	68	1
Lenoir City, Calvary	247	82	
Dixie Lee	186	95	
First	583	247	1
Kingston Pike	134	50	1
Lewisburg, First	588	216	
Lexington, First	389	54	1
Loudon, First	357	118	
Mission	68	31	
Martin, First	395	77	
Southside	61		
McEwen, First	85	33	2
McKenzie, First	324	61	
Madisonville, Chestua	89	37	
First	267	145	
Mission	69	35	
Maryville, Broadway	614	278	1
Everett Hills	440	172	
First	989	323	1
Mission	158	70	
Madison Avenue	171	82	
Memphis, Airview	180	92	8
Ardmore	546	214	8
Baptist Center	48	52	
Bartlett	363	145	3
Bellevue	2606	1051	17
Berclair	992	324	2
Beverly Hills	542	262	13
Brooks Road	219	72	
Buntyn Street	201	91	13
Central Avenue	1008	402	1
Charjean	662	220	60
Cherokee	844	430	1
Cherokee Mission	131	86	6
DeSota Heights	220	140	
East Park	157		
Ellendale	129	47	1
Elliston Avenue	193	89	
Eudora	653	229	6
First	1320	332	4
Franklin Road	68	37	
Frayser, First	921	372	14
Frayser, West	308	162	5
Glenview	87	52	
Graceland	365	150	3
Highland Heights	1397	723	3
Kennedy	483	243	1
Kensington	129	49	5
LaBelle	502	201	
LaBelle Chapel	380	185	7
LaBelle Mission	75	30	
Lamar Heights	800	304	3
LeaClair	171	71	4
Leawood	834	310	3
Levi	261	102	1
Longcrest	140	104	1
Lucy	105	63	
Mallory Heights	215	68	
Malcomb Avenue	286	119	1
McLean	511	200	
Millington, First	518	246	5
Mt. Pisgah	118	49	2
Mullins Station	117	80	1
National Avenue	458		
Oakland	318	73	2
Park Avenue	529	127	3
Parkway	648	272	5
Poplar Avenue	398	129	
Prescott Memorial	727	205	3
Seventh Street	511	201	7
Southland	259	128	

## Convention To Meet On Central Daylight Time

CHICAGO—(BP)—All sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention here will meet on Central Daylight Saving Time, which is being observed in Chicago, Convention messengers have been advised.

Southmoor	280	136	
Temple	1295	469	2
Thrifthaven	385	123	5
Trinity	625	269	1
Union Avenue	1144	369	3
Wells Station	567	228	6
West Memphis	507	141	
Winchester	200	72	2
Woodstock	62	48	1
Milan, Chapel Hill	69	42	
First	413	157	1
North Side Mission	143	66	2
Morristown, Buffalo Trail	242	131	6
Cherokee Hills	92	35	3
First	849	216	
Mt. Pleasant, First	220	130	
Sandy Hook	33		
Scott Town	12		
Swan Creek	18		
Murfreesboro, First	684	184	8
Calvary	79		
Powell's Chapel	125	69	
Third	323	124	1
Woodbury Road	187	80	
Nashville, Antioch	96	35	1
Bakers Grove	96	33	
Belmont Heights	1197	389	4
Brookside	59	24	
Madison Street Mission	94	55	
Berrville	92	49	
Bethany	41	39	1
Brook Hollow	206	74	
Donelson	666	118	2
Elkins Avenue	148	110	2
Fairview	166	56	
Jordonia Chapel	48	42	
First	1319	503	5
Cora Tibbs	79	41	
T. P. S.	369		
Franklin	256	93	
Gallatin Road	394	124	
Grace	1021	333	2
Grassland	13	9	
Grubbs Memorial	284	162	1
Harsh Chapel	124	37	
Immanuel	365	110	
West End Chapel	67	46	
Ivy Chapel	557	137	1
Lakewood	511	180	4
Lincoya Hills	209	59	
Lockeland	622	198	
Madison Heights	208	68	
Park Avenue	735	221	2
Richland	202	65	8
Riverside	432	117	4
Scottsboro	120	80	
Whitsetts Chapel	89	62	
Woodmont	672	241	1
New Market	87	29	
Dumplin	97	48	
Flat Gap	104	77	1
Good Hope	56	37	2
Nances Grove	76	48	2
New Hope	97	52	
Pleasant Grove	95	65	
Rocky Valley	91	60	
Niota, East	101	54	
First	121	42	
Oak Ridge, Central	672	139	
Robertsville	764	210	2
Old Hickory, First	585	255	
Rayon City	128	70	
Oliver Springs, First	231	87	
Parsons, First	195	63	
Philadelphia	202	35	
Portland, First	359	65	
Ripley, First	400	84	
Rockwood, Eureka	117	64	4
First	690	200	1
Pond Grove	96	42	
White's Creek	85	57	
Rogersville, Henard's Chapel	211	108	1
Sevierville, First	629	143	
Shelbyville, Edgemont	187	70	3
Shop Springs	132	68	
Smyrna, First	181	83	1
Somerville, First	383	236	31
Strawberry Plains, Beaver Creek	86	46	
Piney	133	72	12
Sweetwater, First	481	124	4
Talbott	107	79	1
Ten Mile	74	40	
Toone	124	77	
Trezevant, First	162	72	5
Tullahoma, Highland	189	129	
Grace Mission	117	49	
Union City, First	759	246	1
Samburg	84	72	
Second	220	86	2
Watertown, Round Lick	209	104	
White Pine	216	63	
Nina	57		



West

# Tennessee Topics

by EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington

The last meeting of the West Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference for the 1956-57 term was held in the Chapel of Union University, May 6. The program featured the Chorus and Wind Ensemble under the direction of Prof. Frederic Lubrani. Wives of the pastors were special guests for the day. At the close of the program Pastor E. L. Smothers, Milan, was installed as president for 1957-58.

Wayne Keistler is the new pastor of Pocahontas Church in Hardeman Association. He was a former pastor in McNairy Association.

Harold G. Sanders, pastor of First Church, Tallahassee, Fla., will be guest preacher in a revival at First Church, Ripley, Bernard Scates, pastor, beginning July 21.

While Pastor D. C. Bandy, Collierville, was in a revival at Granite City, Ill., his pulpit was supplied on May 5 by Lawson H. Cooke, Memphis.

West Paris Church, Leonard F. Gassaway, pastor, took advantage of the large crowd gathered in Paris for the annual "World's Largest Fish Fry" to distribute tracts, portions of Scripture, and other religious publications. A booth was set up on the courthouse lawn for this purpose.

A new educational building is going up at Finley. Hubert M. Stokes is the pastor.

James F. Yates closed his ministry with Brownsville Church on April 28 after nearly five years as the pastor. During his stay at Brownsville there were 409 additions to the membership; Calvary Church grew from a mission into a full-time church; an educational unit was built at a cost of \$50,000 and the Baby Bungalow was re-modeled at a cost of \$2,000. He goes to First Church, Paragould, Ark.

Calvary, Parsons, Coy C. Thurston, pastor, reports five additions during a recent meeting conducted by Lawrence Green, pastor of North Jackson Church, Jackson.

H. B. Speights is the new pastor of Airview Church, Memphis. He comes to West Tennessee from Pearl Church, Rankin County, Mississippi.

James B. Busby began his work as pastor of Poplar Heights Church, Jackson, a few weeks ago and work is progressing in a nice way. He graduated from Southwestern Seminary in January.

Preachers, remember the Preachers' School at Union University, June 10-14 and June 17-21. Make your plans to attend and bring your wife.

Clovis Brantley, Atlanta, Ga., supplied the pulpit of Boulevard, Memphis, while Pastor C. M. Pickler was in a revival at Avondale Church, Chattanooga.

Byron Sherbenou, Madill, Okla., has accepted the position of minister of music and education at First Church, Milan. His wife will become church organist. A few years back the Sherbenous were on the staff of First Church, Union City. We welcome them back to West Tennessee.

J. G. Wise supplied the pulpit of Raleigh Church on April 28 while Pastor W. A. Boston was away in a revival.

A letter from Lawson H. Cooke, 191 Angelus Place, Memphis, says in part: "The Lord continues to keep me 'on the go', and I am so grateful that he deems me worthy to represent him among the churches. I am kept pretty busy in stewardship revivals and Sunday supply work, and am exceedingly happy. As I cruise around among our churches, I am more than ever convinced that the number one need of our churches is the full enlistment of their members through a definite, sensible, and continuous program of enlistment. Please remember me in your devotions."

## Southern Baptists Hold First N. Y. Services

NEW YORK—(BP)—The first regularly-scheduled preaching services ever conducted by a group of Southern Baptists in New York City were held May 5.

Ray Roberts, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, preached at the first service. Worship services are being held in a rental chapel of the YMCA in downtown Manhattan.

Plans were made to organize a Sunday school. Fellowship prayer services have been held in homes of Southern Baptists since February.

A church in Niagara Falls, N.Y., has co-operated with the Ohio state convention since June, 1955, when it was organized from a mission. The mission had been started earlier by Baptists in Alabama.

A few churches in Pennsylvania and West Virginia also are co-operating with Ohio Baptists.

## Clergy Permits Valid For Convention Trip

CHICAGO—(BP)—All clergy permits will be valid for train transportation to the Southern Baptist Convention here, railroad passenger agents have reported.

The suggested period for using them in buying railroad tickets is May 23-June 1.

Normally a lengthy train trip may require more than one permit, since each permit is restricted to a geographical area of the country. This requirement is however waived at Convention time to allow one permit—whatever is held by the Convention-goer—to be valid for the trip to the Convention.

## Kendall To Be Preacher At Southern Seminary Exercises

Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Thursday, May 23. The service will be at 8:00 p.m. in the Seminary's Alumni Memorial Chapel, Louisville, Ky. Commencement exercises will be on May 24. There are 34 Tennesseans who will become graduates of Southern Seminary on this occasion.

## Religious TV Series Given Special Award

FORT WORTH—(BP)—"This Is The Answer," religious television series, has received a citation for "outstanding" film production in the 21st American Exhibition of Educational Radio and TV Programs.

Produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, the series of films was one of four award winners in the special interests category. The series features Christ's parables in modern-day settings.

COLUMBIA, S.C.—(BP)—W. M. Whiteside, superintendent of the South Carolina Baptist Hospital here has retired. His assistant, W. A. Boyce, has become acting superintendent.

In a recent statement about Whiteside, the hospital trustees used these words: "The story of the (South Carolina) Baptist Hospital is really the story of Dr. W. M. Whiteside. South Carolina Baptists have never produced a more dedicated man than Dr. Whiteside."

Mrs. Edwin McNeely, professor of piano, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, died April 16 following a long illness. Mrs. McNeely, wife of Edwin McNeely, professor of ministry of music at the seminary, had been teaching at Southwestern since 1920.



# A Man Of Peace In A World Of Strife

**TEXTS:** Genesis 26:1-5, 12-33 (Larger)—Gen. 26:17-29 (Printed)—Matthew 5:9 (Golden).

The Golden Text, one of the beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount, reminds us of the high estate of those who would make peace. This is in sharp contrast with those who would create strife. "A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife" (Prov. 15:18). This is not to imply that the Bible teaches what is referred to as pacifism for Paul writes: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" (Rom. 12:18). Isaac, in the long ago, found himself in the midst of contentious men and sets a worthy example in dealing with such men. The printed passage of the lesson text suggests three ideas.

## STRIFE AT THE WELLS (vv. 17-22)

Around each of the wells, except one, there was strife. When it is recalled that water in that land was scarce and that human nature was sinful, it is not hard to understand such strife. Water was precious and men were greedy. Isaac seems to have been the only person who was graciously forbearing. Instead of meeting strife with strife, he moved to another place and dug a new well or cleaned out an old one. He had his rights, to be sure, but for the sake of peace he was willing to waive them. His example is a worthy one in our world of today.

Classes or groups within a given area, such as laborers and capitalists, need to learn the lesson of patience. Nations with differing systems of government must learn how to live in peace. Races and religions should be tolerant. Changes should be sought by persuasion instead of by force. For after all is said and done, our world is

one. Failure to recognize this is to invite a situation where it could easily be none.

## ASSURANCE AT THE ALTAR (vv. 23-25)

It happened at Beer-sheba. The Lord appeared to Isaac during the night with words of assurance and encouragement. He promised to be with him in the same way that He had been with Abraham. He also renewed the covenant concerning his offspring. These verses indicate that God was doing all of this for the sake of Abraham. It is not surprising, then, when we are told that Isaac builded an altar there.

The altar was and is a symbol of sacrifice. On it animals were slain and blood was poured out. On it suffering occurred. Cost for a sacrifice was always involved. The best animals were killed. And it has ever been so in the case of human achievement. Men have bled and died in order that liberty might live. Jesus bled and died, and rose again, in order that peace might become a reality in human experience. His followers do well when possessed with the same attitude. For there can be no lasting peace apart from the religion of Christianity, practiced in all of its fulness. When men make peace with God they are ready to make peace with one another, and this is the clear implication of our Golden Text. To be indeed a child of God is to be like God, and God is a god of peace. One cannot be such a child apart from Calvary's altar.

## PEACE AT THE CONFERENCE (vv. 26-29)

The four, Abimelech, Ahuzzath, Phichol and Isaac, met in conference and out of the conference there came the promise to keep the peace. It was perhaps the beginning of a long series of such conferences that have taken place in man's history since then. Such efforts are commendable.

The net results of similar conferences tend to discourage us, but let it be remembered that they at least stop the fighting and the consequent loss of human life. The most foolish method of trying to settle human differences is that of fighting. A cold war is bad but it is not as bad as a "hot" one. As long as men are willing to confer, with reason and deliberation, there is the hope of at least a truce, far better than a war.

## Finally At Peace In Boston

BOSTON, Mass., May 21, 1718—(BP)—Two ancient foes in Massachusetts, the established church and Baptists, after 70 years of bitter struggle apparently have decided to "live and let live."

Remarkable evidence of at least a temporary cessation of hostilities was seen today in the ordination of Elisha Callender, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boston. Two members of the established church in Massachusetts were invited to the ordination and played major roles in the ceremony.

Aging Increase Mather, perhaps the most influential member of the established church in the colonies and long a determined foe of nonconformity, extended the right hand of fellowship. The ordination sermon, delivered by Cotton Mather, son of the patriarchal Increase, was a forthright plea for tolerance.

"Let good men go as far as they can without sin in holding communion with one another," Cotton Mather urged. "But where sinful terms are imposed, there let them make their stops; there a separation becomes a duty."

"If the brethren in whose house we are now convened, met with any thing too unbrotherly," the preacher continued, "they with satisfaction hear us expressing our dislike of every thing that looked like persecution in the days that have passed over us."

This is indeed a startling declaration when it is recalled that in 1680 the Baptist church in Boston was nailed up by court order. From the day the Baptist church was organized in Boston members were fined, imprisoned, and otherwise persecuted. The established church was ever the prime mover in this persecution and few have been more aggressive than Increase and Cotton Mather.

A more tolerant attitude on the part of the established church in Massachusetts has been in evidence for several years.

Elisha Callender, the new pastor at Boston, is a Harvard Graduate. He is the son of Ellis Callender who has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church here since 1708. The elder Callender was a leading member of the church when it was closed by Boston authorities thirty-eight years ago.

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# The Young South

Boys and girls in all sections of our state are discovering the fun of having pen pals. Do you notice the addresses of the friends whose letters are printed in our Young South column each week? Have you ever tried to locate these places on a map, to see how far away they are from your own town? You might like to do that this week, as you read the letters and choose a new friend.

*From Peggy Massey, Route 2, Prospect, Tenn.:*

This is my first time to write to you. I hope to get lots of letters, and I will answer all I can. I go to Elkton School and am in the fifth grade. I was 10 years old on Jan-



uary 8. I go to church at Elkton. My hobbies are playing the piano and watching TV. My grandmother lives in Pulaski, Tennessee. She gets the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR and I enjoy reading it very much. I would like to have pen pals 9-11 years of age.

*From Patsy Wade, Palos Street, Athens, Tenn.:*

I am 13 years old—almost 14. My birthday is May 20. I am interested in basketball, tennis, and swimming. I would like to have pen pals ages 13-15. I will try to answer any mail I get.

*From Mary Ellen Wilcox, Circle Street, Athens, Tenn.:*

I am 14 years old. My birthday was April 18. I go to North City School where I am in the eighth grade. I would like to have several pen pals and will try to answer all the letters I get.

*From Carolyn Enoch, 151 Fourth Street, Henderson, Tenn.:*

I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade. I play the piano and am a majorette in the Chester County High School Band. I belong to First Baptist Church of Henderson, Tennessee. I love to write letters and will try my best to answer every letter I receive. I would like to hear from friends 13-15 years of age.

*From Mona Gregory, Route 5, Maryville, Tenn. (c/o G. H. Gregory):*

I am 13 years old. My birthday is November 16. I am a member of the Piney Grove Baptist Church. My hobbies are skating, playing basketball, and collecting pictures of my friends. I would like to have pen pals ages 13-16 and will try to answer all letters I receive. Thank you.

*From Lydia Sue Gardner, Box 218, Riceville, Tenn.:*

I am 10 years old, will be 11 on November 21. This is my first time to write to you. I go to Riceville Baptist Church. I would like to have a pen pal my age.

*From Carolyn Anderson, Route 1, Sweetwater, Tenn.:*

I am 12 years of age and in the seventh grade at Little Hiawasse School. I am a member of Madisonville First Baptist Church, three miles from my home. My hobbies are collecting pictures. I like to write letters, themes, and plays. I will answer every letter I get. I would like to have a picture of my pen pal, if someone writes to me.

*From Cindy Noe, 2009 Radiance, Knoxville 18, Tenn.:*

I am 9 years old and go to Wallace Memorial Baptist Church. I am a Christian, too. I would like to have pen pals ages 7-10. I will answer every letter I get, if I can. I have a pet cat named Winky.

*From Sandra Lou Fox, Route 5, Maryville, Tenn. (c/o B. E. Cutshaw):*

This is my second time to write to you. I would like to have more pen pals—I have two already. I will answer every letter I receive.

I am 14 years old. My birthday is June 23. I am a Christian and belong to Piney Grove Baptist Church where Rev. Thurman Arnold is pastor.

My hobbies are swimming and collecting photographs. Thank you for printing my letter. I would like to have pen pals ages 15-17.



Which of today's friends lives farthest from you? Does one live in your own town? Does one live in a place you've visited or would like to visit some day? It's fun to exchange letters that share interesting facts and news about home towns—try it!

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

It was a grade 3, and the children were learning the difference between a half and a third. The teacher, in order to clinch the matter once and for all, asked the class this question.

"Which would you rather have: a half of a pie or a third of a pie?"

Calling on Diane, one of her bright performers, the teacher confidently awaited the answer. Diane, a young person not averse to a turn in the spotlight, replied, "I'd rather have a third of a pie."

Frowning in perplexity, for Diane rarely went off the deep end, the teacher asked: "What made you give that answer?"

With hauteur befitting one much older, Diane replied, "I'm on a diet!"

MOTHER: Was it a bad accident when you two boys ran together on your bikes?

SON: Well, Jimmy was knocked speechless, and my front wheel was knocked spokeless.

DAN: What did the bald-headed man say when he received a comb for his birthday?

BOB: I don't know. You tell me.

DAN: He said, "Thank you very much, I'll never part with it!"

The young housewife was giving an even younger housewife some cooking instructions.

"Then add five gluks of custard," she concluded.

"Five what?" she was asked.

"Gluks."

"What's a gluk?"

"Oh, for heaven's sake!" said the young housewife. "Tip the jug until it says 'gluk' and do that four more times."

Then there's the one about the two fleas who had been to the theatre. Leaving, one said to the other, "Well, shall we walk—or take a dog?"

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# Where Preachers Come From

by Carl A. Clark

God is giving Southern Baptists an abundance of preachers. This may not sound extreme or exceptional to Southern Baptist ears, but people of other denominations seem to think it is rather phenomenal.

This is because many other denominations are experiencing a shortage of ministers. They cannot organize new churches because of the serious limitation of preachers. Several of the denominations are beginning to ordain women because they cannot get enough men to fill their pulpits. Methodists, Presbyterians and the Disciples for example, have told us that they have an extreme shortage of men available to pastor their churches. The Episcopal Church reports that it has less than one-half the number of preachers as churches.

Because of this shortage most denominations are conducting campaigns for recruiting young men to the ministry. This is a rather desperate appeal. In a recent seminar in which outstanding rural church leaders from about ten denominations participated, more than one-half of the time was spent discussing how to recruit ministers, and the other half on how to train them.

In the seminar discussion of how to recruit the ministers, the men from the other denominations gave their opinion that throughout the years the rural churches of their denominations had been producing ministers, but the city churches had never produced very many. They explained the shortage by saying that now rural churches were failing to produce preachers in the proportion that they had in the past and city churches had not yet taken up the slack. This left them with a serious shortage. This thought was presented by these leaders in an effort to strengthen and encourage their rural church program, for they felt the life of their denomination depended upon the way rural churches produced preachers.

## SURVEY OF MINISTERS

This raised question of where preachers came from in the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. J. P. Edmunds, head of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board, conducted a survey in 1954, in which he sought this information from 2,189 pastors selected at random throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist Handbook for 1955, page 16, gives a report of the survey. This is not to be taken as to be entirely typical of the Southern Baptist Convention but at least out of the 2,189 pastors the following results are reported.

Fifty-six percent of all Southern Baptist pastors in the survey were reared in the open country. Seventeen percent were reared

in towns of 2,500 population or less, that is, towns which were classed as rural. Added together, this means that 73% of the pastors in this survey were reared in town and country areas. This leaves 27% of the pastors who were reared in towns of 2,500 population up to the larger cities.

Additional information from the survey indicates that 71% of the pastors coming from rural churches, 78% of all Southern Baptist churches are rural and 50% of the members. This indicates that rural churches have produced preachers in ratio to the number of churches rather than the ratio to membership.

In the light of the above fact, it seems that rural churches of the Southern Baptist Convention continue to produce preachers. It is our observation that Southern Baptist city churches are beginning to turn out more young ministers. This is the only explanation we see to the abundance of preachers in the Southern Baptist Convention in contrast to other denominations where rural churches have ceased to produce.

These other leaders said most of the decisions for the ministry are made in their assemblies and camps. That surely must be true also of Southern Baptists. Appeals are made for young people to surrender their lives to full-time Christian service at Glorieta and Ridgecrest and in all our assemblies and camps. Through this method, both city and rural churches are contributing of their sons to the ministry and of their sons and daughters to missionary educational and music ministry. To these assemblies and camps, therefore, must go much of the credit for the present supply of Christian workers. But if the experience of the other denominations is accurate, then we must see to it that rural churches continue to send of their sons and daughters into these Christian callings.

## BAPTIST CHALLENGE

Southern Baptists are now facing the greatest challenge for expansion in the history of the denomination. We have adopted a goal of establishing 30,000 new churches and preaching stations by 1964. It is not possible to organize this many preaching points and furnish preachers to deliver the Gospel message unless we have a large increase in ministerial staff. All of these new churches are conceived to be full-time churches. We do not organize part-time churches today. Many of the mission stations will require full-time preaching. If so, the Southern Baptists will need several thousand new preachers to staff this vast expansion of our preaching ministry.

This does not take into consideration the large number that will be needed if the Foreign Mission Board completes its expansion program of reaching 2,000 missionaries, which is almost double the present number or the present plans of the Home Mission Board to expand. If the Southern Baptist Convention grows, we will need new colleges and seminaries and these will require many well-trained leaders. All of this indicates that Southern Baptist churches must send more of their youth than ever before into full-time religious vocations.

The question then is, where will they come from? Whose church will send out its young people? Whose home will produce young people dedicated to Christian service and ready to obey God's call? If we reach the young people for the ministry they must come from churches just like yours. It has not been the big churches that have supplied the ministry for the entire convention. A few men have come from many churches including smaller churches. Unless you and your church send out some of your young people, Southern Baptist churches will face a desperate shortage in a few years time. Unless you who are parents train your young people to be ready to listen to the divine call of God, Southern Baptists can never expand.

Since rural people have more youth in proportion to their population than city people, this places an added responsibility on rural churches. Can we of this generation challenge our youth to full-time dedication in a way that pastors of the earlier generation challenged us? This will determine where our preachers of the future will come from.

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## Thousandth Southern Baptist Church Constituted North Of Ohio River

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BN)—Southern Baptists have constituted the thousandth church north of the Ohio River in the eight-state Great Lake pioneer area, according to Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia.

Woodmar Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana, was constituted May 4 with 63 members. This church has been a mission of the First Southern Baptist Church of Hammond which is the largest Southern Baptist Church in the Greater Chicago area.

The mission received assistance from Southern Baptist churches through the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, in the form of mission pastoral aid from July, 1956 until March, 1957.

This is typical of the many churches being constituted under a similar plan in the Convention.

Reverend Harold Williams has been serving as mission pastor and was called as pastor of the newly-constituted church.