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Win the boy to Christ, and you save the man for the Kingdom.

-MAX THARPE PHOTO

. . Mob Attacks Mexican Mission

• Joel and Amos Garcia went to attend our new mission at San Pedro Lagunilla on May 30. They were not able to arrive, however, at the home of the believer where the service was to be held. Several hundred fanatical Catholics met them in the street and prevented them from going to the mission. The mob was armed with bottles of gasoline, stones, clubs, daggers, machetes and even fire arms.

The mob was formed by the priest of the town who had told the people that our missionaries were communists paid by the United States. The leaders shouted for blood, and for a moment it seemed that our workers would be sacrificed by the blood-thirsty mob.

Fifteen or twenty men who have either accepted the Gospel, or are deeply interested in it, wanted to go for their guns and shoot it out with the mob, but were persuaded not to do so, by the Garcia brothers.

A taxi from the near-by town of Compostela happened to come by, and the two Baptist preachers were forced with blows to enter the car and sent away with the threat that they would be killed if they ever returned.

The first Sunday in June the pastor of the Baptist Church in the state capital, Tepic, and I went to investigate the matter. We found the believers determined to be faithful to the Lord. A Committee of the leaders was organized to go to Tepic to protest before the state and federal authorities and to ask for protection.

The Grand Masonic Lodges of the states of Nayarit and Jalisco are also protesting, and trying to help our people. Many people here are praying. If the priests should succeed in running us out of that town of 5,000 people, it woulld only mean that they would try to run us out of every town, and that we could not open new work in any place.



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THUS SAITH THE PREACHER-

A Layman President

Dear Editor:

I, for one, am genuinely delighted that the Southern Baptist Convention elected Brooks Hays as its president. Not that any one of the preachers nominated couldn't have done a good job. They could. And they deserved recognition for many hours of hard work.

Yet, we Baptists are treading on the thin ground that could lead us into another kind of clericalism. Of all people who ought to be on guard against such a happening, Baptists ought. For centuries we have emphasized the priesthood and equality of every believer as we have de-emphasized any special merit for the preachers. But in the governing our affairs, I'm afraid we've been going the opposite direction.

Let's begin on the Associational level. How many laymen are active in the associations you know? How many have been moderators? Move on to the state conventions. How many laymen are on the state executive board, or whatever you call it? Oh, I know there are a few major exceptions, but the overwhelming majority of offices, committees, and other assignments are taken by preachers.

I'll try to be fair. Far too often the layman has sacrificed his place by appearing uninterested, by not taking certain responsibilities seriously, by being unable to give the amount of time necessary to the work of his denomination, and by not speaking up in his behalf. Sometimes, too, the layman misjudges the preacher by assuming that he has no business acumen.

I don't know the full answer. I do know that we'd better put ourselves to some serious thought about enlisting more activity on the part of our laymen. The Methodists are trying to solve it by having equal representation at their Conferences and on many of their boards. That might not be a bad idea for us.

As many times as I've read that passage in Acts 8:1, I missed a significant fact, until recently. Listen:

"... they were scattered throughout the region of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles."

Except the apostles! The apostles stayed in Jerusalem; the laymen were scattered and did the preaching!

Yours, for a stronger laity G. Avery Lee First Baptist Church Ruston, La.

Will you who read this please enlist as many in your church and other groups in daily prayer for our brethren whose lives are in danger in this town. When mobs attacked our missions last year in Cd. Guzman and Zapopan, Jalisco, we made this same request. Our papers published the requests, and many church papers reprinted it. Dozens of people wrote that they were praying and God heard the prayers. In both of these towns our work is going well, and the persecution has ceased. July and August, however, is Vacation Bible school time on our field and we hope to have at least a hundred schools in these three states where we only have eleven churches. These schools arouse the ire of the priests, and they resort to mob violence. Please pray also for our Vacation Bible Schools .- Orvil W. Reid, Apartados 1436-1437, Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico.

. . . Continue To Pray

© Continue to pray for us, that we will let God use us in His service in this land which we have learned to love. Pray also that during these days of decision concerning the constitution and the setting up of a new government in Nigeria, that we shall know the blessing of religious liberty, without which our mission work will greatly suffer and people will continue to wait in darkness for the blessed Light. Satan is at work in this land, appealing to the material interests, luring people through greed and lusts, fighting a desperate battle for the very soul of Nigeria. Shall we sit idly by when we could pray and give. We feel that you will pledge with us anew that we will do our very best to bring Christ to this land. May God's blessings rest upon you as you labor for Him is our prayer. —Thomas and Katharine High, Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, West Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray F. Dykes and diden, Ann Judson and Ray Francis, have returned from Scotland where Mr. Lookes studied for two years at New College. University of Edinburg. He completed his residence requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree while there and is now engaged in writing his thesis, an exegetical study and theological discussion of the eighth chapter of Romans. Dykes was formerly pastor of White Oak Church. Chattanooga. The Dykes are at present making their home in Shivers, Miss.

Invitations For 1961 Convention Due Dec. 1

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Cities which want to be host to the 1961 session of the Southern Baptist Convention should present their invitations in writing to the convention arrangements committee by Dec.. 1, 1957

Invitations may be addressed to the convention arrangements committee, Southern Baptist Executive Committee, 127 Ninth Ave. No., Nashville.

The Convention has selected its sites for 1958, '59, and '60. They are Houston: Louisville, Ky., and Miami Beach in that order.

Christianity in Conflict

"The crisis may be more acute than we realize," Missionary Buford Lee Nichols, warns in Christianity in Conflict.

"I came not to bring peace," said Jesus, "but a sword." By this reference to the bringing of a sword, Jesus did not mean that the Gospel is a source of conflict or strife. The Gospel brings the good news of peace and love among men.

A Christian has the peace of God in his heart. Deep is his desire for peace and good will among all men everywhere. But the sword of evil is unsheathed and uplifted against truth and righteousness. Jesus said that hatred, persecution, and death will pursue those who follow him.

Evil is an active, militant force in the world—not simply the absence of virtue nor the negative counterpart of good. Evil thrives as a powerful kingdom headed by a personal devil and supported by wicked people. The devil is described in the Bible as a roaring lion stalking about and devouring his victims; and his cohorts are pictured as sowing their tares amid the wheat.

The proclamation of the Gospel brings to light the essential nature of evil. Evil, taking the defensive, strikes back in reactionary violence. This reaction may be of the roaring lion variety that devours or the sowing of tares kind that deceives. Potentially, if not actually, there is conflict wherever and whenever God's word is sown.

Jesus described his work as creative rather than destructive. And yet the Apostle John, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote about fifty years later that Christ came into the world to destroy the works of the devil (I John 3:8).

Christ's work of redemption makes bad people good and good people better. This puts the devil to flight and eradicates evil. When Christ comes into a human life the forces of destruction are driven out—as darkness flees before the rising sun. His new creations thwart the devil's destructive designs. When a sinner is saved the devil shudders and his kingdom shrinks; Heaven rejoices and hell weeps.

There is surely a place in Christianity for the denunciation and destruction of sin and error but the Christian message is not primarily a reactionary, fight-back attack against evil. Christ's followers may even turn the other cheek or go the second mile when evil launches its attack. The work of Christ is positively creative: "Behold, I make all things new."

This creative, regenerative work does more than anything else to put down evil. The salvation message of the Christian minister is a creative force in society. Dr. W. T. Conner used to tell his seminary students that a preacher is a great force for

reformation unless he degenerates into a reformer.

During my past twenty years of missionary ministry in the Orient I have witnessed ceremonies of casting out idols from homes. This turn from idolatry did not take place because the missionaries had denounced Buddhist idols. It was because people had been introduced to Christ, and He had brought something better into their lives and homes. The desire for idols had gone out because Christ had come in.

The Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation." Evil is the devil's tool for destruction.

When people confront the Gospel appeal, a response is demanded. Some accept Christ and others reject. Hearers are thus divided into two camps. For this reason Jesus said that a man's enemies are the members of his own household—son against father, daughter against mother, etc. In oriental families I have seen this very thing. I am thinking now of young people who have been driven from their homes because they became Christians. Why this division? The occasion was the entrance of the Gospel into the home; the cause was the violent reaction of evil against those who accepted the claims of Christ contained in the Gospel.

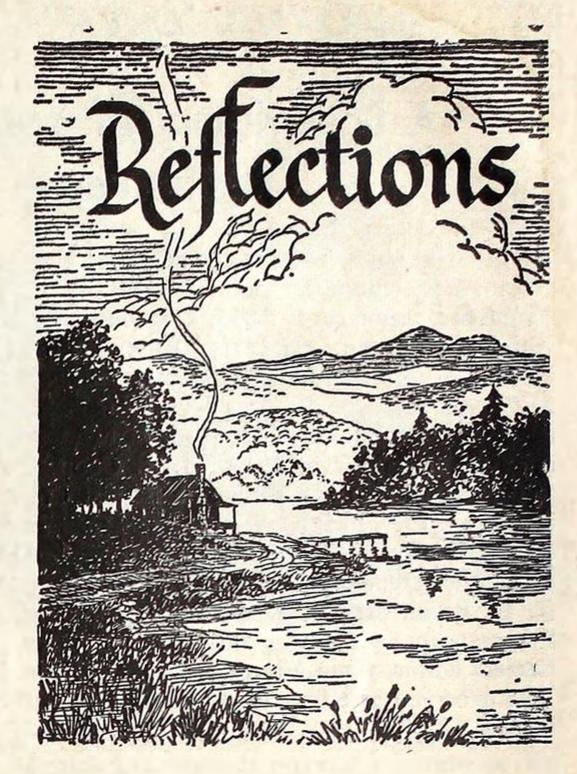
The Bible enjoins us not to fret because of evil in the world (Psalm 37). Worry and anxiety will not remedy the situation. The Lord of the harvest will seperate the tares from the wheat at the final judgment. We are not to worry or wrangle but to work and witness.

The Bible also warns Christians against indifference toward evil. The worst hindrance to the cause of Christ may be in the indifferent, indulgent church member rather than the infidel or atheist on the outside.

To see in Christianity only the peace and calm which Christ gives to his followers is not sufficient. A believer may become complacent and inactive if he only contemplates God's gift of peace in the human heart.

To view our Christian faith and experience against the background of conflict and struggle revives heroic heartbeats within us. It sparks the crusader's zeal. It gives meaning to songs we glibly sing: "Onward Christian Soldiers," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," etc. This view of our faith improves the quality of our Christian lives. It brings into focus many inspiring examples of makers of Christian history: Christ on the cross, Paul amid the howling mob, Bunyan in prison, Huss in the flames, Luther before the council, and thousands of the faithful who are suffering for Christ's sake today.

Good because of its positive nature, should be more active than evil. Christians, of all people, ought to be actively working—not passively enjoying the blessings of God. Christianity is in conflict. The



When you are young you live to learn.
When you are older you learn to live.—
Helen Yeomans, Missionary Tidings.

You are old only if you'd rather win an argument than be right.—Thomas C. Desmond, in *Today's Health*.

One great predominant fact in our world is interdependence. People depend upon each other to a degree far beyond that in earlier periods. Our complex civilization, which science has made more so, demands it. Science requires specialization. If you become sepcialized, you have to depend on others for everything but your specialty. So as science requires specialization, it also requires cooperation. We depend upon each other . . . not only within our community but worldwide. We are citizens of the world, whether we want to be or not.—Arthur Holly Compton, "We Need Each Other," Rotarian.

There is all the difference in the world between a flight of stairs and a rope ladder. Stairs are built up one by one; and no matter how high they reach, they begin on the ground and are held up from underneath. A rope ladder must be let down from above. It must be fastened at the top. This is the difference, too between revelation and all the other words that one so often confuses with it.— Chas. T. Sardeson, Rediscovering the Words of Faith.

crisis may be more acute than we realize.

Let us awake and shake ourselves loose from the slumbers of indifference. Let us breathe heroism into our personal witness, our church activities, our mission programs, our stewardship loyalty, and our intercessory prayers. We need to realize today the gallantry of our Christian heritage and the dynamic of our Christian faith. The hour of action is upon us.

A Brief History Of Your State Baptist Paper

The Baptist and Reflector stems originally from The Bap-TIST, 16 pp. monthly founded by R. B. C. Howell at Nashville, Tennessee, January 1, 1835. Consolidation was effected in 1889 with The American Baptist Reflector of Chattanooga owned by E. E. Folk. The combined papers since then have been published in Nashville as the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. E. E. Folk and O. L. Hailey were joint editors-owners, with Albert R. Bond succeding Folk as editor in 1917. M. R. Cooper, as editor and owner, sold the paper to the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1921 when it became the official journal of the Convention. Hight C Moore served briefly as editor after Cooper. J. D. Moore, first editor under the Executive Board, served four years. Executive Secretary O. E. Bryan served as editor pro tem until election of John D. Freeman in 1925, who served eight years. O. W. Taylor was elected editor when Freeman became State Executive Secretary. Taylor served as editor from July 1, 1933 to September 15, 1950.

THE BAPTIST, first edited by Howell, was merged for a short period with The Baptist Banner of Louisville, Kentucky. In 1846, however, it reappeared as The Baptist. Editor Howell offered this paper to the General Association (of Middle Tennessee and Northern Alabama). The Association accepted The Baptist, making J. R. Graves associate editor with A. B. Bankland business associate. The paper's name was then changed to the Tennessee Baptist, Graves becoming sole editor in 1848, maintaining this connection forty-seven years. Publication suspended during the War Between the States was then resumed at Memphis, Graves reverting to the original name, The Baptist. Consolidation was effected in 1886 with The Baptist Gleaner of Fulton, Kentucky, whose J. D. Moody became associate editor with Graves.

Forerunner of The American Baptist Reflector was The Baptist Reflector appearing in 1874 at Morristown, Tennessee. Publisher O. C. Pope sold it to W. D. Mayfield in 1878 who moved the paper to Nashville, associating with him, B. R. Womack. J. B. Chevis became editor-proprietor in 1881.

Still another forerunner, The Baptist Sun, at this same time published by G. A. Nunnally in Rome, Georgia, was bought by J. M. Robertson. It was moved to Chattanooga and renamed The American Baptist. In 1882, Robertson merged The Baptist Sun with The Baptist Reflector, which he bought from Chevis. The combined papers appeared as the American Baptist Reflector. Upon Robertson's retirement in 1885, this paper was left in the hands of R. J. Willingham and A. W. McGaga.

Thus, we have two distinct journalistic streams converging in the journal now known as The Baptist and Reflector. Both main streams were themselves fed by several tributary papers.

The Baptist and Reflector, 16-page weekly is owned by the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Richard N. Owen has been editor since September 15, 1950. The weekly paper has an estimated 179,000 readers. Church families are provided with the Baptist and Reflector by 453 Tennessee Baptist churches through budget subscriptions.

Publication is by the Tennessee Baptist Press, whose nine-man Board of Directors named by the Convention elects the editor upon nomination by the Executive Board of the Convention.

The paper does not receive any allocation of Co-operative Program funds. Printing equipment (linotype, presses, folders, stitchers, addressograph machines, etc.) is owned by the Tennessee Baptist Press. The Baptist and Reflector is printed on contract by Curley Printing Company. who use the equipment owned by Tennessee Baptist Press. Files of the paper have been microfilmed. Tennessee Baptist Press has its own treasurer. This account, however, is handled as a special account in the State Mission fund of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

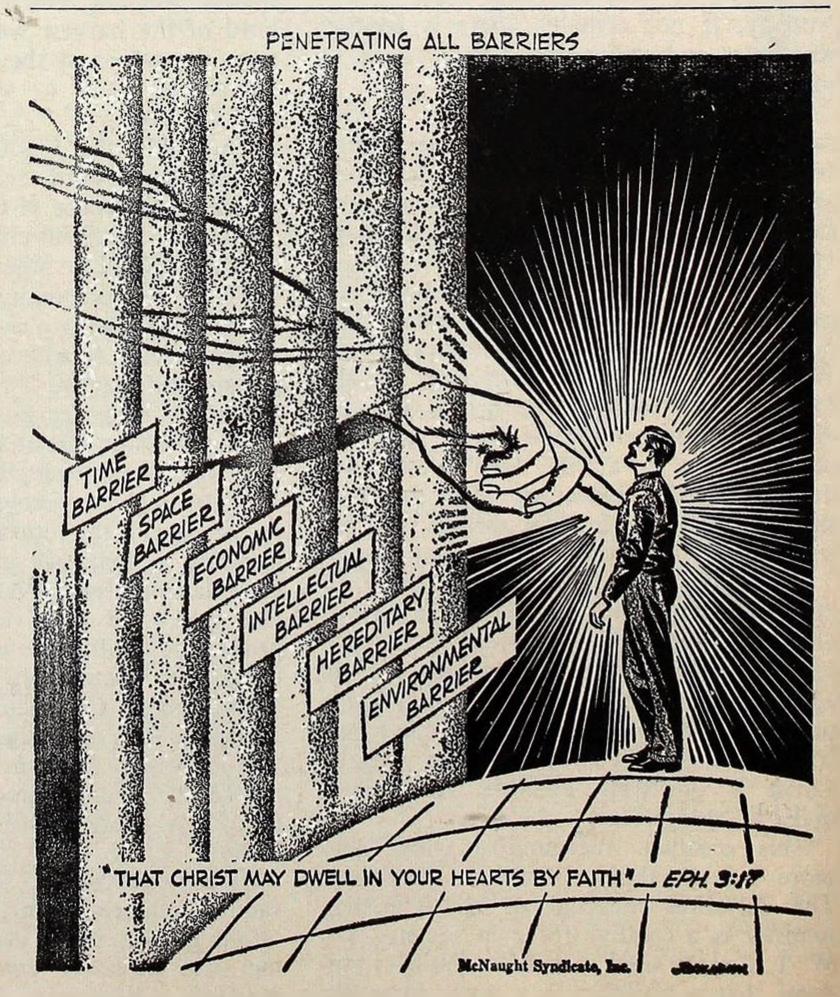
A Smaller Pastorate

We were recently in conversation with one of our finest pastors in the state of Alabama. He was telling us about a church which had manifested interest in him as to becoming their pastor. The church interested in him is not any larger than the one he has. He further stated that he had left a larger church to go to his present pastorate. The committee of the interested church investigated the larger church this pastor had served to find out why he would leave a larger church to go to a smaller one.

Something is wrong with our attitudes when the impression is given that a pastor has something wrong with him if he accepts a smaller pastorate. We have no Scripture whatsoever to indicate that God will not call a man to a smaller church than the one he is serving. In fact, we know ministers who feel best fitted for some smaller responsibility but they have difficulty moving to something smaller because we have warped our thinking toward the idea that a man must be called to a larger church in order to be pleasing to the Lord.

We need to rethink our attitude in reference to places of service. It is a great blessing when the Lord opens up larger responsibilities for us but we should never feel that we are not in His will when some smaller church seeks to call a man from a larger one. This practice has become so traditional that many preachers' friends think something is wrong with them when they go to a smaller church. It is not the size of the church one serves but how well one serves the Lord where he is that counts.

This attitude has developed so strong in our thinking that we often find preachers unable to settle down on their present field and render a real, loving service because they have their eyes set upon some larger church. Any preacher who gets to that stage in his thinking and attitudes will most likely never feel he is where he ought to be. We believe the Lord is in our calls, and if this is a sincere conviction the Lord will lead us to the places not only where we can serve our best but where we will be happiest in doing so. Happiness and contentment in a preacher's life is worth more to him and God than any other remuneration.—Leon Macon in The Alabama Baptist



Hays Renews Devotion To Baptist Principles

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Rep. Brooks Hays, (D., Ark.), the new president of the Southern Baptist Convention, pledged himself to renewed devotion to time-honored Baptist principles—the emphasis on the Bible, religious liberty, and evangelism.

In a talk to members of the Convention's Executive Committee here, Rep. Hays also addressed himself especially to ministers on the Committee. Hays, the first layman president in 12 years, said "I know I can't do this job without you (preachers)."

"I'm going to study my Bible more than I ever have before because the Bible is our chart," he declared. He said the time has come to measure Southern Baptists' progress not only in numbers and church extension but also in 'the depth of life of the people."

He said this "depth of life" must include Bible reading, prayer life, and daily Chris-

tian living.

Hays said Baptists have always believed that they need "no ecclesiastical authority projecting himself between the reader of Scripture and God, the source of inspiration."

The first "plank" in his platform as Convention president, he emphasized, will be "devotion to democracy. I will be a democratic president," he added. "I will also try to support you in your emphasis on evangelism."

A member of the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives, Hays said he would strive to aid the cause of religious liberty in countries abroad. In an interview after his address, he mentioned Spain and Colombia.

As president of the largest Baptist convention in the world, Hays said he would not force his own viewpoint on the denomination.

On another matter of continuing interest to Baptists, Hay said he "hopes Congress (this session) will pass a law to ban serving of beverage alcohol on flights." Such a measure has been proposed in a previous session of Congress.

Hays said he believed that while distinguished governors had served as president of the Convention, he believed he was the first member of Congress to be president.

While in Nashville for about 12 hours, Hays also was busy being photographed for a cover picture in Home Life magazine, answering questions of the daily press, and consulting with the two Convention vice-presidents about speaking engagements during the various state convention sessions next October and November.

In Chicago after his election, Hays stressed that he would have to rely heavily on these vice-presidents to help him carry on the duties of office, which customarily include numbers of speaking engagements. He reiterated that in his remarks to the Executive Committee.



NASHVILLE—Hon. Brooks Hays, Congressman from the Fifth District of Arkansas, (center) new President of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the mid-year session of the Convention Executive Committee meeting here in the chapel of the Baptist Sunday School Board, June 19. With Hays is newly elected Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, Jacksonville, Fla., (left), and Dr. Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn., the Committee's Executive Secretary.—Photo Courtesy The Nashville Tennessean.

To Review Convention's Annual Program Policy

NASHVILLE—(BP)—On motion of the Southern Baptist Convention's first vice-president, the Convention's Executive Committee will study a proposal to give members of the Committee on Order of Business staggered terms of office.

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., and a member of the Executive Committee, made the motion. He said there would "probably be great wisdom in having terms of office of members of the Committee on Order of Business extend more than just one year."

The Committee on Order of Business must draft the program followed by the Convention during its annual session each spring. As now provided for the membership of the committee is completely changed each year.

Hudgins said that a continuing committee would "offer something in the way of experience"

experience."

He proposed that the Committee on Order of Business have nine members, with three members rotating off the committee annually.

His proposal will be studied between now and the next semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee here in December.

A motion by Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, carried to study also establishing a permanent policy on the Convention's having morning, afternoon, and evening sessions when it meets each year.

There were no afternoon sessions during the 1957 Convention at Chicago because of the distance between downtown hotels and the Convention's meeting hall.

Hobbs said the "Convention just does not have time to transact its business in

Executive Committee Elects Homer Lindsay

NASHVILLE—(B P)—The Southern ern Baptist Executive Committee has elected Homer G. Lindsay, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., as its chairman for the coming year.

Lindsay succeeds Federal Judge Frank
A. Hooper of Atlanta.

A former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Lindsay has been pastor of the Jacksonville church since 1940. Previously he served as pastor at Covington, Tennessee, and at Avondale, Chattanooga.

Elected to serve with him are T. K. Rucker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Forrest City, Ark., vice-chairman, and Elwyn Wilkinson, pastor of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., recording secretary.

The Executive Committee re-elected its three administrative officers, - Porter Routh executive secretary; Albert McClellan, associate secretary and director of publications, and Merrill Moore, associate secretary and director of promotion. All live in Nashville where Executive Committee has offices.

three morning sessions and three or four evening sessions when a major part of the program is given over to inspirational services."

C. Vaughan Rock, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz. moved—and it was carried—that the Executive Committee also determine what the Convention can do to make a spiritual impact and contribution to the cities in which it meets.

The proposals of Hobbs and Vaughan will be under study between now and December, too, when a report will be made.

Convention Committees Elected By SBC At Chicago

Committee on Christian Vocations

Allen W. Graves, Chairman, Kentucky; Herbert Baucom, Jr., North Carolina; Frank Bozeman Georgia; Margaret Bruce, Alabama; Bill Cody, Virginia; Neil Darnell, Tennessee; Helen Gardner, Tennessee; L. O. Griffith, Georgia; Nolon Howington, Arkansas; W. L. Howse, Tennessee; Edward Hurt, Jr., Tennessee; G. Kearnie Keegan, Tennessee: Jack Noffsinger, Florida; Keener Pharr, North Carolina; Ralph Phelps, Arkansas; Howard Rees, Washington, D. C.; Raymond M. Rigdon, Tennessee: Chester Swor, Mississippi; John M. Tubbs, Tennessee; Rebecca Tune, Oklahoma; Elmer S. West, Virginia.

Committee on Baptist State Papers

Louie D. Newton, Chairman, Georgia; Leon M. Macon, Alabama; W. Barry Garrett, Arizona; Erwin L. McDonald, Arkansas; Floyd Looney, California; W. G. Stracener, Florida; John J. Hurt, Jr., Georgia; L. H. Moore, Illinois; C. R. Daley, Kentucky; Finley W. Tinnin, Louisiana; Clifton C Thomas, Maryland; W. C. Fields, Mississippi; Lewis A. Myers, New Mexico; L. L. Carpenter, North Carolina; Jack L. Gritz, Oklahoma; C. Ervin Boyle, Oregon; S. H. Jones, South Carolina; Richard N. Owen, Tennessee; E. S. James, Texas; Rueben Alley, Virginia.

Committee on Boards

D. M. Nelson, Jr., Chairman, South Carolina; Claude T. Ammerman, Alabama; T. Moudy Gilham, Arizona; Dale Cowling, Arkansas; Stanley Polk, California; Harry A. McKnight, Jr., Dist. of Columbia; Homer G. Lindsay, Florida; Howard

P. Giddens, Georgia; Lee Swope, Illinois; Henry Beach, Kentucky; James F. Cole, Louisiana; Franklin A. Perry, Maryland; G. Norman Price, Mississippi; John W. Dowdy, Missouri; R. Y. Bradford, New Mexico; J. Leroy Clifford, North Carolina; Anson Justice, Oklahoma; R. Paul Caudill, Tennessee; W. H. Shamburger, Texas; Stuart R. Grizzard, Virginia.

Committee to Study Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education

W. Douglas Hudgins, Chairman, Mississippi; J. S. Bell, Kentucky; James R. Bryant, Virginia; Tom E. Capell, Florida; Carl A. Clark, Texas; Forrest C. Feezor, Texas; Garland Hendricks, North Carolina; Herschell H. Hobbs, Oklahoma; James B. Leavell, Texas; J. William Lester, Alabama; Mrs. George R. Martin, Virginia; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Texas; Louie D. Newton, Georgia; Oliver R. Shields, Missouri; J. W. Storer, Tennessee.

Committee on Denominational Calendar

Miss Alma Hunt, Chairman, Alabama; Albert McClellan, Tennessee; R. Orin Cornett, Tennessee; Baker James Cauthen, Virginia; Forrest C. Feezor, Texas; H. Floyd Folsom, Florida; C. O. Greer, North Carolina; Paul M. Stevens, Texas; James L. Sullivan, Tennessee; Frank Tripp, Louisiana; C. C. Warren, North Carolina; Allen W. Graves, Kentucky; Frank A. Hooper, Georgia; John Jeter Hurt, Jr., Georgia; Merrill D. Moore, Tennessee; Courts Redford, Georgia; R. Alton Reed, Texas; George W Schroeder, Tennessee; Charles F. Sims, South Carolina; Harry Lee Spencer, Mississippi.

1955 GAIN OF LOSS GAIN

Two Years Comparison of Southern Baptist Statistics

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Associations		1,071		1,049		22	2.1
Churches		30,834		30,377		457	1.5
Open country		14,930		14,779		151	1.0
Village		4,826		4,863		_37	8
Town		3,793		3,925		—132	-3.4
City		7,285		6,810		475	7.0
Baptisms		384,627		416,867		-32,240	7.7
Additions by letter		548,809		542,348		6,461	1.2
Membership		8,708,823		8,474,741		234,082	2.8
Sunday school enrolment		6,823,713		6,641,715		181,998	2.7
Vacation Bible sch. enrol		2,733,990		2,652,788		81,202	3.1
Training Union enrolment		2,316,354		2,223,502		92,852	4.2
W.M.U. enrolment		1,267,850		1,245,358		22,492	1.8
Brotherhood enrolment		445,630		404,281		41,349	10.2
Church property	\$1	,491,385,336	\$1	,323,453,534	\$	167,931,802	12.7
Mission gifts	\$	64,954,516	\$	58,360,247	\$	6,594,269	11.3
Per capita mission gifts	\$	7.46	\$	6.89	\$.57	8,3
Total gifts	\$	372,136,675	\$	334,836,283	\$	37,300,392	11.1
Per capita total gifts	\$	42.73	\$	39.51	\$	3.22	8.1

ENID, OKLA—(BP)—Ground was broken here June 16 for a student nurses' home and training center at Enid General Hospital.

The two-story brick nurses' home, expected to cost between \$130,000 and \$150,000, will be across Market St. north of the hospital.

The building will provide space for 50 student nurses. It is the only nurses' school in northwestern Oklahoma.

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has owned and operated the hospital since receiving it as a gift in October, 1953.

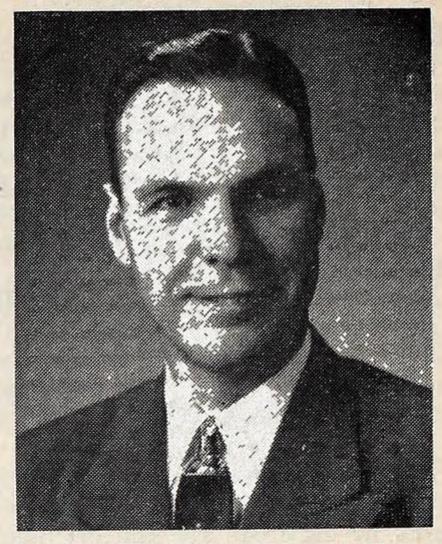
HONOLULU, Hawaii— (BP)—Miss Hannah Plowden has been elected new editor of the monthly Hawaii Baptist, publication of the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

Miss Plowden, who is director of the Hawaii convention's religious education department, succeeds David W. Petherbridge, editor for the last 4 1/2 years.

Petherbridge also served as pastor of Waikiki Baptist Church. He has since accepted a call to be pastor of Kaumana Drive Baptist Church in Hilo.

Southern Baptist work in Hawaii is under leadership of the Foreign Mission Board.

Brotherhood Speaker



Dr. Rogers M. Smith, Associate Secretary for Promotion of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, will be on the program of the Brotherhood Convention at Camp Carson, August 9-10-11. Write today to Paul R. Cates, Brotherhood Department, Belcourt at 16th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee, for your reservations.

Executive Committee Group Appointments

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Chairman Homer G. Lindsay of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee has appointed the various members of the Committee to the four major subgroups of the organization.

These are the committees on administration, finance, promotion, and arrangements for the annual Convention session.

The listing, together with chairmen, is as follows:

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Tennessee Topics

BY ROY G. LILLARD, BENTON, TENN.

The Chilhowee Associational Youth Revival was conducted June 24-28 at Broadway Church in Maryville. A Youth Team from Carson-Newman College directed the services. Reese Harris, a junior, and a native of Florida did the preaching, with O. J. Bryson, directing the music.

James Windham, pastor of First Church, Maryville, was one of the speakers for the Forward Program of Church Finance Clinic held at Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville, June 24-25.

Sixteen boys and girls came forward accepting Christ as their Saviour during Vacation Bible School at Woodland Park Church, Chattanooga.

Dr. H. Cowen Ellis, pastor of First Church, Etowah, served as a member of the faculty for the Carson-Newman Preacher's School.

Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, will observe Youth Week, July 15-21, with Nat Phillips, pastor of Little Hope Church, Clarksville as inspirational speaker.

First Church, Cleveland, held open house at its Seventeenth Street Chapel, June 16. Joe Cook is pastor of the chapel, with James Byler pastor of First Church.

Spring City, First, has completed a most successful revival, with William C. Summar, pastor of Robertsville Church, Oak Ridge, preaching. Jerry Day directed the music. There were 17 additions, 14 for baptism and three by letter. The church was greatly revived and more additions to its fellowship are expected to follow. Marvin O. Wayland is pastor, and he also conducted a revival for the Grace Church, Springfield, June 17-28.

Dr. Chester E. Swor, one of the nation's outstanding speakers and spiritual leaders was guest speakers during "Christian Life Crusade" week, at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, June 23-28, with C. A. Dabney, pastor. Donald A. Givens served as chairman of the Crusade Week committee.

James Vanderford of Murphy, N. C., has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Tellico Plains. He succeeds Virgil Tallent, who is now doing evangelistic work.

Litz Manor Church, Kingsport, with Richard B. Sims, pastor, have had L. R. Baumgartner and F. C. Wood as guest speakers.

Sunday, June 23, the First Church, Chattanooga, conducted a Training Union Clinic; and during the following week the book, "Building a Standard Sunday School" was taught twice daily, with Dr. Carl Giers, pastor.

Robert Hall began his work as Educational Director at First Church, Athens, June 16, and comes from Little Rock, Arkansas.

Don Erwin has accepted the position as full time Music Director at Trenton Street Church. Harriman. Previously, he has been associated with the Sharon Church.

Sunday, June 23, the congregation of the South Knoxville Church conducted their service "under the stars," on the church lawn, with S. M. Mulkey, pastor, who begins his fourth year with the church next Sunday.

E. W. Rust, pastor of McCalla Avenue Church, Knoxville, is teaching a Summer study, using as his subject, "These Things We Believe."

First Church, Athens, Paul J. Harting, pastor, voted to purchase a lot for the Avalon Heights Mission at a price of \$4000.00. A revival meeting is now being conducted at this location in a tent. This congregation is also considering building a new educational unit, and expanding their present auditorium at the home church.

Robert Lowe, Home Mission Board missionary from Ogden, Utah, spoke and presented films related to his work in Utah, at First Church, Benton, on recent Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with S. E. Byler, pastor.

Henry W. Stamey filled the pulpit of Signal Mountain Church, Chattanooga, recently, in the absence of the pastor, David R. Walker.

Since moving into their new educational building, Primary I Department of the Sunday School of Smithwood Church, Fountain City, has expanded from 3 to 5 classes. Mrs. Kermit Johnson is Superintendent, with R. L. Murray, pastor.

Signal Mountain Church, reports the following gains upon the second anniversary of their pastor, David R. Walker: 118 additions, 38 by baptism; Sunday school enrollment increased from 192 to 313; Training Union from 53 to 151; and the budget increased from \$15,500 to \$24,050. The church has purchased a pastorium, and an additional lot for church property; erected and equipped a new educational building at a cost of approximately \$54,000.

The congregation of Grace Church. Knoxville, held Opening Day services in their new \$100,000 sanctuary and educational building, Sunday. June 23. Special guests were former pastors including F. M. Dowell of Knoxville, S. D. Nicely of Wartburg, Fred Rudder of Kingston and

M. L. White of Rockford. Roy O. Arbuckle is pastor. The new church is located on the Oak Ridge Highway in Karns Community.

Two morning services were held at Beech Grove Churrch at Kodak Sunday, June 23. At 10 a.m. Charles Crawford preached in the old church and following the sermon the congregation marched to their new place of worship where Lee Reed preached the first sermon in the new sanctuary. The church was established in 1882.

First Church, Jonesboro, has called O. E. Bradshaw of Tazewell, Va., as pastor. He will assume his new duties August 1. Dr. Bradshaw has been pastor of Tazewell Church five years. The Jonesboro Church has been without a pastor since last September when James A. Smith accepted a position in the West. The pulpit has been supplied by a member of the congregation, W. D. Tranbarger.

First Baptist Church, Clinton, will share equally with the Parent-Teacher Association for the Clinton High School in a \$10,000 gift coming from the producers of "See It Now" television show on "Clinton and the Law". The CBS program of which Edward R. Murrow and Fred Friendly were co-producers was awarded the Robert F. Sherwood \$20,000 first prize as being the best newswork documentary dealing with freedom and justice. The producers of the program are giving \$5,000 each to the Church and the Parent-Teachers Association at Clinton.



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- 1. Every officer and teacher in the Sunday school.
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- 3. Those living in adjoining associations will be welcome.
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- 3. Jesus Was Interested in the Babies. Are We?
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- 5. Jesus Came to Seek and to Save the Lost. Is this our primal purpose?
- 6. Jesus Said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Do we practice this truth?
- 7. The Holy Spirit Said: "Come over . . . and help us." Will we?
- 8. Jesus Wants Every Child to Have a Christian Home. Is this our desire?
- 9. The Bible Says: "Enlarge the place of thy tent." Have we followed this instruction?
- 10. Jesus Said: "Search the scriptures." Have we provided enough Bible study opportunities?
- 11. Jesus Trained His Disciples. Have we?
- 12. Jesus Has a Worldwide, All-Inclusive Program of Making Disciples. How big is our program?
- 13. It Is All for Winning People to Christ.



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Margaret Fund Report

Daniel Webster has said, "If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon the immortal minds of children, if we imbue them with principles, with the fear of God and the love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten to all eternity."

Through the Margaret Fund program, missionary minded women have seized a great opportunity to witness and help mould, through education, the lives of the sons and daughters of our great Home and Foreign heralds of the Gospel.

Since this educational program was launched in 1916, Woman's Missionary Union through love, prayer, and helpfulness has had a distinct part in shaping the lives of 800 students and has invested \$906,082.-42 in scholarships for preparatory school, college, seminary and graduate study.

Scholarships totaling \$48,802.99 were granted in 1956 to 114 students, 46 girls and 68 boys, to attend 50 schools and colleges in 17 states, one university in Alaska, and 5 schools in Cuba. Fifty-five are the sons and daughters of foreign missionaries and 59 of home missionaries.

Of this amount, \$47,216.92 was paid from regular scholarship funds and \$1,586.07 from interest on the Mattie J. C. Russell and Julia C. Pugh Scholarship Funds

There was no recipient this year of the Mary B. Rhodes Medical Scholarship. Buford Nichols, a foreign mission medical volunteer, and former receiver of this scholarship was offered a teaching fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine and cancelled this assistance for 1956.

A \$1,250 gift from the Carroll Furniture Company in December was added to the Mary B. Rhodes Medical Scholarship which now totals \$45,739.14.

Paul Gettys Gillespie, a senior at Wake Forest College, was the twentieth winner of the \$200 Elizabeth Lowndes Annual Award. He is the son of Mrs. Arthur S. Gillespie and the late Dr. Gillespie, former missionaries to China. He was also presented a lovely engraved Bible as an additional token

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The Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship Fund was augmented by a \$320 gift from Lt. Col. John Paul Stapp of the Aero Medical Field Laboratory, a former Margaret Fund student, and a \$20.13 love gift from a friend, bringing the total of this fund to \$7,331.41 invested in U. S. Bonds.

The \$293.67 received in royalties from the sale of Miss Cynthia Ann Pugh's book was credited to the Julia C. Pugh's Scholarship Fund and used for special scholarships.

In addition to regular scholarships, the students were sent \$10,840.00 in Burney Gifts from the \$11,175.66 received from the states.

Mrs. G. L. McKinney and John A. Tumblin, Jr., former Margaret Fund students who received appointment under the Foreign Mission Board, were each given a special \$100 gift from the Burney Gifts.

When a man dies, will he live again, asks the word of God. Yes, if he has planted the seeds of faith in Christ and the spirit of missions deep into the hearts of the world's children, the youth of every nation.

We have read and been told by men and women of experience that when the spirit of God is at work in the human heart for others, He never fails to work at both ends of the line. He never leads and impresses our hearts to do something for Him that He does not at the same time prepare the way and make ready that other life.

May we be faithful to these children entrusted to us and not slothful in our well doing for we shall reap if we faint not and God will give the increase.

DALLAS—(BP)—Orbie R. Clem, well-known in denominational circles, has joined the staff of the Baptist Standard here as editorial assistant. The Standard, Texas Baptist weekly, is largest of two dozen state Baptist papers.

Clem is a former pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas. It was during that time that he became editor of the new Kansas Baptist paper, Baptist Beams (now the Kansas Baptist Digest). In more recent years, he had engaged in full-time evangelistic work.

Clem's joining the Standard staff is a case of "turnabout". Joe Novak, new editor of the Kansas Baptist Digest, was an editorial assistant with the Standard before moving to Kansas.



Miss Lansdell Resigns Carver School Position

LOUISVILLE—(BP)—Miss Emily K. Lansdell, president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work here, offered her resignation to the newly-constituted board of trustees here recently.

The trustees, first group elected after control of the school shifted to the Southern Baptist Convention proper, said they would accept Miss Lansdell's resignation "effective when and if a suitable person can be secured to fill this position."

Miss Lansdell has been president of Carver School since 1951. She will continue as president while the trustes seek a successor.

Until last month the school was operated by the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention. Both the WMU and the Convention in their annual sessions at Chicago the last week in May approved transfer of the school to the Convention proper.

New trustees were chosen when the transfer took place, but half of them are nominated by the WMU.

The trustees adopted resolutions of appreciation for the work of Miss Lansdell as president of the school and elected John Sandidge, Louisville attorney, their chairman.

Miss Lansdell is a former missionary educator, with three years as teacher in the University of Shanghai, China.

"Dr. Lansdell," the trustees said in their resolution, "has given to Carver School of Missions and Social Work the full measure of her love and constructive ability, untiringly, generously. She has dreamed great dreams; she has thought great thoughts for us. And now . . . we determine . . . to strive to attain that ideal which she has in her heart for Carver School of Missions and Social Work."

A group of star athletes will tell young people "what a dynamic Christian life has meant to them" in a two-day rally in Nashville in October. Sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Inc., Bill Wade, quarterback for the Los Angeles Rams protessional football team; Robin Roberts, pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies; Alvin Dark, shortstop of the St. Louis Cardinals; Otto Graham, former quarterback for the Cleveland Browns; Bob Feller, famed former pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, and other Christian athletes will be featured on the program.

As a result of 188,000 case studies to determine the effects of smoking on cancer, the American Medical Association was told that "regular cigaret smokers die from lung cancer ten times more frequently than non-smokers". And, "men smoking up to ten cigarets a day had over-all death rates 34 per cent higher than non-smokers".

Recently a joke column carried a story of two boys and a bicycle built for two. They had had a difficult time getting up a hill. When they finally made it, both were near exhaustion. The one occupying the front seat said to the other: "I thought we never would make it!"

"We wouldn't," replied the other, "if I had not kept my foot on the brake to keep us from rolling back down the hill!"

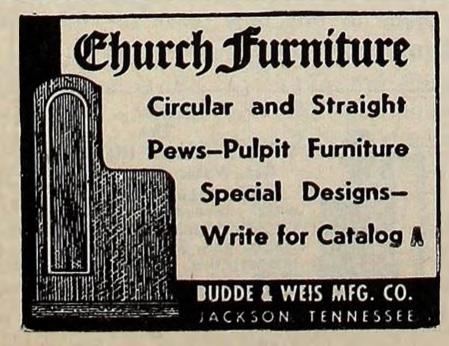
With a little revision, this will serve to picture an average Baptist church.

There is always the fellow on the front seat pedalling for dear life to get the bike over the hump and to better things ahead. He represents those in the church who have vision and who match their vision with a consecration of their lives and their possessions toward winning the world to Christ.

The fellow on the second seat is more concerned about the danger of slipping backward than with the prospect of going forward. He rides with his foot on the brake. He represents some of the best intentioned members—some who are numbered among "the faithful few"—some who go to all the services, including prayer meeting, but who feel they are called of the Lord to oppose most forward movements. They measure the possibilities of the present and the future in terms of the past.

The fellow on Seat No. 2 also represents another element—the "sore heads" who spend their time and energy nursing grudges against the pastor and others, who they say, "are running the church." They have dedicated their talents to "getting even" and frequently their chief goal is to "fire" the pastor. Whereas the angels in heaven rejoice when one lost soul is saved,

Churches having young people who will be enrolling this fall in one of the colleges and universities in the greater Boston area (Harvard University, Radcliffce College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston University, Wellesley College, Gordon College, Simmons College, New England Conservatory of Music, etc.) are urged to send immediately the names of the students, their home addresses, and the names of the institutions in which they are to enrol to: Tremont Temple Baptist Church, Dr. Harold L. Fickett, Jr., pastor, 88 Tremont Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.



these rejoice when they have blocked or voted down any challenging proposal for the church.

Now we must add a third seat for the fellow who represents another element all too common in the average church. Notice we say "seat" and not "pedals." For the fellow in Seat No. 3 has no use for pedals. He is just there for the ride. He does not brake neither does he pull. Like the fowls of the air, he sows not neither does he reap. He just rides. And he cares not whether the bike comes or goes, whether it makes it over the hill or rolls back into the valley below. He represents those who keep their names on the church roll and attend once in a blue moon, but who give nothing of their time, talents, and, certainly, little or none of their money.

Dear reader, our space is gone. We must leave it for you to positionize yourself.

Canadian Tells Plans For Baptist Work There

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(BP)—A Canadian Baptist leader participating in a clinic here told of the plans for increased evangelism and stewardship promotion being made by his convention.

Harry A. Renfree, director of stewardship for the Maritime Baptist United Convention, was a guest of Alabama Southern Baptists. He was attending a clinic describing use of the new Forward Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists.

Renfree, who joined the convention staff in Saint John, New Brunswick, Feb. 1 as its first director of stewardship, used the program a year ago while pastor of a church in Sussex, New Brunswick.

He said that it "doubled our budget". As a result the program was used in eight other churches in the Maritime area which includes also Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.

Renfree reported the Maritime Convention is one of three Canadian Baptist groups participating in the Baptist Federation of Canada. The Maritime Convention, covering one of Canada's less densely populated areas, has 600 co-operating churches with 70,000 members.

"We are conducting a Maritime 'Crusade for Christ' this year," he said. "We hope to hold a crusade in each of the 25 districts into which our churches are grouped."

He said that the Maritime Convention also hopes to stimulate increased giving through its missionary and extension fund (which he said compares with Southern Baptist Cooperative Program).

"Baptists," according to Renfree, "are the largest denomination in New Brunswick and the second largest denomination in the Maritime provinces."

Regional Conventions

We have just completed the first week of Regional Conventions and are happy to present the first place participant for both the Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournament. We are also listing the officers elected for 1958 by regions.

Southwestern Region

First Place Participant:

Speakers' Tournament—Barry McComic, First Church, Selmer—McNairy Association.

Sword Drill-Jimmy Kelley, McLean Church, Memphis—Shelby Association. Associations Represented: Beech River, Big

Hatchie, Fayette, Hardeman, McNairy, Madison-Chester, Shelby.

Officers Elected for 1958:

President: Ronnie Wylie

Pastor-Adviser: Rev. James Canaday The 1958 Regional Convention will meet in the First Baptist Church of Jackson—

Northwestern Region

First Place Participant:

June 16.

Speakers' Tournament—Miss Marie Evans, First Church, Huntingdon-Carroll-Benton Association.

Sword Drill-Miss Darty Baxter, Alamo Church—Crockett Association.

Associations Represented: Beulah, Carroll-Benton, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Weakley, Western District.

Officers elected for 1958:

President: Boyd LeCroy

Pastor-Adviser: Rev. Alvin Gilliand The 1958 Regional Convention will meet in the First Baptist Church of Milan,-June 17.

South Central Region

First Place Participant:

Speakers' Tournament—Miss Bessie Mealer, Smyrna Church, New Duck River Association.

Sword Drill—Miss Glenda Davis, Smyrna Church, New Duck River Association.

Associations Represented: Duck River, Indian Creek, Giles, Lawrence, Maury, New Duck River, William Carey.

Officers Elected for 1958:

President: Thomas Womack Pastor-Adviser: Rev. Roy Babb

The 1958 Regional Convention will meet in the Highland Park Church of Columbia, June 19.

Central Region

First Place Participant:

Speakers' Tournament—John William McDonald, Glendale Church, Nashville Association.

Sword Drill-Lynn Sullivan, First Church, Nashville, Nashville Association. Associations Represented: Bledsoe, Cumber-

land, Nashville, Robertson, Truett

Officers Elected for 1958:

President: Rev. Lacy Freeman Pastor-Adviser: Rev. William E. Lyles The 1958 Regional Convention will meet in the First Church, Goodlettsville, June 20.

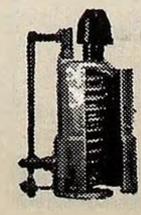
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Grandview	519	146	- 6
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Judson	729	143	140
Tusculum	132	36	
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Maplewood	157	108	9
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New Hope			
Park Avenue	718	184	
Saturn Drive	275	108	·
Scottsboro	106	72	9
Whitsetts Chapel	114	100	
Woodmont	537	183	
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New Market	95	31	
Dumplin	88	74	-
Flat Gap	81	52	2
Good Hope	54	38	
Nances Grove	66	42	-
	78	62	
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Pleasant Grove	116		
Rocky Valley	86	45	
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	591	191	3
Old Hickory, Rayon City	140	68	2
Oliver Springs, First	202	85	
•	56	48	
Parsons, Calvary			
First	192	77	4
Philadelphia	187	42	
Pigeon Forge	195	72	
Portland, First	317	80	
Ramer	90	54	
Gravel Hill	149	78	
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Red Boiling Springs, First	51	20	
Rockwood, Eureka	122	68	
First	494	173	
Pond Grove	96	57	2
Rogersville, First	480	132	2
Henard's Chapel	197	110	
	41	21	
Selmer, Falcon			
First	254	61	
Shop Springs	132	54	
Smyrna, First	221	74	
Somerville, First	207	125	
Strawberry Plains, Beaver Creek	80	41	
	151		
Piney		90	
Sweetwater, First	337	80	
Oakland	61	38	
Talbott	95		100
Ten Mile	71	43	
Toone	137	56	
Trezevant, First	190	61	
Union City	684		2
Union City		182	
Samburg	86	51	
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Cornerstone for the second addition of the Sunday school unit and a new chapel was laid in a ceremony at First Church, Tullahoma, immediately following the morning worship service June 30. Tom Madden is pastor.

Stone Association. Caney Ford Church dedicated its new pastor's home June 9. Pastor Charles Lankford moved on the field last July with the Church going from half-time to full time. Since that time there have been 16 additions by letter and 10 by baptism and the Church has entered the Rural Church Development Program. Wilhite Church, S. E. Wood, pastor, is planning a Training Union study course and is making plans to buy new pews for their auditorium.



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Mrs. W. A. West passed away at Bemis on June 14. She was the widow of Rev. Alvin West, one of the great rural pastors of this area. A son, Rev. Dillard A. West, is pastor of Audubon Church, Henderson, Ky.

Missionary Teddy Evans, Bolivar, is planning a clinic for clerks and treasurers of Hardeman Association in an effort to improve the quality of letters sent annually to the association. Thorough instructions for completing the reports will be provided each of the church clerks and treasurers attending the clinic. A good idea!

Wayne Dehoney, pastor Central Park Church, Birmingham, spoke at the Midweek service of First Church, Jackson, June 19. His subject was "The Central Park Story," a recital of the marvelous growth of this church during the past seven years.

Open house for the new home of Missionary and Mrs. Edwin R. Alexander at Huntingdon will be held July 21. This beautiful new residence was provided by Carroll-Benton Association.

Pastor Bernard Scates, Ripey, is leading his people to open a mission work in the Conner Subdivision of the city. The response is encouraging. A. L. Partain, missionary in Big Hatchie Association, is assisting in the survey.

Beulah Association's representative in the regional Sword Drill Contest was Miss Judy Arrington, a member of First Church, Ridgely, Bill F. Riley, Jr., pastor.

Missionary and Mrs. Edwin R. Alexander, Huntingdon, were at Tahlequah, Okla., for a week where they worked at a summer camp for the Cherokee Indians.

Pastor W. A. Boston and Raleigh Church had a youth team from Union University for a week-end revival, June 21-23. Paul Simmons did the preaching; Don Cowan conducted the song services, Mary Jo Blalock was the pianist, Jean Heidelberg was the organist, and Kathryne Cornell was the youth director.

Pastor W. R. Pettigrew, Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky., delivered the Baccalaureate sermon for the graduates of Union University on June 2 at First Church, Jackson.

Homer Grice, representing the United Dry Forces of Tennessee, spoke at West Paris Church, Lonard F. Gassaway, pastor, on June 2.

Redd Harper, star of the film Oiltown, U.S.A., was a guest at Seventh Street Church, Memphis, June 2. He gave his testimony and also rendered musical selection. T. J. Tichenor, pastor, arranged the service.

Evangelist Angel Martinez has been in a meeting with First Church, Union City, Dan B. Cameron, pastor. Jack Duvall has accepted a call to become music and education director. Formerly, he was with St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

Rugby Hills Church, Memphis, John Riley, pastor, has air-conditioned its entire building and purchased two lots next to their property.

The new mission of Cherokee Church, Memphis, Jarry Autrey, pastor, has adopted the name of Georgian Hills Mission.

Ralph W. Hovey, former pastor of Brooks Road Church, Memphis, is now pastor of the newly constituted Bellevue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Friends of F. T. Huckabee will be interested to learn that he is now pastor of Calvary Church, Corinth, Miss. He is well known in this area where he served for several years.

After 23 years of service as organist at Union Avenue Church, Memphis, Jimmy Morrison has submitted his resignation. This action came as a surprise to the people whom he has served for such a long period of time.

D. A. Ellis, Memphis, supplied the pulpit of First Church, Ripley, on June 16 while Pastor and Mrs. Bernard Scates were on vacation.

William T. Flynt, Millington, has been with First Church, Charleston, Ark., in a meeting. There were five additions by baptism and one by letter. Darrell S. Ross is the Charleston pastor.

Harold Cathey was ordained to the ministry by Hawthorne Church in Dyer Association on June 16. Pastor T. C. Thurman, Hawthorne, was the moderator; R. H. Dills, Hillcrest, served as clerk; Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg, preached the sermon; Morris Prince, Fowlkes, interrogated the candidate; Don McBride, Boothspoint, prayed the ordination prayer; Missionary Riley Jones presented the Bible; and R. H. Dills gave the charges. The new minister has been called to Cottonwood Church in Beulah Association.



LOUISVILLE—Tennessee Baptist Convention executive secretary Fred Kendall turns a shovel full of dirt at the recent groundbreaking for the James P. Boyce Library of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Others taking part in the groundbreaking, which was a part of the Seminary's commencement were, left to right: Joseph Stopher, Louisville attorney and chairman of the Seminary's trustee executive committee; Dr. Kendall; Rollin S. Burhans, pastor of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville; Leo T. Crismon, Seminary librarian; Theron D. Price, chairman of the faculty library committee, and President Duke K. McCall. The library is expected to cost \$1,500,000, of which \$500,000 is yet to be raised. At their recent meeting in Chicago the alumni pledged to make up the difference. Completion of the library is scheduled for the Seminary's Centennial in 1959.

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

Jethro, Practical Counselor

TEXTS: Exodus 2:15b-22; 18 (Larger)—Exodus 18:13-24 (Printed).

The area of counseling, whether on an individual or a group basis, has expanded widely within the past few years. This has been due to the increase of tensions and also to the findings of psychology. This does not mean that counseling has not always gone on but rather that both the need and the facilities have increased sharply. The writer of these notes has offered a senior college course in his field, a large part of which deals with counseling from the view-point of the pastor or other church worker, during the last ten years. The emphasis has been throughout upon counseling with the Bible as a background, taking into account the help available from all the scientific findings. This is not to suggest that the writer is especially qualified to do this but rather that his interest has been intensified due to the experiences of these vears. Many students have expressed their help derived from the course.

Jethro, the Midianite, so ministered in the long ago along this line that a study of the printed text sheds some light. His contact with Moses was of such a nature that we should derive some help in the whole matter of trying to help in terms of counseling. What may we learn?

Situation Surveyed (vv. 13-18)

Jethro saw that Moses was not able to cope with the situation, due to his trying to do the judging unassisted. He saw also that the people were becoming restless because the wheels of justice were rolling too slowly. It threatened the welfare of all concerned. He cautioned Moses as to the probable ultimate outcome, exhaustion and impatience.

One of the first things in counseling is the determination to survey the situation in an adequate and objective manner, without bias. This comes about as a result of the counselor's genuine concern with ability to completely identify himself with the one seeking help. It involves empathy, a term signifying far more than sympathy. It involves far more listening than talking. It takes both time and patience. It is motivated supremely by love, the kind of love that God has for sinful men.

Plan Projected (vv. 19-23)

The plan projected by Jethro for Moses appears, even on its face, as a thoroughly practical one. Its practicality is evident in that it has its starting point in religion ("that thou mayest bring the causes unto God"). Too, it utilizes the function of teaching or instruction. Again, it divided and assigned responsibility. The most important cases would be taken care of by Moses, leaving the less important ones for the judges under his jurisdiction and supervision. It appeared to be a wise plan and

later proved to be so in fact.

Some of the counseling going on today would leave God and the Christian religion on the side-lines entirely. Some of it would be done upon an anti-intellectual basis, and thus make no place for teaching. Some of it actually proceeds upon the theory, terribly false and damaging in this writer's estimation, that the way to have the right emotion is to make the desirable motion. Some of it poses as religious, saying that verses of Scripture or prayers if offered frequently enough will produce some sort of magical result, somewhat akin to that Frenchman who visited this country a generation ago with his, "Every day in every way, I am getting better and better." Let us avoid all such quackery and follow what is inherent in Jethro's sound suggestions made to Moses centuries ago.

Advice Accepted (v. 24)

Moses was a highly educated man, with the best that Egypt could offer, but he recognized sane advice when he heard it. He had lived long enough to realize that good judgment is a valuable asset to sound learning. He listened and heeded Jethro's counsel. The people were aided and G o d glorified.

Over Half Million Pledged In Building Campaign

First Baptist Church, Memphis, secured over one-half million dollars in three-year pledges as the result of a recent building fund campaign. 2,512 pledge cards were signed for a total of \$526,575.00.

R. Paul Caudill, pastor, reports, "Our recent fund raising effort based on the Forword Program of Church Finance of Southern Baptists was one of the most effective undertakings we have engaged in throughout all the history of First Baptist. The whole church was blessed spiritually by the event."

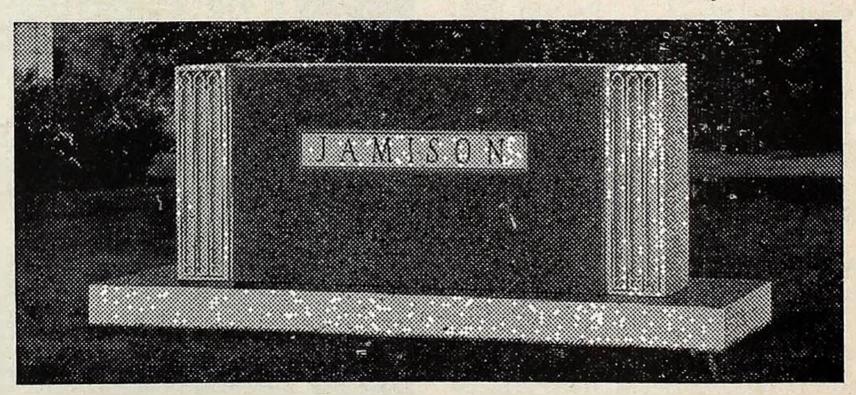
Over 600 members were enlisted on team and committee positions. The high-light of the campaign was an all-church loyalty dinner attended by 1100 persons at the Municipal Auditorium.

Funds from the effort will be used to construct unit three of the church's long-range building program, which will consist of adult educational space, church offices, library, dining facilities, music studio, recreation area, and some elementary space.

Dr. J. F. Hamilton served as general chairman, and R. J. Hastings of the SBC Executive Committee was guest director. Other key leaders included R. L. Sanders, W. C. Sandusky, L. C. Ogle, and Bruce Rader.

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The Young South

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As you read today's letters, see how many different towns are represented. Is there a letter from someone in your own city? There are some interesting bits of information in some of these letters, including mention of some nice hobbies. The letters really are written to you, so you will want to read each one carefully.

From Beatrice Gass, Route 6. Box 124, Rogersville, Tenn.:

I am 16 years old. My birthday was June 17. I am a sophomore at Sullivan High School. My hobbies are collecting pictures and swimming. I have two sisters—one 17 and one 12 years old. I hope I can get a picture of each of my pen pals.

From Darlene Dunnavant, Route 2, Prospect, Tenn.:

I would like to have pen pals from all over the United States and from Hawaii. I want letters from friends 11-13 years of age.

From Glenda Sue Vaughn, RFD 1, Box 294, Elowah, Tenn.:

I am 12 years old and would like to have some pen pals, ages 12-15. I am in the seventh grade at Carlock School. Thank you.

From Judy Ellen Payne, 661 Hunt Rd., Alcoa, Tenn.:

I am 9 years old. I have a brother 17 years old. My daddy is a welder. I am in the fourth grade at Springbrook School.

I go to Broadway Baptist Church and am a Christian.

I would like to have pen pals ages 9-12 and promise to answer every letter I get. This is my first time to write you and I will appreciate it if you can put my letter on the Young South page.

From Felicia Dean Croslin, Route 2, Springfield, Tenn.:

I am 16 years old and go to Calvary Baptist Church. My pastor is Rev. Randy Pike. My birthday is February 25. I go to Springfield High School where I am in the ninth grade. I would like to have some pen pals from anywhere in the world, especially friends 14-19 years of age.

From Anita McCommon, 927 Meda, Memphis, Tenn.:

I was 15 on June 7. I go to Temple

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Baptist Church where I am a member.

I am in the eighth grade at Fairview Junior High School. My hobbies are skating and collecting pictures. I would like to have pen pals ages 14-17. I will answer every letter I receive.

From Evelyn Loveday, Route 3, Sevierville, Tenn.:

I was 13 years old May 12. I will be a freshman at Sevier County High School next year. I am a Christian and go to New Era Church where my father is the pastor.

My hobbies are playing basketball and softball. I like music and all kinds of instruments. I can play the piano.

I would like to have pen pals any age and will try to answer every letter I get.

From Barbara Bracey, Route 2, Green-brier, Tenn.:

I am 14 years old. My birthday is July 24. I will be in the tenth grade at Greenbrier High School this fall. My hobby is collecting salt-and-pepper shakers. I would like to have pen pals ages 14-17, especially someone who is in America from another country. I will try to answer every letter I get.



From Sarah Frances Clemons, Route 6. Lebanon, Tenn.:

I am 9 years old and go to Flat Rock Grade School. I will be in the fifth grade next year. I go to Barton's Creek Baptist Church. I would like to have pen pals ages 8-12 and I want a picture of each one. I will try to answer every letter I get.

With so many nice letters, it must be very hard for you to choose one or two for special attention! I wonder which ones you will answer today!

Love,
AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Ave., S. Nashville, Tennessee.

Inspirational speakers for the 38th annual Falls Creek Baptist Assembly near Davis, Okla., this summer include Albert McClellan, director of publications for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville; E. H. Westmoreland, Houston, Tex., minister, and Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.



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

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

The best attitude is keep-at-it-tude.

Modern families don't worry about the wolf any more. They just feed him on installments.

Child Psychology: the art of applying a soft peddle instead of a hard paddle.

Rep. J. M. Trimble (D.-Ark.), who comes from a parched section, reports he went back home to make a speech, and was greeted, on his arrival, by a heavy rainfall. "I opened my remarks," Trimble said, "by declaring I was pleased to be able to bring my people rain. An old fellow in the back spoke up: "Congressman," he said. "If you are claimin' credit for the rain, we'll have to charge you with the drought."

Ulcers often result from mountain climbing over molehills.

The real problem of your leisure time is to keep others from using it.

"You needn't consider yourself very smart when you have fooled a man, my dear," I overhead my good wife coaching our daughter. "Your real test of skill is when you try to fool other women."

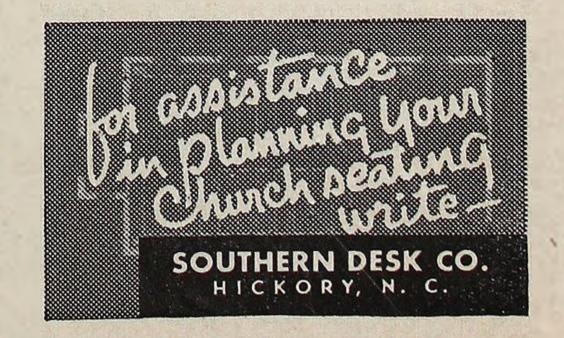
Tact is the ability to change a porcupine into a possum.

If at first you don't suntan—fry, fry again!

The retired elderly man who lived alone in the quaint stone house on the hill was thought by his neighbors to be a bit eccentric.

One old lady was quite sure of it when one day she paused in the road and saw the strange old man holding a water can above a flower box. She called out, "Sir, there's no bottom in that watering can."

"It's quite all right," the old man answered. "These are artificial flowers I'm watering."



Foreign Mission Board Holds Session At Ridgecrest



Tennessee is the native state of two of the 16 young people appointed missionaries at Ridgecrest, N. C. Miss Rebeckah Lambert (right) of Lewisburg, and Rev. and Mrs. Albert W. Gammage, Jr. will serve in Korea. Mrs. Gammage is the former Nettie Oldham, a native of Dixon Springs.

The June meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board was held at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly, June 20-21, at the beginning of the 1957 Foreign Missions Conference.

The meeting was held at Ridgecrest in order to give those attending the Foreign Missions Conference the privilege of witnessing an appointment service and an opportunity to better understand how the Board transacts the mission business of Southern Baptists.

Important actions taken by the Board at this meeting include the appointment of 16 Since September, 1956, she has been an new missionaries to bring the total number of active foreign missionaries to 1,165; the awarding of the contract for construction of a new headquarters building; the increase in subscription rates on The Commission, the Board's monthly publication, and the adoption of a recommendation asking "that appropriate means be employed to acquaint our Baptist people with the acute need for single women missionaries."

New Missionaries

Several of the 16 young people appointed missionaries at Ridgecrest said in their brief testimonies that they made first decisions for Christian service during Ridgecrest assemblies. Two said it was while studying the Great Commission—one in Sunday school, the other in Training Union—that they heard the Lord's call to foreign missions.

Miss Lambert received the bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and the bachelor of science degree from the School of Laboratory Technology of the University of Tennessee, Memphis. She also attended Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky.

From November, 1956, through March, 1957, she was a medical technician for a doctor in Lewisburg, at Maury County Hospital, Columbia, Tenn., and at Oak Ridge (Tenn.) Hospital. She was a laboratory instructor at the University of Tennesee for a little more than a year.

Miss Lambert told the Board that from her earliest memoreies she was going to church and Sunday school. "I shall never cease to thank God for allowing me to have two marvelous Christian parents," she said.

Born in Dixon Springs, Mrs. Gammage moved with her family to a community near Castallian Springs, Tenn., when she was 15. She received the R.N. from Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis, where she was president of the Baptist Student Union, and attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

obstetrics nurse at Herrick Memorial Hospital, Berkeley, Calif. Prior to that she was a general duty nurse at Brookside Hospital, San Pablo, Calif., and Shawnee City Hospital and campus nurse at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Mrs. Gammage said that Young Woman's Auxiliary, Training Union, mission studies, and prayer all worked together to direct her to surrender her life to mission service.

A native of Miami Fla., Mr. Gammage received the bachelor of arts degree from the University of Florida, Gainesville, attended Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and received the bachelor of divinity degree frrom Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley. He has also completed requirements for the master of theology degree, which he expects to receive next year from Golden Gate Seminary.

He was formerly pastor of El Camino Baptist Church, San Bruno, Calif., and music director at Central Baptist Church, Fort Worth. He worked in youth revivals in Florida for two summers and one summer was a student missionary in Atlanta, Ga., for the Home Mission Board.

Mr. Gammage said that his earliest concern for Christian missions was stimulated by the Sunbeam Band, whose leader had a world-girdling love that incurably infected his life. "It troubled my young mind that so many boys and girls in foreign countries had never had a chance to hear about Jesus," he said.

While he was in the seminary preparing for service as a student secretary he came to the realization that God was calling him into foreign missions. "I can only describe this as a moment of 'insight' in which I saw my whole life history as preparation for missionary service." he said. "I saw in educational missions an opportunity to pursue my love of scholarship, work with students, and still have abundant preaching opportunities."

Headquarters Building

The contract for erection of a new headquarters building was awarded to the J. Kennon Perrin Company of Richmond, Va. It is expected that the building will be completed by October, 1958.

The Commission

In order to produce The Commission at its present low subscription rates the Foreign Mission Board hashad to subsidize its operating budget. The rising costs of paper and production, plus the low subscription rates which actually increased the loss as subscriptions grew in number, have increased this subsidy considerably during the past two or three years. The Board said, "We feel that Southern Baptist do not want us to take mission money to underwrite this loss. We believe they prefer to pay subscription rates that will enable The Commission to pay its own way."

Therefore, in order to make unnecesssary the current subsidy from Foreign Mission Board funds, the Board voted to revise subscription rates on all renewals and new subscriptions, effective October 1, 19\$7. Subscription plans and new rates are as follows:

- 1. The magazine may be put in the church budget and sent to every home at the rate of 88 cents per subscription per year.
- 2. The church may send a "club" list of 10 or more subscriptions at the rate of \$1.10 per name.
- 3. Individuals may subscribe at the rate of \$1.50 per year or \$3.00 for three years.

Single Women Needed

The Board adopted the following recommendation of its personnel committee:

"We recommend to the Foreign Mission Board that appropriate means be employed to acquaint our Baptist people with the acute need for single women missionaries, particularly in the fields of nursing and education. Whereas the ratio of single women to the total number of missionaries has traditionally been about one to three, for the last few years it has been about one to 10. It should be further pointed out that. there are strategic needs which only single women can adequately fill.

"Without in any way implying a lessening of need for missionary couples to do evangelistic work, we strongly urge our people, through prayer and concern, to help our finest young women become aware of these urgent needs and face the fact that God may be calling them for service abroad."