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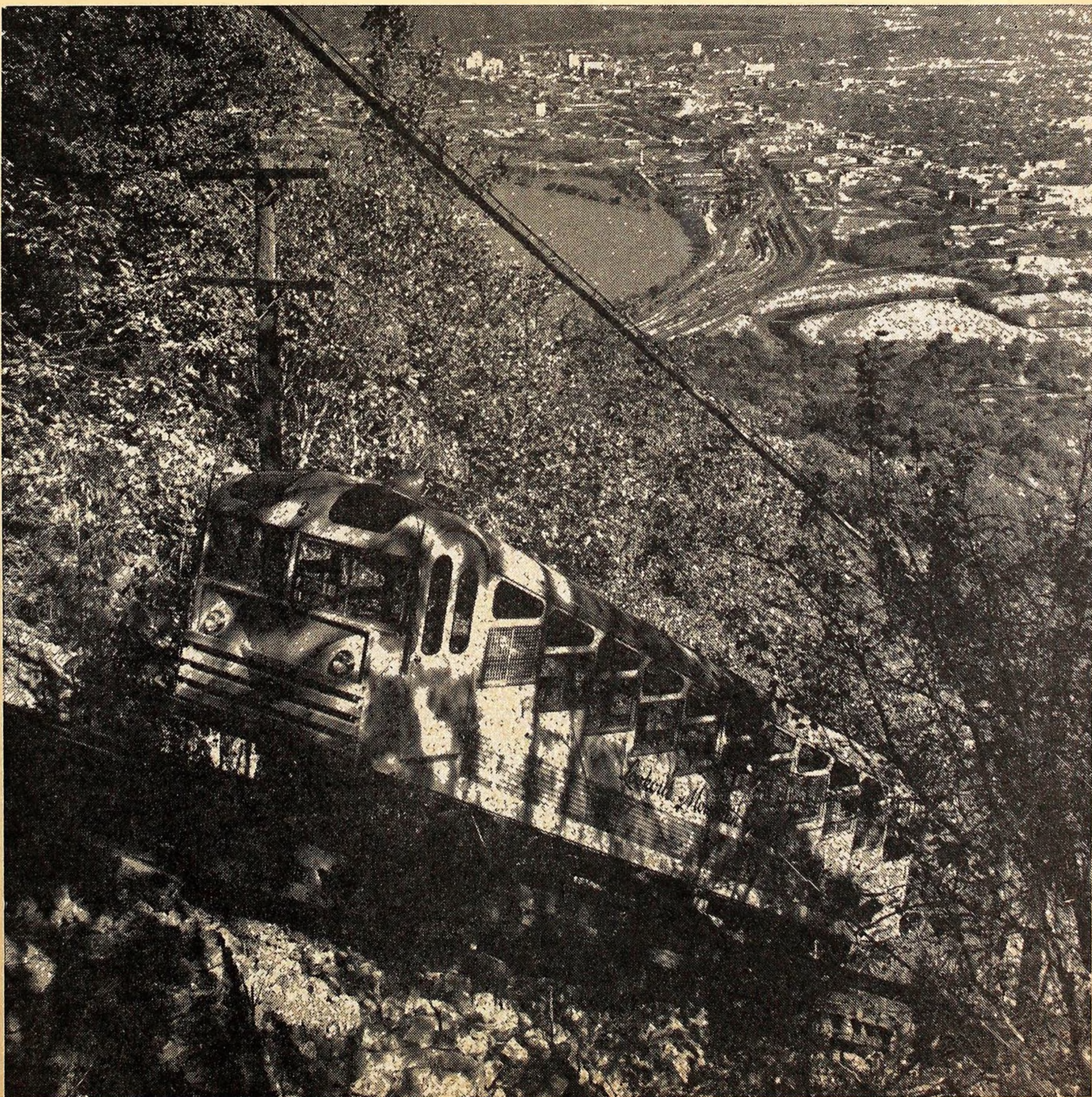
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Tennessee Baptist women will be meeting in Chattanooga's First Baptist Church, the Business Women April 4-5, then the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union April 6-8. From near the top of Lookout Mountain this view was taken showing Chattanooga in the background and a car of the famed Incline climbing the last part of the steep slope.

Mail Bag — our readers write

... People in the U.S. Ought to Know

● The item (col. 3) about some serious persecution in the Capital of the State of Colima is of great importance here and there. The people in the United States ought to know what Catholicism does in other places, and what it would do if it were in the majority. Also the work in Colima needs our prayers.

Threats have been made for a long time to blow up our building. The Catholics boast that our Baptist people will never get to move into the new building. The lives of the workmen, and especially of the pastor-builder, are in danger.

We are anxious to return to Mexico in July, as the need is so great there.—Orvil W. Reid, Missionary on Furlough from Mexico.

... Thank You, Dr. Dowis

● Since I have retired from active service with the Home Mission Board, I want to take this opportunity to say thanks to you for your co-operation with our Department of Co-operative Missions through the years of service.

I appreciate all your splendid service rendered, and wish to thank you personally for the publicity given through your paper to my 50th Anniversary in the Gospel Ministry, my service rendered to Southern Baptists, and for the recognition given upon retirement.

Thanks to you for everything, and may the Lord continue to increase the effectiveness of your paper.—S. F. Dowis, 5060 Lake Forest Drive, N.W., Atlanta 5, Ga.

... An Open Letter to Mr. Carr P. Collins of Texas

● Baptists do not see things alike always. We do not only believe in the competency of the individual in spiritual matters, but we believe that each individual Baptist can weigh and evaluate our program and life for himself. As a result, my wife and I vote sometimes on the opposite sides of some matters in our church business meetings. It will be a sad day when the threat of conformity becomes so serious that individual response to the leadership of the Holy Spirit is lost in the pressure

of denominational machinery.

You and I can disagree about the future development of Carver School without being disagreeable. After all, neither of us is primarily interested in what Nathan Brooks wants, or what Carr Collins, Sr., wants. We are both basically interested in what our Lord wants.

I can appreciate your viewpoint quite well. Two years ago I had some of the same feelings that you have now. While I was not at the last Chicago Convention when I was named a trustee of the school, when I discovered myself thrust into such a stewardship I began to make my own investigations. I wrote the Executive Secretaries of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards, some of the members of the Theological Survey Committee, the President of Southern Seminary, and other denominational leaders. Their candid replies were not inhibited by any relationship that I bore to the school.

Since then I have had the benefit of the report of a detailed study of Carver School by Booz, Allen and Hamilton, management consultants. Their impartial report overwhelmingly demonstrates the need for the school and the course of action that will enable the school to achieve its goals. I have also had the privilege of meeting with the Association of Child Care Executives in their annual meeting. They stressed their need for competently trained Social Work personnel.

The fact that I accepted the invitation to serve as President of Carver School tells you that I was "converted."

I regret that you were unable to be at the Memphis meeting of the Survey Committee when every person present voted to endorse a report favorable to the continuation and expansion of the program at Carver School. I understand that this is the report of the Survey Committee that will be presented to the Convention on Thursday afternoon, May 21.

Let me invite you and other Southern Baptists to be present at 9:10 o'clock on Thursday morning, May 21, when Carver School will make its report to the Convention. Who knows, maybe you will have the experience that I had of being overwhelmingly "converted"?

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.
Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.

Workmen Stoned And An Attempt On Life Of Pastor

Orvil W. Reid

A letter has just arrived from Carlos Torres, pastor-constructor, of the First Baptist Church of Colima, Mexico. From it I take the following translated paragraphs:

"A wave of attempts to destroy our construction has started. A group of Catholic students has stoned our workmen three times. Last Monday they wounded three of our men with their stones. Tuesday, criminal hands cut some of the ropes that held a large beam on which some of our workmen stood to work. The beam fell with the men. Our head bricklayer had a foot fractured and an arm broken. Five hours later, a pickup truck followed me for several blocks. When I stopped for a through street, the pickup tried to run over me. I managed to jump to the curb, but my bicycle was destroyed. The truck fled. One woman shouted: 'It was the Padre.' (Priest) then she would say no more.

The traffic believes that it was a priest who was a General in the 'Christer' revolution. That was a revolution started by the Archbishop of the State of Jalisco, other Bishops and Priests. The police are working on the matter. Two policemen are guarding our construction. Pray for us, especially as we begin our evangelistic campaign on 'Holy Week ...'

About the time the church at Colima called Brother Carlos Torres to be their pastor and to direct the construction of their building he received an offer from the Federal Department of Education. He was offered a house, a car, and over three times the salary the church offered him. He would build several pesos worth of school buildings. The church only pays him about \$65.00 a month for the double job. He has a wife and baby.

Your Lottie Moon Christmas offering made possible the construction of this church building in the state capital of Colima, Mexico. Pray for Brother Torres and for the work there!



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Minority Idea Voiced On Carver Proposal

A Dallas, Tex., layman on the Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Convention Program has announced that he does not concur in the general recommendation of the committee regarding Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

Carr P. Collins said that his dissent, contained in a formal minority report, was from a "sense of deep personal conviction."

The Study Committee will recommend that the Convention continue Carver School as a separate educational institution, and permit the school to expand and work toward national accreditation. The committee's recommendation will be brought before the 1959 session of the Convention at Louisville for vote.

Collins said that when the Study Committee met in Nashville last Dec. 18, he offered the following motion concerning the recommendation on Carver School:

"That in view of the many problems involved in the operation of Carver School

and also the general policy that all Christian education, except theological education, is the responsibility of the several states, that we recommend to the Convention that the Carver School be closed or merged with Southern Seminary on or before the close of the school year 1959-60."

Carver and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary are located on adjacent property in Louisville.

"The proponents for the continuation of the Carver School contend that it should be given a chance to justify its existence. What does it hope to do in order to justify its existence?" Collins asked.

"At the present time the school shows an enrollment of 57 students. The appropriation from the Cooperative Program receipts for the next Convention year will be \$150,000. In addition to this the income from the school's endowment and other miscellaneous income will be approximately \$50,000.

Masons Score Methodists For Accepting Federal Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—An influential Masonic magazine here has sharply criticized a Methodist college for accepting federal scholarships to teach religion and a denominational annual conference for receiving a gift of a \$4,000,000 federal hospital at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

It accused both groups of "violating the principle of Church-State separation."

The April issue of *The New Age*, official publication of the 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Masons, Southern Jurisdiction, said that if Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., executes a proposed fellowship program in Old Testament religion, "it will mean that the federal government will pay for religion."

It also said the Holston (Tenn.) Methodist Annual Conference is violating Constitutional principles by "taking over from the federal government at Oak Ridge, a hospital which, with its site, is said to be valued at \$4,000,000."

The editorial was signed by Luther A. Smith, Supreme Grand Commander of the 33rd degree lodge, which is the highest order of Southern Masonry. Mr. Smith is a prominent Methodist layman and alumnus of Emory University.

Emory has been granted three federal fellowships under the National Defense Education Act of 1958 to support scholars preparing for Ph. D's and college teaching careers in the field of Old Testament religion.

"The money involved is small, but the principle at stake is mammoth," said the Masonic publication.

making the total cost for operating the school approximately \$200,000," Carr continued.

Collins questioned whether the Convention should continue to operate any schools other than its seminaries. He also asked if courses taught at Carver School could not be offered at Southern Seminary at a cost to the seminary "that would be nominal as compared to the present high per capita cost of operating the Carver School."

Collins contended there is no evidence of any agreement between the Convention and the Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary, that Carver School would continue to operate as an independent agency. The school was transferred to the Convention from its former operation by the WMU.

"One of the arguments that has been made for continuing the Carver School is that there was an expressed or implied agreement between the committee representing the Convention and the committee of the WMU that the Convention would continue to operate the school as an independent agency," he said.

"The government will collect \$22,500 in taxes from American citizens, then pay these men for engaging in religious studies," said the magazine. "We believe that Emory University is wrong to apply for and accept these funds for such a purpose. We believe it is unthinkingly disregarding a basic American principle."

"A notion seems to obtain in certain quarters that the principle of separation of Church and State is a Constitutional weapon to strike at a particular Church," the Masonic magazine said. "This notion is grotesque; the principle applies to and is good for all Churches."

The principle of voluntarism which denies public tax support to sectarian enterprises has rebounded to the churches' advantage, and is a "cornerstone of our free culture," the magazine said.

"We favor it for all churches without denominational distinction," it added. "If the Roman Catholic Church were seeking these fellowships for the graduate training of its priests, we would object to such an expenditure of public funds. But it is Emory University, a Methodist institution, and the Holston (Tenn.) Annual Conference of The Methodist Church which now seek and receive financial favors from the federal government. We object quite as strenuously."

With respect to the Oak Ridge hospital, the Masonic publication said, "We are not interested in the fact that the Methodists won a referendum vote over another agency which had been interested in the property."

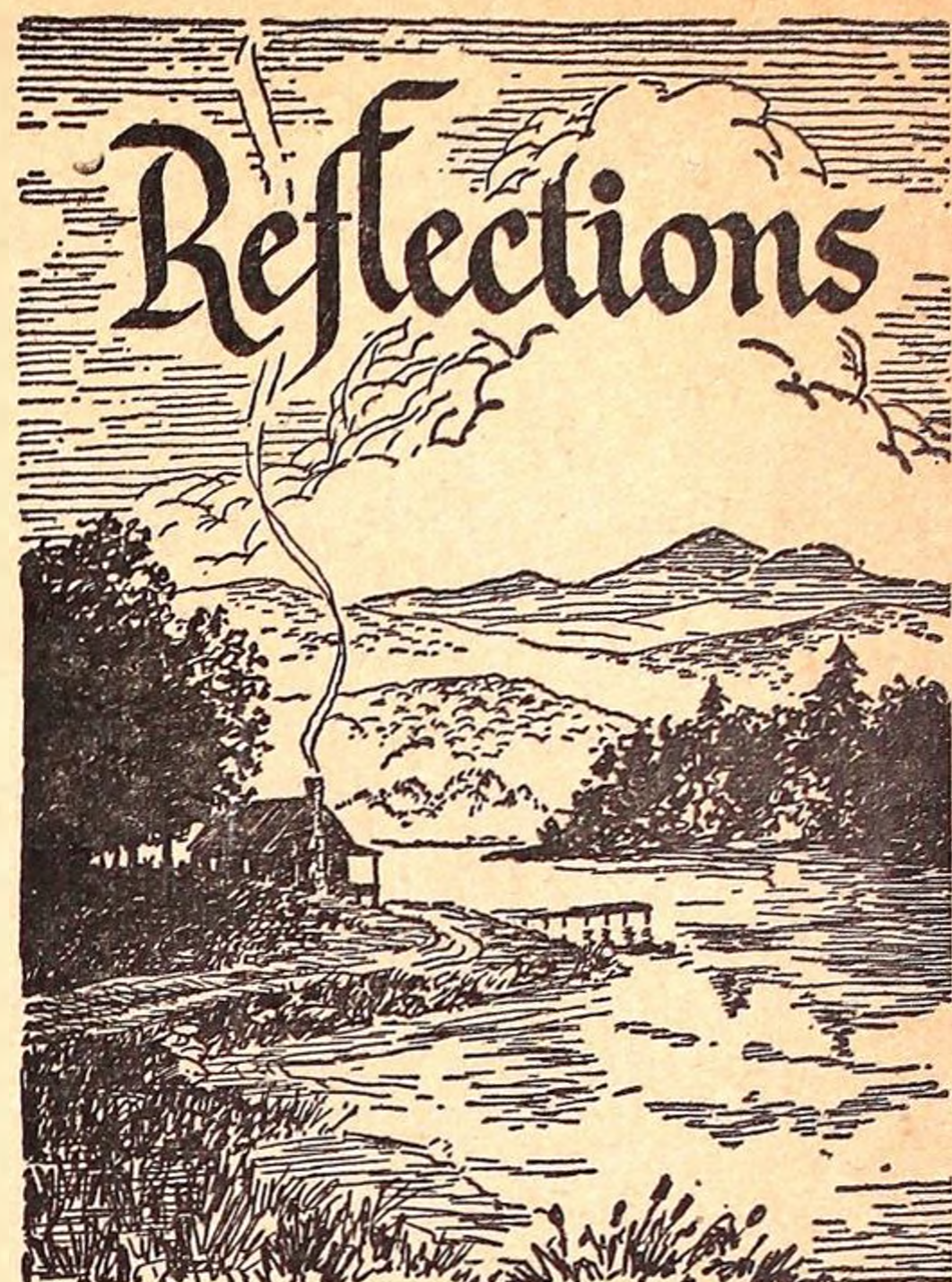
"A majority creed could do this in any community," it observed. "What impresses us is that the government has given a valuable facility to a Church and in addition has guaranteed to assume operating losses for ten years."

"The legal implications of these grants should be fully investigated," *New Age* declared.

Evaluates Pope's Call

ROME, Italy—(BWA)—The call issued by Pope John XXIII for an ecumenical council in 1961 was evaluated by Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, Baptist pastor in Rome, as "merely a conference of Roman Church bishops to express their opinions on the ecumenical movement." Mr. Ronchi continued, "I believe we Protestants would be just listening to Catholic monologues."

Dr. Ronchi, pastor of the Teatro Valle Baptist Church in Rome, is president of the Council of Italian Evangelical Churches and was vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance 1950-55.



After an intense study of Western Christianity, Sundar Singh made this observation; "While sitting on the bank of a river one day, I picked up a solid, round stone from the water and broke it open. It was perfectly dry in spite of the fact that it had been immersed in water for centuries. The same is true of many people in the Western world. For centuries they have been surrounded by Christianity; they lived immersed in the waters of its benefits. And yet it has not penetrated their hearts; they do not love it. The fault is not in Christianity, but in men's hearts which have been hardened by materialism and intellectualism."—From *Leaves*, the Mariannhill publication.

The biographer of the Duke of Wellington had little difficulty in gathering material for his book. The biographer could find plenty of material on what the Duke had done, but he could not find much on what kind of man he was. And then he found the Duke's old check book stubs. By examining these he gained more insight into the character of Wellington than he had been able to find anywhere else. The same would be true in our own lives. The places and things for which our money and time go reveal the kind of person we are and what our major is in life.—Rev. William I. Boand, "First Things First," *Christian Observer*.

To force an opinion, the late Dorothy Canfield Fisher once said, is like pushing the magnetized needle round to where we wish the North Star stood.—*Royle Forum*.

Happy is the man who knows what to remember in the past—what to enjoy in the present—what to plan in the future.—Arnold H. Glasow.

A man cannot hold another down without stooping.—Rex Mobley.



Observations

By
OWEN

No Envoy Needed At The Vatican

The United States does not need diplomatic representation at the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church any more so than with any other religious body. Clear thinking people realize this.

Mr. Victor Anfuso, despite opposition by the State Department, however, has been loudly sponsoring a Congressional resolution calling for U. S. representation at the Vatican. Mr. Anfuso, as might be expected, is a very zealous Roman Catholic. He was piqued when his resolution was criticized by the State Department through Assistant Secretary of State William B. McComber, Jr. The latter told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the matter of diplomatic representation in the state of Vatican City was not under review in the State Department at this time. He does not believe the issue should be raised at the present time.

Senator John F. Kennedy, a Catholic and

a prominent contender for the presidential nomination as a Democrat, a few weeks ago told a *Look* reporter that he favors strict church-state separation and that he is "flatly opposed" to sending a U. S. ambassador to the Vatican. Kennedy said that he opposes federal aid for parochial schools. Furthermore, he is quoted as saying, that whatever an office holder's religion in private life, "nothing takes precedence over his oath to uphold the Constitution." The Roman Catholic press, largely speaking, has been very critical of Senator Kennedy for these statements. "Mr. Kennedy doesn't really believe that," the *Jesuit Weekly America* said editorially of his last comment.

Catholic papers have made it clear, that the senator in the statements attributed to him does not speak for Catholics. Their official magazines though they do not condemn his person do condemn his position.

Since so many Catholic papers have rapped Kennedy's statements many people are puzzled. The controversy was deplored in an editorial in the *Indiana Catholic and Record*, the Indianapolis archdiocese paper, saying, "It could confirm some folks in their fears that a Catholic cannot in conscience uphold the Constitution . . . a Catholic who swears to uphold the Constitution like anyone else is bound by his conscience to uphold it."

As Christians we believe that our highest loyalty is to God. We express that loyalty immediately to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is Lord of the conscience. Catholics however hold that salvation is through dependence on the Church, and that the first allegiance is to the Roman Catholic Church, which is not merely a Church but a religio-political institution headed by the Pope of Rome. The statements attributed to Senator Kennedy, that "whatever one's religion in his private life may be, for the officeholder nothing takes precedence over his oath to uphold the Constitution and all of its parts—including the First Amendment and the strict separation of Church and State," are denounced by prominent Catholic editors with the sharp contradiction of one, "Mr. Kennedy doesn't really believe that."

Are the opinions given by Mr. Kennedy as set forth in the *Look* magazine interview then to be depended on by the American electorate? Or are they to be written off as political propaganda to allay fears of non-Catholics? Now that both aspirant Kennedy has expressed himself and the press of his Church has voiced the contrary on the principle of separation of Church and State, what is to be believed? Is the first obligation of one's conscience as an officeholder, even though he be a Roman Catholic, to his oath to uphold the Constitution? Or is a "Roman Catholic conscience" even though publicly sworn to uphold the Constitution first of all obligated to give loyalty to the Roman Catholic Church?

The Culture Of Conformism

Centralization may be a good thing but it can become a very dangerous addiction if, in the desire to reach it, principles and convictions are played down or parted with. "We have become victims to the culture of conformism," Dr. Robert Tobias recently declared. He is an Indianapolis professor of ecumenical theology. He made the charge, "that denominations merge and unite because they have become addicted to the idea that centralization is the modern way." He warned that newer and smaller denominations that may have something important to say to religion as a whole are being swallowed up by large traditional churches. Centralization certainly is not good if it comes at the price of surrendering convictions for the sake of convenience. Churches stripped of their convictions are robbed of the power of faith.

CUTTING ONE'S LIGHT OF LIBERTY



Liquor's Frightful Harvest

Repeal has brought forth a frightful harvest of increasing alcoholism in the United States. After 25 years of re-legalized liquor, crime continues to mount. It is a serious situation; especially concerning youthful offences which the 1958 crime figures reveal. The increase of crime among youth under 18 years of ages was 22 times greater in 1958 compared with 1957.

The cup of fury which commercialized liquor has held to the lips of this country has resulted, according to conservative scientific estimates, in more than 5 million alcoholic men, women and youth in the U.S.A. In addition to these, another 5 million are also on the brink of becoming like these, men and women of extinction." The aggregate financial cost of crime in the U.S.A., to which liquor is the largest contributor, rose to the appalling total in 1958 of 22 billion dollars. Fred D. L. Squires, Survey and Research, points out the following:

"These figures reveal a situation that must startle and challenge the thought of all social-minded citizens.

"The fact that, in a perfectly normal 12 months of American life, after 25 years of re-legalized liquor, crime is continuing to mount in such amazing fashion must be considered as having direct relation to the personal intake of alcoholic beverages which has now reached a consumption of more than 17.42 gallons per capita per year, (12 gallons in 1935) with every evidence that the trade's peak of distribution has

not even yet been reached. Especially has this been true of wines and beer although the consumption of whiskey and other distilled liquors shows no signs of material diminution. On the contrary, and perhaps in itself a factor of threatening proportions has been the upward leap in the consumption of vodka that at the present moment is far and away the fastest growing item in the whole liquor sales market."

Never before has the liquor industry been so feverishly pushing its high pressure propaganda to increase drinking. More than 400 million dollars was used for this purpose last year, according to conservative estimates. The situation is likely to get worse until the Christian conscience is aroused to do something about this evil which is like a cancer in our national life.

In our state during the past few weeks, when the legislature was in session, we can be grateful for the fine work rendered by the United Tennessee League, Inc., 311 Presbyterian Building, Nashville 3, Tenn. This organization, with Mr. James Furman as executive secretary, helped to no little extent in alerting the people of the churches so as to prevent legislation proposed by the liquor interests. If enacted it would have gone a long way toward making every town of more than 8,000 in the state dripping wet. Organizations like this which are working toward a solution of the beverage alcohol problem should receive full support from the Lord's people.

Education Grants Urged On Tobacco, Liquor Hazards

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D.-Ore.) has re-introduced in Congress legislation which gives states federal grants to help finance programs to educate youths on the health hazards of tobacco and liquor.

An identical measure was introduced in the House by Rep. David S. King (D.-Utah.).

Under the proposed legislation the federal government would match any funds used by states to start education programs in elementary and high schools to teach students the dangers to health in smoking and/or drinking.

Co-sponsors of the Senate bill were Sens. Frank Moss (D.-Utah) and Wallace Bennett (R.-Utah). Both of them, as well as Rep. King, are active laymen in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), which has expressed strong approval of the bill.

Sen. Neuberger's measure also is receiving support from other religious groups interested in temperance. It is opposed by the tobacco and liquor industries.

In introducing his bill, Sen. Neuberger, who is Jewish, blasted "the flood of glamour advertising," which he said is being used by the tobacco and liquor interests to get young people to smoke and drink.

He also cited reports of the U.S. Public Health Service which show that smokers' death rate from all causes is 32 per cent higher than that for non-smokers, that the Death rate of habitual smokers is 58 per cent higher, and that the death rate of heavy smokers is nearly twice that of non-smokers.

During the last few years, the senator declared, cigarette consumption has increased from 355 to 409 billions annually, while medical findings against tobacco have become steadily more serious,

Questions Answered

(Address questions to T. A. Patterson, First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas)

Saved Through Christ

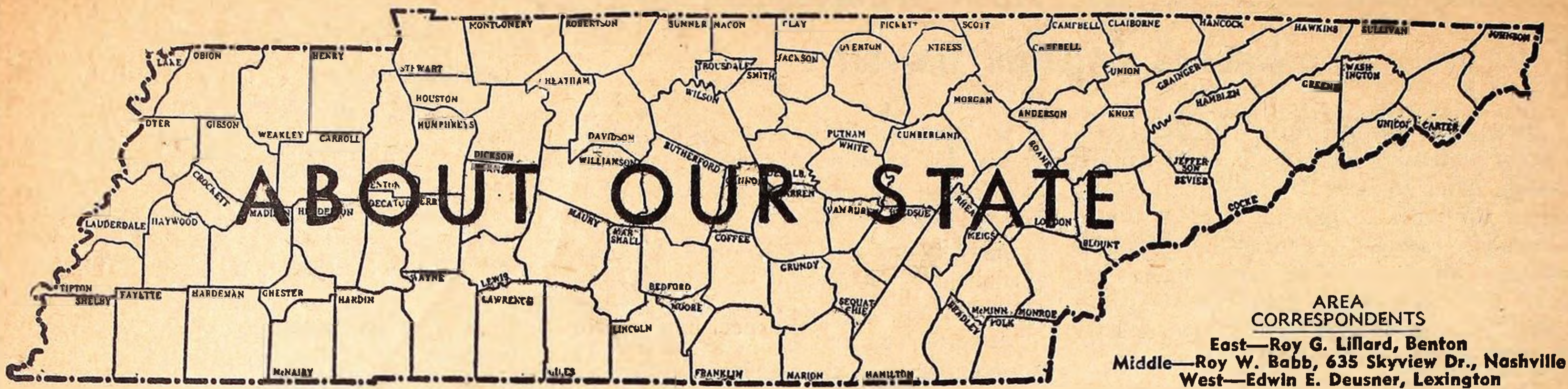
I understand that the Catholic believes the Lord Jesus is our saviour and that His blood was shed for the sins of the world. Why then, are they not Christians?—B.C.

It is necessary to make clear always that people are not saved because they are Catholics, or Methodists, or Presbyterians, or because they are affiliated with any other type of religious organization. If they are saved at all, it is because they have exercised personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph. 2:8, 9). If a Catholic has believed on Christ alone, he is saved and is, therefore a Christian. However, in this case, he is saved not because of the ecclesiastical system but in spite of it.

Catholic periodicals do state that Christ is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. They also declare that He died on the cross for the sins of men. Up to such a point, they are in complete accord with us. Further reading of Catholic doctrine will reveal something else which is definitely in conflict with the New Testament. According to their theologians, the only way to get into Christ is through the sacraments as administered by the Catholic church. For example, we read in *Catholic Belief* (edited by Louis A. Lambert), page 81, this statement about the Mass: "It is a means appointed by the Eternal Father and the Incarnate Son for applying the merits of the one bloody sacrifice to the whole church in general and to each soul in particular." On page 104 in the same book, the Roman Catholic church is declared to be the "only one true church." In other words, there is no salvation outside the Roman Catholic church, but the Bible declares that there is no salvation outside of Jesus Christ.

How do we get into Christ? The answer is clear: "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5:2). Furthermore, there is only one mediator between God and man and that mediator is not the Roman Catholic church. The one mediator is the Lord Jesus Christ (I Tim. 2:5). The New Testament knows nothing about sacraments but does speak of ordinances—ordinances that do not save the soul.

Enough has been said to indicate that the way of salvation as set out by the Catholic church is not the way of life which is presented in the Scriptures. There may be individuals who have realized the truth and have gone directly to Christ (Matt. 11:28) for salvation. However, it is doubtful that such people will continue their affiliation with the Catholic church.



Valley View Church, Cleveland, ordained John Paysinger, Herschel Mantooth, Don Whaley and Leon Lackey as Deacons on March 15. H. L. Gennoe, Samuel Melton and J. E. Firestone assisted the pastor, Ralph E. Galyon. Ralph E. Galyon and family have moved into the new pastorium near the church. The church building and pastorium are the beginning of longrange plans for expansion.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald B. McCoy, missionaries to North Brazil who are now in the States on furlough, have moved from Nashville to Centerville. They may be addressed, c/o Mrs. Brady Dyer, 109 General Ave., Centerville, Tenn. Dr. McCoy is a native of Dresden, Tenn.

Pleasant Grove Church, Polk Association has called Arthur Dale as pastor and he has moved to the field. R. T. Williams is the former pastor.

Rev. William T. McMahan, 73, for many years a Baptist minister at Chattanooga, died March 21. When he retired in February, Brother McMahan had been for nine years pastor of North Market Church, a church he organized in 1950 after having served as pastor of Calvary Church for 23 years. He was elected pastor-emeritus at the time of his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace McMahan; and a son, Maj. William T. McMahan, in the Army in Germany.

There were 72 additions to Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis during revival services of one week conducted by Evangelist Clifton W. Brannon of Longview, Texas, assisting Gerald Martin.

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H. D. Bruce, President

Polk County Association is sponsoring a radio broadcast over a period of several weeks over a Cleveland station in order to promote the coming revivals. P. H. Hooker, pastor of Zion Church is chairman of the radio and television committee. Various churches and pastors provide the program. The program is presented from 1 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Faulkner Begins Ministry At Erwin

Melvin G. Faulkner began work as pastor of First Church, Erwin, March 22, succeeding T. C. Meador who became pastor of Salem Church, Christian County, Ky., last August.

Dr. Faulkner has led Arlington Church, Knoxville, during the past eight years in a ministry that increased its membership from 784 to 1,269. A \$70,000 debt on the old church has been liquidated. A new sanctuary was erected at a cost of \$365,000 and two houses were purchased for \$33,000. During his ministry a chapel was sponsored in the Clinton Pike development which has become Wallace Memorial Church. Dr. Faulkner has served as president of Knox County Baptist Pastor's Conference, is a member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and has been on the Advisory Board of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, the past six years. Arlington Church honored the Faulkner family with a reception Sunday evening, March 15.

Jerry Scruggs was ordained to the ministry by First Church, Humboldt, on February 22. W. C. Garland is the pastor.

"Our little church, First Oakdale, in the foothills of Cumberland Plateau is progressing under the leadership of Pastor Charles Kelly who began his second anniversary in January. The church recently purchased property across the street from church which has two houses for Sunday school rooms. March 15 was Paul Scarbrough Day. Young Scarbrough, son of Rev. and Mrs. Mark Scarbrough of Piney Church near Oakdale, was seriously injured in an automobile accident last October and he has been hospitalized at Harriman until recently when he

was taken to Woodrow Wilson Foundation at Fisherville, Va. Our church raised \$50 for him on March 15."—Mrs. G. A. Delius

Rev. James W. Griffey, 78, farmer and long-time evangelist, died March 22 following a lingering illness. Funeral services were held March 24 at Nance's Grove Church, near New Market, where he had been a member for 28 years.

Mrs. Charles S. Wilson, 77, of Wartrace died March 21 after a short illness. Funeral services were held at Wartrace Baptist Church, of which her husband is pastor, March 23. She and her husband moved to Wartrace from Nashville five years ago. Brother Wilson was pastor of Bordeaux Church for six years.

Two SBC Leaders To Appear On Preachers Program

Two Southern Baptist leaders will be featured on the program of the quarterly meeting of the East Tennessee Baptist Preachers' Conference to be held in the Prayer Room (lower floor of the Administration Building) at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Thursday, May 7.

Dr. C. C. Warren, director of the 30,000 Movement of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver two addresses during the morning session. His subjects will be "The Baptist Jubilee Challenge" and "The 30,000 Movement."

Dr. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., president of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Ky., will be featured twice on the program. He will be the teacher during the Bible study hour, and he will bring the inspirational message of the day.

President of the Conference, Rev. O. C. Rainwater of First Church, Loudon, will be in charge. The program has been arranged by Rev. W. Paul Hall, program vice-president of Kingsport.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. All ministers are cordially invited, but they must send in their reservations by May 1 to Dr. C. H. Watson of the College if they are to be served in the college cafeteria.

History Writers' Conference Planned

NASHVILLE—(BP)—A History Writers' Conference for church historians, the first of its kind, will be held June 18-24 at the Baptist assembly in Ridgcrest, N. C.

Sponsor of the conference will be the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

"This conference is a 'must' for those already commissioned to write the history of a church, an association, a convention, or an institution in the denomination," Norman W. Cox, Nashville, executive secretary of the sponsoring commission said.

"The conference should be attended by any who may possibly be called upon in the future to write such a history, as well as those who are just interested in Baptist history, whether or not they will ever be called upon to write it," he added.

Heading the conference personnel is Robert A. Baker of Fort Worth, professor of church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will be assisted by Lynn E. May of Nashville, research director of the Historical Commission.

"Every aspect of history writing will be discussed, including such phases as getting a start, what an individual should do to prepare himself to write, making adequate research, locating historical documents, verifying information, classifying materials, and layout of the publication containing the history," Cox said.

A clinic at the close of the conference will be scheduled, enabling conference participants to ask questions about problems.

The History Writers' Conference will coincide with Foreign Missions Conference, sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board; Writers' Conference, sponsored by the Sunday School Board, and the Brotherhood Conference, sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission.

Jewish Fellowship Week

Jewish Fellowship Week, April 20-26, will be observed in many Southern Baptist churches with a goal of every Jewish home visited with a warm invitation to attend a Baptist church.

According to William Mitchell, superintendent of Jewish work, Home Mission Board, this week of special emphasis is an effort toward developing a year-around program of Jewish evangelism in the churches. Since it comes during the last week of the simultaneous revivals this year, Baptists are being encouraged to invite their Jewish friends to attend these revival meetings. In these churches observing the first two weeks of the crusade, Jewish friends are being invited to attend Sunday and Wednesday evening services during the Jewish Fellowship Week.

YOUR PASTOR NEEDS HELP

by Wyatt Shely, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

First of all, just what do you expect of your pastor? Do you expect him to be a good mixer, a tireless visitor, a civic leader, a Sunday School enthusiast, a Training Union promoter, a Brotherhood sponsor, an expert financier—a master at delivering sermonettes? Do you expect him to provide food for the hungry, clothes for the naked, employment for the needy? Do you expect him to be the mender of broken homes, the peacemaker between estranged neighbors, the first to congratulate the newlyweds, and last to leave the place of mourning? Or do you expect him to be the spiritual leader for which his calling and his training have fitted him?

Have you ever taken time out to decide just what you do expect of your pastor? Or have you ever wondered what he would like for you to expect of him? His many years of study and his strong sense of duty pull him in one direction. His daily contacts with the practical personal problems of the church pull him in an opposite direction. The result may easily be a disillusioned and unhappy man who wants to be your pastor, but is forced through lack of re-enforcements to be your counselor in minor affairs, your visitor, your relief worker, social director, public-relations man, and organizational expert.

Whittier in a favorite poem has said,
"Of all sad words of tongue or pen
The saddest are these: 'It might have been.'"
Equally true,

How sad to see a pastor of mine
With spiritual stature in decline.

Yet it is inevitable that spirituality is seriously impaired by social involvement, increased pressure from administrative heads, civic and charitable demands, and challenges to produce a greater budget, or provide a standard program, or maintain a strict schedule for contacting absentees and prospective new members.

An hour or so for a favorite relaxation, yes. A few hours undisturbed with wife and kids, of course. Some contact with community interest, it is wise. But when all is said and done your pastor's greatest con-

tribution must be his spiritual and intellectual influence upon the people whom he meets. He needs his hours for reading, for study, for prayer, for visitation of special kind, for sermon preparation, and for solacing those in sorrow. He is glad to spare his moments for lesser things.

Strange as it may seem to you and me, a few years training in a seminary does not build up a great reserve of knowledge or spiritual strength. Your pastor, despite his intellectual accomplishments and his devotion to duty, cannot long neglect the study hall and the prayer room without such failures reflecting in the Sunday sermon. His greatest frustration perhaps is caused by the unwillingness of his members to seek the services which he is best prepared to give.

Yes, your pastor needs help. He needs your help. You can do much by your presence, by your tithe, by your understanding—maybe by your criticism if it is sincere. Your pastor needs your prayers. You say that the expression is trite. So it is, but it must be said.

Is he tied down to organizational responsibilities? Perhaps you can untie one of the knots? Accept a job and perform it. Is he bound by visitation necessities? Give yourself a break and receive the blessing often gotten by the one who goes to help another. Does he feel the weight of social and civic needs? Why not give him a lift by taking his place now and then?

Your pastor has a real, a very present, a very definite, a very continuous responsibility. Let us not ignore it. May he not forget it. But, Mr. Layman has a challenge to keep his minister always at his best. Let him know that you recognize his capabilities, but know that he has his limitations. Great numbers in the pew have a way of developing great ministers in the pulpit. Yes, your pastor in order to be a spiritual giant must not have his strength sapped by every group and organization in our midst, but he must have both time and inclination to devote himself to "prayer and ministering of the word."

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C. H. Moore Honored For 40 Years School Service

C. H. Moore, superintendent of schools, Clarksville, and prominent Baptist layman, was paid tribute for his 40 years educational service at a dinner March 21. The occasion was in the Moore Elementary School, named in his honor, one of the new buildings in the city's system. It was tendered him by the Clarksville City Teachers' Association who presented him with a Lord Elgin wrist watch and a check for \$1,000. Some of the country's most prominent educators joined in honoring Mr. Moore for his outstanding record in school administration. United States Commissioner of Education Lawrence Derthick, Washington, D. C., termed the contribution of men like C. H. Moore as furnish-

46 Student Nurses Receive Caps At Mid State Hospital

Mid State Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Nashville, presented caps to 46 student nurses March 20 in the Medical Auditorium upon completion of six months' in the school of nursing. Charles Roselle, secretary of Tennessee Baptist student work, was the speaker. Presentation of the caps was made by Mrs. Janie Sullivan, director of nursing education, Mrs. Betty Ann Childs, director of student health service and class sponsor, and Mrs. Mary Alice McMains, clinical instructor.

Those receiving caps were:

Athana Brown, Chattanooga; Deedie Brown, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dandra Carson, Nashville; Norma Carver, Vale; Helen Collins, Livingston; Mary Jean Crabtree, Decherd; Mary Caroline Durham, Gallatin; Betty Ford, Silver Point; Bettye Fox, Columbia; Mary Nelle Gidcomb, Santa Fe; Peggy Jane Hamilton, Fayetteville; Wanda Harris, Auburntown; Terry Hembree, Nashville; Janice Keisling, Allons; Donna Jackson, Nashville; Patsy Lane, Nashville; Janice Link, Nashville; Patricia Lovell, Columbia; Rose Martin, Lawrenceburg; Lottie Morehead, Rockwood; Faye Northcutt, Woodbury; Nancy Petty, Vanleer; Linda Porter, White House; Janyce Rader, Nashville; Joyce Rader, Nashville; Judith Roach, Nashville; Enna Mae Roberts, Holland, Ky.; Hazel Rose, Pulaski; Rosemary Shannon, Cumberland City; Frances Sheppard, Nashville; Mary Sisk; Mt. Pleasant; Sandra Sowell, Nashville; Sara Stevens, Crossville; Hildegard Vaughn, Livingston; Wanda Wagoner, Chattanooga; Nancy Washam, Paducah, Ky.; Mary Widuch, Donelson; Shirlene Wilcutt; Hueytown, Ala.; and Merrie Gwen Yokley, Franklin, Ky.

ing the real source of strength in our country. Among other speakers were Dr. J. E. Windrow of Peabody College, Mr. W. A. Bass, former superintendent of schools, and Mr. R. R. Vance, all of Nashville; Dean Grice of Bowling Green, Ky.; Mr. Frank Bass of Murfreesboro; Dr. Andy Holt, assistant president of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and Dr. Richard N. Owen, editor of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

Moore, who is retiring from his post, was given earlier recognition at an open house tendered him by the city Board of Education and was also paid tribute Feb. 24 in a PTA 'This Is Your Life' program. Mr. Moore has been prominently identified with First Baptist Church, Clarksville, where he served as chairman of the Deacons and Advisory Board for many years. He has also served as moderator of Cumberland Baptist Association.

Would Delete 'Relief' From Agency's Title

The word "relief" will be dropped from the title of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, if the Convention approves the 22nd recommendation of its special "Survey Committee."

Committee Chairman Douglas M. Branch of Rocky Mount, N. C., said the recommended change in the agency's name was approved by the committee too late to be included in the printed version of the committee report.

The title of the agency would be Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention after the proposed change.

The Relief and Annuity Board concurs in the recommendation to delete the word "relief," according to R. Alton Reed of Dallas, the board's executive secretary.

The agency has handled a steadily declining number of relief cases as more and more Baptist pastors and denominational workers take coverage under the retirement and annuity programs offered by the board.

The majority of the relief cases arose before the board offered the wide range of plans it has available today, and before the denomination itself began to place a strong emphasis on adequate retirement and annuity protection for ministers and for lay employees of Baptist groups.

"The inclosed material relating to changing the name of the Relief and Annuity Board is too late for inclusion in the printed report of the Study Committee. We took this matter up in the December, 1958 meeting of the committee at the request of the Relief and Annuity Board.

Ferrell Goes To Whitehaven

Lewis D. Ferrell has resigned Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga, to become pastor of Whitehaven Church May 1. During Dr. Ferrell's five year pastorate 800 members have come into the Church. The budget has been increased from \$78,000 to \$110,000 and a new educational building has been completed. The Whitehaven Church is located in a fast growing section of Memphis.

Riverside Association—Rev. and Mrs. Harold E. Moye from Ground Switch, Ky. have moved to Byrdstown where Brother Moye will serve as pastor of First Church. Rev. J. C. Carpenter and family from Ashland, Ky. moved to Livingston March 19 where he will serve the Memorial Church as pastor. First Church, Jamestown, installed new baptistry curtain. The soft blue velvet curtain is the gift from Mrs. Lille Looper in memory of her son, Stanley. The walls of the auditorium have been painted a light blue. Moodyville and Etter Churches have repaired roofs which were damaged by wind storm.

March 29, Second Church, Clinton, held a Dedication Service. Pastor George Williams will begin his eighth year as pastor in July. During his ministry there have been 880 additions to the church. He serves as moderator of Clinton Baptist Association and is a member of the Radio and Television Committee for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Under his leadership the church has built a new educational building, new parsonage, redecorated the auditorium, purchased new furniture and pews, air conditioned the church and purchased 300 new Baptist Hymnals. This month the church will break ground for a new educational building.

Nineteen were added to First Church, Jefferson City in what was felt by some who have been around a long time to be one of the best revivals experienced by the Church. There were also seven decisions for Church-related vocations and 44 rededications reported during March 15-22 when Dr. Jerry Vardaman, O. T. Professor at Southern Seminary, was assisting Pastor Ray F. Dykes. Mr. S. David Smith of Carson-Newman's Music faculty directed the music.

J. A. LaFollette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton LaFollette, was the first to receive the "God and Country" Scouting Award in a special service at Oak Street Baptist Church, Maryville. Pastor A. F. Grahl presented this award.

"The committee was favorable to the proposed name change, but felt the Relief and Annuity Board should formally approve it before we took action. That has just recently been done," Branch reported.



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Fire in My Bones by Fred M. Wood; Broadman; 172 pp.; \$3.25. A stimulating exposition of Jeremiah in terms of his day and ours.

Seven Spiritual Ships by Barney Walker, Sr.; Exposition; 59 pp.; \$2.00. The stewardships given to the seven churches of Christ as told in St. John's Revelation.

In Time of Trouble by Ralph H. Read; American; 135 pp.; \$2.75. A guide to deep and abiding faith in God.

Did I Say That? by Leslie B. Flynn; Broadman; 129 pp.; \$2.50.

Helping the Teacher by Findley B. Edge; Broadman; 181 pp.; \$2.95

The Bible and Race by T. B. Maston; Broadman; 117 pp.; \$2.50. A Careful examination of biblical teachings on human relations.

Understanding and Developing Young People by James V Lackey; Convention; 146 pp.

When You Lose a Loved One by Charles L. Allen; Revell; 61 pp.; \$1.50.

Truth of God Transcriptions by Philip Reister; Exposition; 120 pp.; \$3.00.

A Summary of Christian History by Robert A. Baker; Broadman; 391 pp.; \$6.00. Martyrs, councils, reformers, doctrines, missionary ventures—theirs is the story, told here in brisk and lucid style, of how Christianity began and what it has become.

The Prayers of the Bible compiled by Philip Watters; Baker; 334 pp.; \$3.95.

Strength for Each Day by Harry McCormick Lintz; Zondervan; \$2.95.

Studies in the Epistle of James by A. T. Robertson; Broadman; 200 pp.; \$2.75.

A History of Baptists in America Prior to 1845 by Jesse L. Boyd; American Press; 205 pp.; \$3.00.

A Southern Moderate Speaks by Brooks Hays; University of North Carolina Press; 231 pp.; \$3.50.

The Unanointed by Laurene Chinn; Crown Publishers; 376 pp.; \$3.95.

Parkway to the Fold by Mabel M. Host; Greenwich; 82 pp.; \$2.50.

Jesus in the Gospel of John by T. C. Smith; Broadman; 198 pp.; \$4.00.

The Shepherd Psalm of Palestine by G. Frederic Owen; Eerdman; 84 pp.; \$3.00.

Nominations Pouring In

By Mrs. J. Marse Grant, Awards Chairman

"The most outstanding minister's wife in the Southern Baptist Convention! Who Me?" would be the laughing words of my pastor's wife if she knew that I was writing this, for the last thing she would want would be for anyone to think that her motive for anything she does for her family and for her church is other than one of service."

In the form of tributes like this, nominations are coming from every state in the Southern Baptist Convention for the annual "Distinguished Service Award" to be presented in May to the most outstanding minister's wife. From large churches and small, folks are letting it be known in no uncertain terms that they love their pastors' wives.

Pastors' wives are versatile, that's for sure, doing anything from "filling the pulpit in the absence of her husband" to "preparing food and bringing it to the workers and assisting with the actual work on the pastorium—sanding, painting, cleaning windows, even helping a little on putting down the hardwood floors." Teaching study courses, Sunday School classes, Training Union, and young people's groups is taken in stride, as well as being able to "prepare a program with 15 minutes' notice."

Nearly all the nominees are musically inclined, but as least one was not: "She cannot sing good or play music but she much more fills a place of both mother and pastor's wife." And, although one wife was described as having been "a college beauty queen," another said, "She doesn't try to be the best-dressed lady in the church, but her faith shines so radiantly that she is the prettiest lady in the church."

The pastors' wives are good homemakers if the nominees are typical, and most do their own housework. One does hers because "she had rather give the money to missions than pay help." According to her nominator. Another parsonage was described as "always neat, clean, and attractive, through her own care," and one was called "a real refuge for her husband, a perfect example to all of us."

Above all things, the wives nominated are dedicated women who make the fullest use of their "God-given talents to further His work." They are active, busy women doing

"zillions of things," yet still "inconspicuously active in all church affairs." Expressions like these are typical: "No one can meet her and not be a better person" or "No matter how low a person may feel, he just has to be lifted to the top after seeing her radiant, smiling face, and talking with her."

Churches appreciate the consecration of pastors' wives. Sample comments: "She has done more to raise the spiritual level of our church than any other person—not by preaching (which she can do), but by her daily life of dedicated, consecrated service." . . . "She is faithful, pleasant, a person of prayer, pleasant work and smile for everyone—one who may be confided in." . . . "If she has any desires of her own, they are kept in the background, for the needs and welfare of others come first with her."

Southern Baptists love their preachers' wives, but they do not want a "dictator nor a church mouse." As one man put it, his pastor's wife has "humility, spirit, devotion, dedication, love, all these, and courage—the kind that will enable her to tell a deacon when she thinks he is wrong. (I know, because I am one.)"

Whether "a pastor caretaker," or "a beautiful testimony of an utterly surrendered life to her Lord" be the description, wives all over the Southern Baptist Convention are coming to the attention of the Awards Committee. On May 20 at the annual meeting of the Conference of Ministers' Wives in Louisville, the "Distinguished Service Award" will be presented to the wife considered most outstanding by the judges. Nominations should be sent to Mrs. Marse Grant, Awards Chairman, Thomasville, N. C., on or before April 20 to be considered for the 1959 award.

Numbered But Not Known

A man on a bus was reading to a companion an account of the death of a prominent citizen, evidently a well-known acquaintance of both of them. The reader came to the words, "The funeral will be held in the Baptist Church." Here he paused and exclaimed, "Well, well, so Smith was a Baptist! Who would have guessed it? What do you know about that?"

Any chance listener to the conversation would have known a great deal about that! He would have known that Smith was numbered with the company, but not of it. His manner of living gave no hint to his daily associates that he was a disciple of Jesus. What more terrible epitaph could one have than the spontaneous comment, when his church affiliation was revealed, "What do you know about that?"—Willis J. Ray in *The Rocky Mountain Baptist*

Illustrations from Biblical Archaeology by D. J. Wiseman; Eerdman; 112 pp.; \$3.50.

Fundamentalism and Evangelism by John R. W. Stott; Eerdman; 80 pp.; \$1.50.

Basic Christianity by John R. W. Stott; Eerdman; 144 pp.; pocket edition; \$1.25.

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Evangelistic Entreaties by John Scott Trent; Zondervan; 120 pp.; \$2.50.

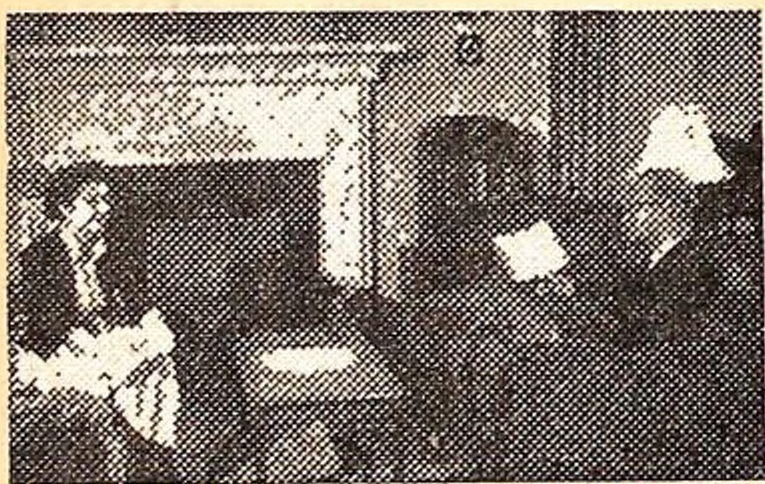
Mrs. Clara G. Alston Takes New WMU Post

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (BP) — Mrs. Clara Alston of Nashville has been elected to fill the new position of production manager for Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Her election was announced by Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, executive secretary of WMU. Mrs. Alston will assume here new position Apr. 1.

She has been employed by Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville for more than 18 years. Her present position with the board is that of book production supervisor in the business division. In that capacity, Mrs. Alston has co-ordinated all phases of book production connected with Broadman Press and Convention Press, titles under which the board publishes books.

At the WMU office, Mrs. Alston will be a member of the Executive staff and will work with WMU's promotion division in the production of several WMU magazines for women and girls. The promotion division is responsible for editing, and Mrs. Alston will work with printing firms which publish the magazines. Her duties will include that of seeking printing contracts.



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Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting

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The opening session of the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting will be two o'clock, Monday afternoon, April 6. The last session will adjourn at noon, Wednesday, April 8.

Among many splendid speakers for this meeting is a newcomer to the Home Mission Board, SBC, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, Director, Division of Missions, will speak at the Monday evening session. Dr. Rutledge came to the Atlanta post from the position of Secretary, Stewardship and Direct Missions, General Convention of Texas. You will want to hear this splendid speaker on "Our Witness in the Homeland."

Girl's Auxiliary will be the organization featured Monday evening in a pantomime, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," presented by the Girls' Auxiliary of Hamilton Association.

Tuesday evening the young women of Young Woman's Auxiliary will be honored at a banquet at the First Methodist Church. Ten Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Year Awards will be presented by Miss Abbie Louise Green, Secretary of Young Woman's Auxiliary, at the seven-thirty o'clock service. "O Zion Haste," a pantomime by Hamilton YWAs, will close the evening's program.

Any women, pastors, or young people who can, should attend every session possible. There is an attendance goal of 2,000 registered. Will you share in these wonderful services?

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The Best Story

by Mrs. Charles W. Shirley

One day we went with a group of Spanish language school students and their families on a sight-seeing tour of Costa Rica, taking our oldest children, Mark, six, and Lou Ann, almost five, along.

A highlight of the trip was our visit to the cathedral at Cartago, where the children viewed with unusual interest the images and particularly the crucifix. Later we stopped at an old Spanish mission and saw a figure of the dead Christ in a glass-enclosed coffin.

That night during our family devotions Mark asked: "Daddy, I have seen Jesus dead so many times today. Will you please tell me again the story of the resurrection?" After listening to the story he said, "That's the best story in the whole world."

Again, as so many times during these few months in Costa Rica, we were reminded of why we are here. If a six-year old boy can have a hunger like that in his heart, we wonder what real yearning there must be in the hearts of people who have indeed "seen Jesus dead so many times."

(Mrs. Shirley, the former Lois Parsons of Elizabethton, Tenn., and her husband are studying Spanish in San Jose, Costa Rica, in preparation for missionary service in Argentina.—Editor's Note)

Louisville Weather Unpredictable In May

LOUISVILLE — (BP) — What about weather conditions in Louisville for the middle of May?

In a special report to Southern Baptist Convention messengers, the weatherman has this to say: The average high and low temperatures in the city for the third week of May are 79 and 45 degrees respectively, making the mean temperature for that week 67.5.

For the entire month of May, the average humidity ranges from 90 per cent at daybreak to 20 at night. Humidity averages 30 to 40 per cent in the afternoons.

Average collective rainfall for the month is 3.93 inches. Normally, this precipitation falls during 11 days of the month with thunderstorms on six of the 11 days.

The strongest winds are usually associated with storm activity while the prevailing direction of the wind is southerly with velocity averaging under 10 miles per hour.

Louisville's weather is subject to frequent changes, being influenced alternately by the high-pressure area of Bermuda and that of southern Canada.

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April Is Junior Emphasis Month

"I sure did enjoy *doing* it," said Betty as we completed a demonstration of Early Time during a recent Sunday School Training School at First Church, Martin.

Yes, Juniors "like to do." They are very active. They have some very definite needs. We must provide them with our best in order to help meet those needs.

During April we want to focus our attention and special efforts on Junior Sunday School Work. You will want to consider the following needs and how they can best be met:

1. *Your Juniors need Jesus.* They can find Him through the evangelistic teaching of men and women who are dedicated to the task of winning Juniors to Christ.
 2. *Your Juniors need to "hide God's Word" in their hearts* so that it will be a guide in their everyday living.
 3. *Your Juniors need the security and teachings of a Christian home.*
 4. *Your Juniors need to develop a friendly, Christ-like attitude toward all peoples everywhere.*
 5. *Your Juniors need activities through which they can constructively express their abundance of energy.*
- YOUR JUNIORS DESERVE YOUR BEST.** Are you:

- 1) Providing a teacher for every 6 or 7 Juniors, where space and workers are available? (Men for boys; women for girls.)
- 2) Using the Standard of Excellence as a guide to better Junior Work?
- 3) Keeping good records in order to determine where improvement is needed?
- 4) Providing "a good Sunday morning" for your Juniors? Here is a good example to follow: *Early Time*—this is the pre-Sunday school time, a time for the teachers to get better acquainted with the Juniors, help meet their needs, review lessons, enrich memory work.
Class Time—Lesson time
Assembly Time—fellowship, learning experiences, and worship opportunities.
- 5) Leading your teachers to make early preparation and thorough planning each week?
- 6.) Taking advantage of the Weekly Officers and Teachers' meeting which provides invaluable training opportunities?

- 7) Seeking to bring about closer cooperation with parents and teachers through regular parent-workers' meetings?
- 8) Giving recognition to your Juniors by observing JUNIOR DAY IN CHURCH one Sunday during April?
- 9) Providing adequate time for your Juniors on Sunday morning? (Seventy-five minutes is the minimum required for GOOD Sunday school work.)
- 10) Leading your Junior workers to realize that evangelism is at the very heart of Sunday school work?

USE this month to evaluate your Junior Sunday school work. USE this month to improve your Junior Sunday school work. LET'S PROVIDE THE BEST FOR OUR JUNIORS.

P.S. Pastors, Sunday School superintendents: recognize and honor your Junior superintendents, their teachers and officers at one of the weekly meetings during this month. Remember, they are V. I. P.'s (very important persons) in the lives of your Juniors.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT SCHEME

Colors: Red, white, and blue.

Aim: The Whole Life for Christ.

Scripture: Psalm 24.

Motto: Be Ye Doers of the Word.

Song: True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted.



Junior Department, Barren Plains Church; Marion Smith, Pastor

Junior Day In Robertson Association

Miss Irene Bishop
Supt., Junior Sunday School Work
Tennessee Baptist Convention
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Bishop:

We would like to share with you the joy of "Junior Day" Emphasis last year in our Association (Robertson). We have four groups and Junior Day was observed in each group by one or more churches with the exception of Group 3, and EVERY church in this group participated. Each group worker, as well as the Juniors, expressed a thrilling experience. The boys and girls were used in regular worship services, taking offering, reading scripture, special music, and serving as ushers. In Barren Plains Church the Juniors conducted Prayer Service on Wednesday night. Also, this church carried the Juniors to visit shut-ins and conducted services for them during the week. (see picture)

Group Worker 3 wrote in a letter; "I would like for you to know what a joy and thrill it is to work with the Juniors in Sunday school and also in Vacation Bible school, especially to see three of our Juniors become Christians. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help you promote Junior work in our Association." (Mrs. Jerry Cherry, Group Worker 3)

A pastor expressed his gratitude: "I wish to express heartfelt appreciation especially to the workers in the Junior Department for helping to make Junior Week a great success. Words are inadequate for expressing how much the week of emphasis meant to me and to the entire church Family." (Rev. Marion Smith)

We are looking forward to observing Junior Day again this year in our Association.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lacy Freeman
Associational Junior Supt.
Robertson Association

Attendances and Additions, Sunday, March 22, 1959

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alamo, First	292	92	1
Alcoa, Calvary	249	90	3
Central	203	93	2
First	478	178	
Ashport	78	41	1
Athens, Antioch	176	88	
East	479	165	
First	678	222	
Avalon Heights	87	17	
West End Mission	79	44	
North	307	128	
Cotton Port	65	36	
Idlewild	73	50	
Lake View	47	36	
McMahan Calvary	89	44	
Mt. Harmony	84	25	
Mt. Verd	68	28	
Niota, First	138	48	
Parkway	46	48	
Rodgers Creek	64	23	
Union Grove Meigs	57	37	
Valley Road	73		
Valley View	32	14	
West View	69	38	
Wild Wood	86	39	
Zion Hill	52	47	
Bemis, First	514	177	22
Blaine, Block Springs	132	36	
Bolivar, First	414	146	3
Mission	45	2	
Bradford, First	146	73	9
Brighton	286	141	4
Munford	72	33	6
Bristol, Calvary	395	75	
Brownsville	509	121	
Bruceton, First	243	76	17
Camden, First	367	109	
Charleston, First	105	42	
Chattanooga, Avondale	677	174	6
Brainerd	939	280	9
Concord	438	196	1
East Ridge	840	300	1
Northside	489	97	
Red Bank	1184	359	3
Ridgedale	514	155	
Ridgeview	321	117	
South Seminole	171	76	
Spring Creek	477	188	
White Oak	512	136	5
Woodland Park	431	149	
Clarksville, Blooming Grove	124	79	
First	808	193	17
New Providence	286	113	3
Pleasant View	290	125	
Little West Fork	204	59	6
Cleveland, Cedar Springs	102	106	2
First	736	287	
Maple Street	100	43	
Victory	106	33	
Clinton, Second	528	128	2
Columbia, First	630	213	1
Riverview	92	40	8
Highland Park	516	222	21
Cookeville, First	498	75	
Daisy, First	333	106	
Decatur, Pisgah	62	42	
Dyer, First	406	148	22
New Bethlehem	212	121	
Dyersburg, First	779	267	21
Elizabethton, First	579	145	
Reservoir Hill	31		
Immanuel	265	111	6
Elk Mills	50	38	
Oak Street	166	99	1
Siam	204	90	
Englewood, First	197	42	
Fountain City, Central	1319	557	
Smithwood	781	296	2
Friendsville, First	148	101	1
Gladeville	137	68	

Gleason, First	174	65	
Grand Junction, First	116	64	3
Greeneville, First	367	87	3
Harriman, Trenton Street	595	170	
Walnut Hill	337	124	1
Henderson, First	213	88	1
Hendersonville, Rockland	52	23	
Hixson, First	461	200	4
Memorial	204	80	
Middle Valley	166	71	
Hornsby	126	56	
Humboldt, Antioch	283	118	2
Emmanuel	292	96	14
First	684	176	13
Huntingdon, First	377	180	
Jackson, Calvary	640	282	10
First	949	274	62
Madison	140	80	14
North	410	195	33
Parkview	610	209	15
West	1100	543	28
Johnson City, Central	734	145	
Clark Street	202	61	
North	52	10	
Temple	374	101	
Kenton, Macedonia	82	68	
Kingsport, Colonial Heights	162	61	
First	743	154	2
Litz Manor	200	98	2
Kingston, First	644	246	
Knoxville, Alice Bell	364	118	5
Arlington	485	158	
Bell Avenue	1015	265	
Broadway	1342	506	
Central (Bearden)	642	207	4
Fifth Avenue	834	287	
First	927	223	3
Inskip	739	221	
Lonsdale	326	106	
Sevier Heights	783	308	2
South	607	211	5
Wallace Memorial	469	162	2
Washington Pike	361	101	2
LaFollette, First	348	82	
LaGuardo	139	76	
Lawrenceburg, First	275	105	3
Meadow View	353	156	
Highland Park	264	123	1
Lebanon, Fairview	333	89	2
First	592	202	
Hillcrest	120	94	
Rocky Valley	103	79	
Lenoir City, Calvary	239	73	6
First	577	211	
Kingston Pike	68	37	
Lewisburg, First	617	202	47
Lexington, First	432	80	1
Madisonville, Chestnut	97	36	
First	250	101	
Mission	48	31	
Malesus	264	115	8
Martin, Central	278	72	
First	385	85	
Southside	75	43	
Maryville, Broadway	648	350	
Everett Hills	493	213	
First	976	272	1
Grandview	200	78	
Madison Avenue	155	80	
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	388	95	2
Mt. Pleasant, First	201	97	
Sandy Hook	22		
Scott Town	6		
Swan Creek	24		
Memphis, Ardmore	693	328	38
Arlington	83	52	
Bartlett	410	183	19
Barton Heights	349	148	53
Bellevue	2558	1006	49
Berclair	1063	419	57
Beverly Hills	629	242	23
Boulevard	701	247	49
Mission	99		
Breedlove	118	59	9
Brooks Road	221	121	7
Buntyn Street	220	97	8
Central Avenue	932	271	6
Glen Park	171	84	3
Charjean	519	213	3
Cherokee	1109	486	33
Lamar Terrace	71	57	
Cherry Road	310	132	8
Colonial	848	297	49
Cordova	120	71	6
DeSota Heights	233	116	10
Eastland	50	20	
East Park	201	72	
Egypt	231	107	12
Ellendale	133	61	2
Elliston Avenue	321	167	24
Eudora	751	309	41
Fairlawn	477	235	13
First	1317	358	11
Fisherville	197	55	3
Forest Hill	115	84	6
Frayser, First	890	475	33
Frayser, West	466	177	47
Georgian Hills	226	78	
Graceland	691	208	27
Graham Heights	306	105	14
Highland Heights	1648	818	53
Hollywood	523	215	7
Kennedy	525	187	22

LaBelle	535	251	24
LaBelle Chapel	572	287	23
Lamar Heights	705	321	11
LeaClair	335	146	9
Leawood	1074	412	54
Levi	287	78	2
Longcrest	190	124	4
Longview Heights	443	214	6
Macon Road	132	65	8
Malcomb Avenue	300	139	11
Mallory Heights	267	88	43
McLean	584	214	10
Merton Avenue	473	129	34
Mt. Pisgah	126	95	1
Mullins Station	124	89	
National Avenue	364	120	1
New Hope	81	62	
Oakville	469	142	25
Park Avenue	651	229	22
Parkway	634	269	27
Poplar Avenue	322	102	72
Prescott Memorial	692	182	15
Raleigh	597	192	34
Richland	266	107	20
Rugby Hills	196	79	4
Scenic	207	80	9
Seventh Street	540	171	1
Southland	220	113	1
Southmoor	243	104	3
Speedway Terrace	1041	232	55
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Thrifthaven	644	302	17
Mission	62	40	4
Trinity	530	243	26
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Northside	200	93	20
Morristown, Buffalo Trail	282	100	1
First	840	239	6
Murfreesboro, First	689	146	
Calvary	129		
Mt. View	230	88	4
Third	313	104	
Woodbury Road	219	84	2
Nashville, Bethany	46	23	
Brook Hollow	354	125	
Crievewood	312	95	1
Dickerson Road	336	90	1
Fairview	201	79	
Jordonia	49	31	
County Hospital	8		
First	1193	483	15
Cora Tibbs	74	51	
Freeland	154	59	
Gallatin Road	363	122	
Glendale	163	62	
Glenwood	288	75	
Grace	1004	400	
Harsh Chapel	180	68	3
Immanuel	364	128	
West End Chapel	53	34	
Inglewood	1090	344	2
Cross Keys	50	52	
State School	100		
Trinity Chapel	157	77	
Ivy Memorial	426	150	6
Judson	774	211	1
Benton Avenue	73	37	
Lincoya Hills	420	97	3
Madison, First	643	187	
Madison Heights	194	98	
Neelys Bend	129	54	
Radnor	681	196	1
River Road	61	54	3
Riverside	479	136	4
Saturn Drive	292	118	
Scottsboro	106	54	
Seventh	242	108	1
Haywood Hills	81	44	
Tusculum Hills	261	85	2
Una	277	134	
Woodmont	666	204	3
Newport, English Creek	67	27	
Oak Ridge, Calvary	252	152	8
Central	635	164	
Robertsville	704	238	
Old Hickory, First	626	228	4
Rayon City	212	92	3
Temple	213	113	2
Oliver Springs, Beech Park	162	69	
Parsons, Calvary	53	26	
First	218	99	1
Philadelphia	188	61	1
Pigeon Forge	196	95	
Portland, First	355	129	3
Pulaski, First	473	127	29
Rockwood, First	555	175	1
Rutledge, Oakland	95	25	
Sevierville, Alder Branch	119	93	
Antioch	134	59	
Beech Springs	175	76	
Dupont	109	80	
First	533	142	2
Knob Creek	100	77	
Zion Hill	113	49	
Shelbyville, First	506	116	14
Smyrna, First	252	75	
Somerville, First	340	198	8
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Summertown	118	50	8
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Stewardship Conference

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NASHVILLE—(BP)—A conference on stewardship, church finance, and the use of the Forward Program of Church Finance will convene at Ridgecrest, N. C., Aug. 20-26.

Merrill D. Moore, secretary of Stewardship promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, announced the conference.

The conference, first of its kind, will coincide with Bible Conference at the assembly in the North Carolina mountains.

Principal speakers at the stewardship-church finance conference will be Gaines S. Dobbins, distinguished professor of church administration at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., and Ralph A. Herring, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

"Biblical teachings on stewardship, fundamental principles of church finance, proven methods of enlistment, and specifically, the Forward Program of Church Finance will be studied," according to Moore.

Moore said that the conference will be open to pastors and denominational workers as well as to laymen and women.

Chauncey R. Daley, Louisville, editor of the Western Recorder, weekly Baptist publication in Kentucky, and trustee of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the featured speaker at the Southeastern Seminary Alumni Breakfast. It will be held May 21, at 7:30 a.m. in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton-Seelbach Hotel in Louisville, Ky.

Tulahoma, First	462	129	..
Lincoln Heights	66	31	..
Union City, First	720	228	8
Samburg	59	48	..
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Winchester, First	319	59	..
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Operation Leadership Study

During this quarter, the associational Junior and Intermediate leaders have studied **The Junior Leadership Manual** or the **Intermediate Leadership Manual** and have received credit. Some were studying the manual for the first time; others have studied it many times. In studying the manuals, each leader is encouraging churches and individuals in the association, to

"Study Baptists, study with care,
 Study your leadership manual this year!"
 The following received credit for the study of the leadership manuals since January 1.

Associational Junior Leaders

Big Hatchie	Mrs. Robert A. Smith
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Gibson	Mrs. J. L. Jones
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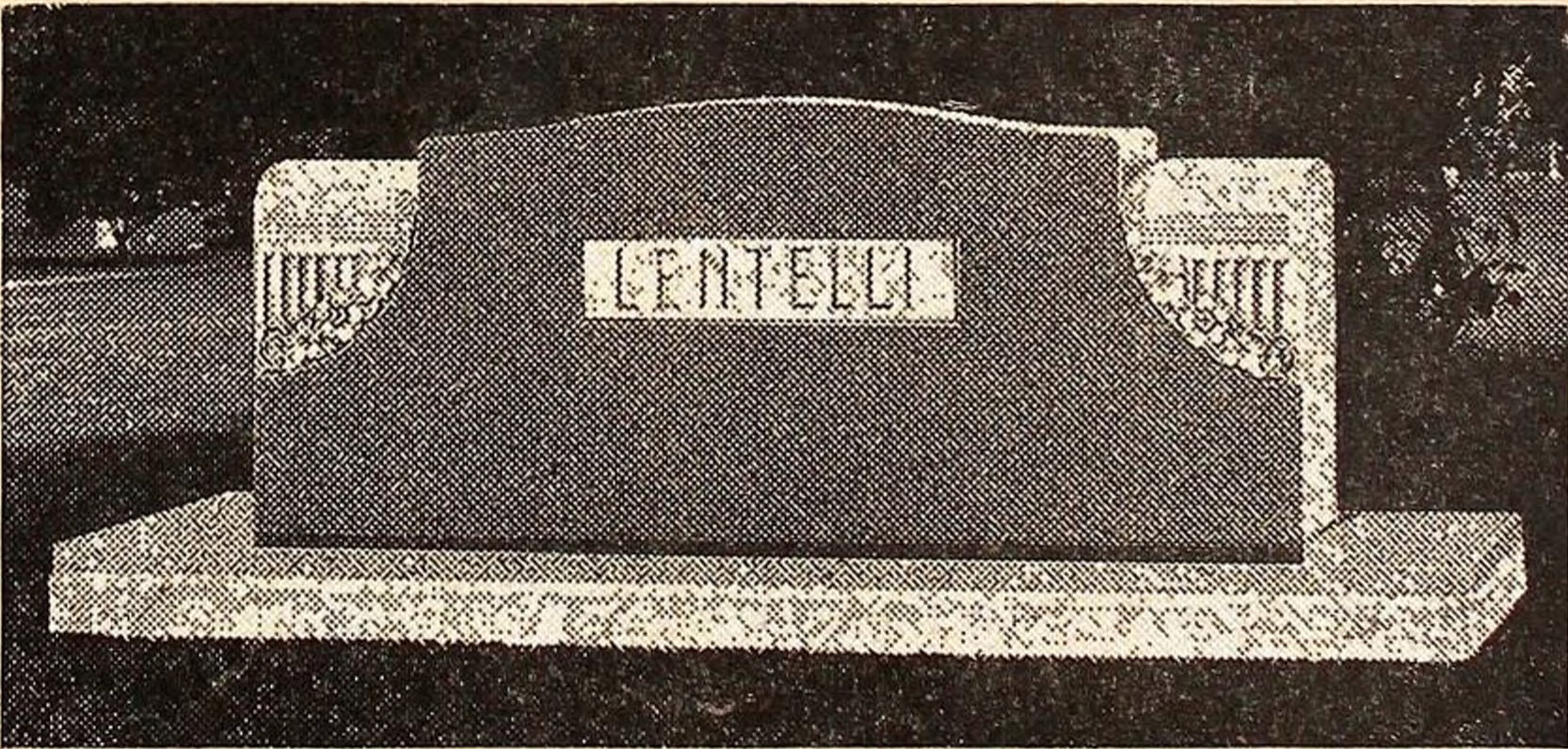
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What God Can Do With One Man

TEXTS: I Samuel 3:19-21; 7 (Larger)—I Samuel 7:5-16 (Printed).

One thinks of Dwight L. Moody when looking at the above topic. For it is said of him that he remarked that he wanted to be a man so completely dedicated to God's service that the world might discover just what could be done in and through one so dedicated. It is fair to suggest that Mr. Moody, while not perfect, approximated that high ideal in his devotion to the Lord and in his service to the people of his generation. His influence is still felt in the world, both here in America as well as abroad.

Our lesson, the first in a new series entitled: The Kingdom—United and Divided, centers upon Samuel. He enjoyed the favor of God and the confidence of his people in a useful life. He came at a transition stage in Israel's history when the country passed from the period of the judges and entered that of a kingdom, or from a theocracy to a monarchy. He had the rare privilege of anointing two of Israel's kings, Saul and David. The printed passage, upon which the notes that follow are based, shows what God can do with one man. That man was, of course, Samuel.

Intercessor Before God (vv. 5-10)

God can do much with a man who

prays. Samuel was that kind of a man. The Israelites were the victims of oppression by the Philistines who were cruel and powerful. The man of prayer asked the Israelites to assemble at Mizpeh where he would intercede to God in their behalf. This was done. The people gathered together, confessed their sins and poured out their hearts before the Lord. Samuel offered sacrifice in token of his and their consecration. Then he turned to God in earnest supplication for deliverance from their enemies. God heard him. Thus he proved to be a true descendant of Israel, the name given to Jacob after his wrestling with the Lord in prayer when he was about to meet angry Esau. The name means this (Gen. 32:28).

God can do much through a man who prays. Samuel was not only made a better man as a result of his praying but he was a better channel through whom the Lord's blessings might flow to others. In the instance before us, God wrought a great victory for His chosen people by sending heavenly assistance in the form of a great thunder which threw the enemy into chaos and confusion and in so doing Israel was

delivered. It is ever so. Many a deliverance has come to the Lord's people, even today, because some saint has persevered at the throne of grace in deep and earnest intercessory prayer. Churches have been spared, homes have been preserved and individual lives have been prolonged. Thank God for intercessory prayer!

Adjuster Between Men (vv. 11-16)

The people had many problems that needed adjustment. When the Philistines had been put to flight by divine power, the victory needed to be consolidated. It appears that Samuel might have directed them in this. After the pursuit of the enemy, they came back where Samuel erected a monument in recognition of their deliverance. He called the name of the place Ebenezer, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us". In our land and in our lives there are many such places. They need recognition and emphasis by all who are prompted by the same Spirit that guided Samuel. So long as Samuel lived, there was peace between the Israelites and the Philistines. In addition, the internal conflicts among the Israelites needed adjustment. Samuel was a sort of circuit judge in making these adjustments. This, in itself, indicates how he again was a true son of Israel for the name means not only one who has power with God but also with men.

It should be noted that this power with men is spiritual in nature. It grows out of mutual confidence and trust rather than out of dictation and domination. It is power based upon love instead of manipulation and scheming. There are no tricks involved. There are no deceptions. Because it begins in the presence of God it tries to lead all men to God. It is utterly unselfish. It is like Christ in its very nature. Its work is lasting.

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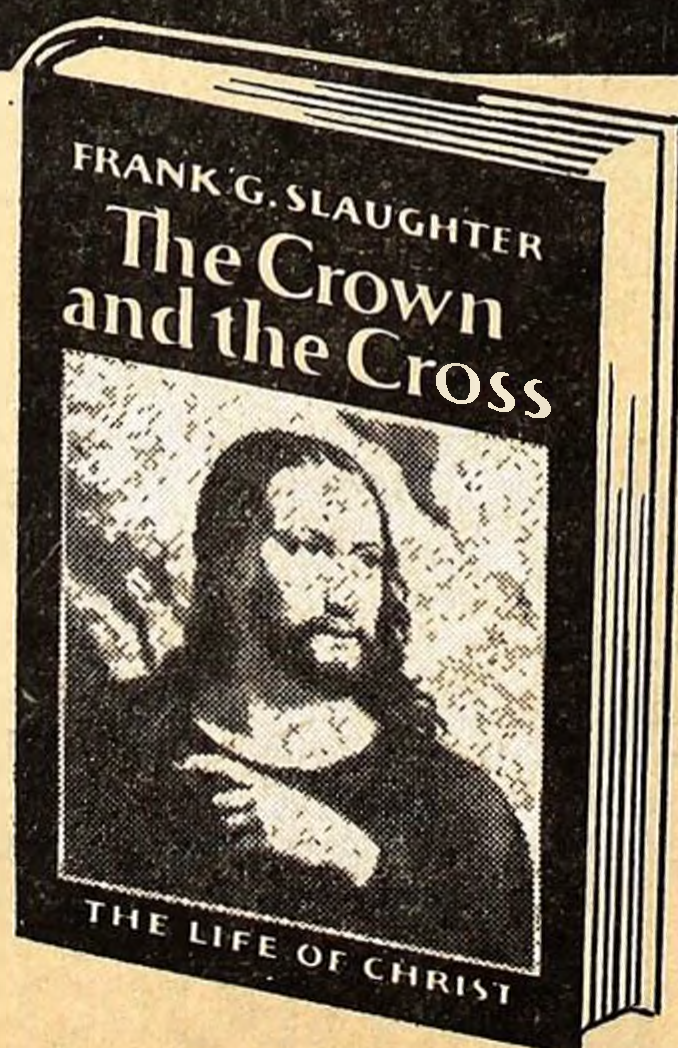
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The Young South

Several of today's letters are alike in one way—the address of the writers. What is that special address?

Several letters are alike in other ways, too. How many of today's writers want pen pals? How many have similar hobbies? How many have written interesting, newsy letters that invite you to become their pen pal?

From Vicki L. Burriss, 3465 Van Buren, Chattanooga, Tenn.:

I was 9 years old on February 6. I have two brothers. My father is an insurance salesman and my mother is a homemaker. I go to White Oak Baptist Church. I attend Sunday school and Training Union and am a member of the GA. I go to Rivermont School. I have no pen pals but would like to have some about my age.

From Donna Ruth Parker, Baptist Children's Home, Franklin, Tenn.:

My birthday is December 7 and I am 11 years old. I am in the sixth grade at school. My hobbies are playing the piano, reading, spelling, and skating.

From Charlotte Powell, Route 2, Jackson, Tenn.:

I am 9 nine years old. My birthday is October 19. I go to Ararat Baptist Church. I am a GA. My mother is a beautician. My



father works for a termite exterminator. I would like to have many pen pals any age, and I promise to write to every one who writes to me.

From Rosemary Brantley, 402 Boren Street, Springfield, Tenn.:

I am 8 years old and in the third grade at Cheatham Park School. I go to Sunday school at the Springfield Baptist Church and belong to the Sunbeams.

I like to play with dolls, and my hobby is making potholders. I would like to have pen pals ages 8-10. Thank you.

From Mary Evelyn Hollis, Baptist Children's Home, Route 5, Franklin, Tenn.:

I am 10 years old and in the fourth grade. My birthday is June 6. My hobbies are playing ball and watching TV and playing the piano. I go to church and school here at the home. I am taking music lessons and would like to have pen pals any age. I will try to answer every letter I receive. I would

also like to get pictures of my pen pals, if that is possible. Thank you.

From Betty Lou Riggins, Baptist Children's Home, Route 5, Franklin, Tenn.:

I am 11 years old and in the fifth grade. My birthday is September 1. I go to school and church here in the home. I would like to have pen pals any age and will try to answer every letter I receive. I would also like to have pictures of my pen pals, if that is possible.

From Katherine Davis, Baptist Children's Home, Route 5, Franklin, Tenn.:

I am 10 years old and in the third grade. My birthday is May 20. I go to school and church here at the home. I would like to have pen pals 10, 11, or 12 years old. I will try to answer all the letters I receive. I would also like to have pictures of my pen pals, if possible. My hobbies are swimming and riding ponies.

From Martha Lynn Vaught, Route 2, Watertown, Tenn.:

I am 14 years old. My birthday is November 26. I go to Watertown High School and am in the ninth grade. I go to Smithfork Baptist Church where I am a member.



My hobbies are swimming and collecting and playing phonograph records. I would like to have pen pals ages 14-16.

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"I'm afraid, sir," he said, "you must be disqualified. You just can't do that."

"Just can't do what?" demanded the minister indignantly.

"Why you're driving off from the ladies' tee."

The pastor looked at the man helplessly.

"My friend," he said apologetically, "I'm playing my *third* stroke."

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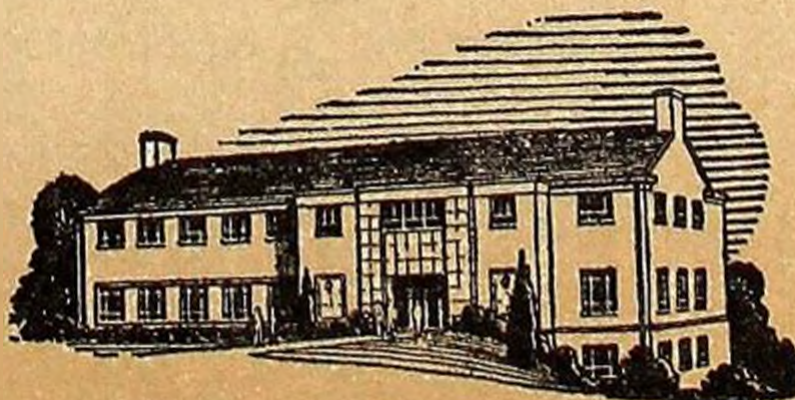
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SUMMER TERM BEGINS JUNE 8

Twenty Missionaries Appointed

Twenty missionaries appointed at the March meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board brought the active total to 1,293. The new missionaries are J. Franklin Baugh, Jr., and Jean Amis Baugh, both natives of Kentucky, appointed for East Pakistan; Paul Box and Pattye Norwood Box, both of Oklahoma, for Indonesia; Eric H. Clark and Phyllis Hope Clark, both of England, for East Africa.

Also, Charlie W. Fenner, Texas, appointed for Japan; Harris W. Mobley and Vivian Anderson Mobley, both of Georgia, for Ghana; James B. Payne, Virginia, for Nigeria; Edward O. Sanders and Jaletta Davis Sanders, both of Oklahoma, for Indonesia.

Also, Lewis R. Smith, Georgia, and Shirley Gibbs Smith, Florida, appointed for Hong Kong; Clarence Thurman, Jr., and Eddie Tilden Thurman, both of Kentucky, for Malaya; S. Thomas Tipton and Virginia Dixon Tipton, both of Kentucky, for East Africa; and Weldon E. Viertel and Joyce Garrett Viertel, of Texas, for the Bahamas.

Changing World Needs Gospel

In his report which followed the appointment service. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, said each of the new appointees has 40 years of missionary expectancy. "During the 40 years that lie before the group we now appoint the world's population is expected to become approximately 6,000,000,000," he said. "We preach an unchanging gospel of redemption, but we are required to relate ourselves to emerging situations across the world in such a way that our witness can be most effective. We live in an era of dying colonialism and emerging nationalism on every continent.

"The forces of Communism seek to seize upon the historic trends now in operation and ride upon them to world supremacy. . . . In the midst of this world of tension and change, hope lies at the point of establishing across the world New Testament churches made up of people who have met Christ in personal experience.

"Those New Testament churches, resting upon principles revealed in the Scriptures, bear witness to the light of eternal truth for all men who, by being transformed by redeeming grace and illuminated with the light of God's eternal revelation, can relate themselves to their fellow men and their world in terms of righteousness, love, and peace."

Latin-American Conference

Dr. Cauthen recently returned from a brief trip to Latin America where he shared in conferences in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The meeting in Buenos Aires was the second area-wide mission conference held in Latin America.

The conference was planned by Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, in consultation with committees made up of missionaries serving in the various countries.

Dr. Cauthen said of the mission conference: "It brought together representatives of all the Missions of the entire area so that common problems, opportunities, and needs could be studied. One could sense the stimulation felt by each missionary as he became aware that the problems with which he must deal in his own country are shared to a very great degree by others.

"There is an inescapable conviction that Southern Baptists not only have a responsibility for a geographical and numerical expansion of missionary work, but we have the responsibility of creative thinking and constructive planning which can be a blessing beyond our own immediate work."

Vast Possibilities in Brazil

From Buenos Aires, Dr. Cauthen went to Rio de Janeiro for conferences with representatives of the Brazilian Baptist Convention and the three Missions of the Foreign Mission Board operating in Brazil. He said: "One senses in Brazil the vast possibilities of Christian work. With its great concentration of Baptist strength, Brazil may well become one of the greatest Bap-

tist communities in the world.

"Baptist leaders are planning for a closing service for the Baptist World Alliance, when it meets in Rio in 1960, to be held in a stadium that seats between 150,000 and 200,000 people. Billy Graham will preach, and it is expected that the stadium will be filled. That service could turn out to be the largest Baptist gathering ever assembled and one of the most remarkable evangelistic opportunities ever known."

Goerner Reports from Near East

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, sent his March report by airmail from the Near East, where he is attending to mission business. He visited Spain and Portugal before arriving in the Near East.

Dr. Goerner said that Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, who recently went to Portugal as fraternal representatives, have been received with joy and gratitude by the Portuguese Baptist Convention.

"It is not yet certain whether the Foreign Mission Board should send missionary personnel to Portugal, although the pastors warmly and unanimously requested that this be done," Dr. Goerner said. "For the present it is recommended that our work be: (1) moderate assistance to co-operating churches in the Portuguese Baptist Convention, (2) assistance in church building as capital funds can be secured, and (3) encouragement and financial assistance in opening new places of witness."

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