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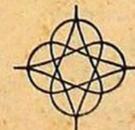
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BGT MISSION



Charles Bass, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, received highest honors July 17, in the sixth and final 1959 Southern Baptist Sword Drill at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly. In the drill with participants from Arkansas, District of Columbia, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Virginia, he is the youngest participant ever to represent Tennessee.

Charles is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Bass of Jefferson City.

An activity of every Intermediate Union, Sword Drill displays ability in handling the Bible. References are memorized, and participants are drilled on their knowledge of the references and their skill in using the Bible.



## Sunday School Board Meeting Set For Glorieta

The annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board is set for August 11-12 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, N. M.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board, said major matters to be discussed include progress reports in the Bible teaching and membership training of the Board's life and work; and present and long-range development programs in Nashville and Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta assemblies.

Division reports on the Board's work will be given and 1960 budgets studied and approved, Dr. Sullivan said.

Howard M. Reaves, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., is president of the 51-member board. Ernest J. Moench, of Nashville, is chairman of the executive committee, all of whose members live in or near Nashville:

Terry Davis, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church; Herschell Emery, general agent, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J.; R. E. Grimsley, president, Steven Manufacturing Corporation (National Stove Company); Howard Hooper, owner, Howard Hooper Food and Appliance Stores; Howard G. Kirksey, dean of instruction, Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro; George W. Logan, president, Logan's Inc.; R. T. Martin, plant superintendent, Nashville Corrugated Box Company; Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church; Ernest J. Moench, president, Tennessee Tufting Company; Lewis E. Moore, postmaster; Charles Norton, Training Union secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention; H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church; B. W. Potts, vice-president, National Stores Corporation; Vern B. Powers, pastor, Glendale Baptist Church; J. H. Stephens, pastor, Inglewood Baptist Church; Henry F. Todd, judge, circuit judge, Third Circuit Court, Davidson County; G. Allen West, pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church; and James H. Winters, president, James H. Winter Company, Air-conditioning and Heating.

## Historical Groups Re-elect Officers

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Two Nashvillians have been elected to lead Southern Baptist historical groups during the coming year.

J. P. Edmunds, secretary of research and statistics for the Baptist Sunday School Board, was re-elected chairman of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. W. Fred Kendall of Nashville, executive secretary of Tennessee Baptist Convention, was elected vice-chairman of the Commission; Mrs. Richmond O. Brown, Nashville, recording secretary, and Davis

C. Woolley, treasurer, effective on the retirement of Norman W. Cox on Aug. 31.

Woolley will succeed Cox as Commission executive secretary on that date also, having been elected to that position several months ago.

Richard N. Owen, Editor of the Tennessee denominational weekly newspaper, BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, will again head the Southern Baptist Historical Society—a voluntary group of historians—with Miss Nelle Davidson, librarian of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary serving as vice-president.

The Historical Commission and Historical Society will hold their 1960 annual meetings in Nashville July 12-14.



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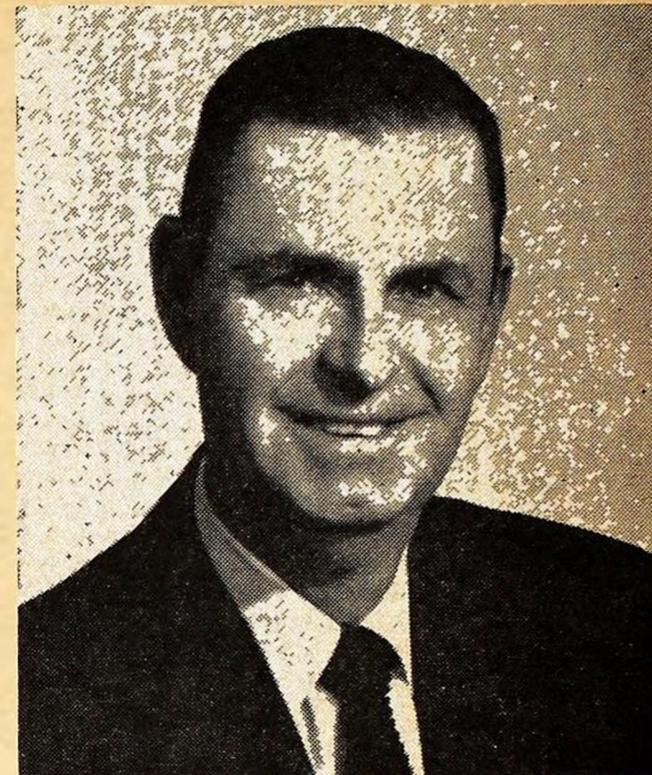
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Devotional:

## Look Unto The Hills



By E. L. Smothers, Milan

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help". Psalms 121: 1

The land which gave birth to our Holy Bible and background to the Christian religion is a land of mountains and hills. Any where you stand you are impressed with their beauty. The Psalmist often looked unto the hills and was made conscious of the greatness of God.

There are some hills that should be in every Christian's spiritual landscape. They are holy hills unto which we should lift our eyes each day. We need to recapture and re-live our vision of God that flooded those hills in the long ago. We need to listen again as God speaks His eternal message, manifests His love and concern for the people of this earth.

As we make our journey between the points we refer to as birth and death, we should stop and lift up our eyes unto the hill of Sinai. Hear God as He speaks and reveals what we owe to Him, and what should be our relation to our fellow man.

We should move on to the hill called Calvary. We will see the Lord who gave the Law on Sinai dying on a cross for our sins. You are conscious of the concern, the grief and the love of God as you look at Calvary.

As you look across from the hill of Calvary, lift up your eyes to Olivet, and you will see the Lord of Sinai, the Lamb of Calvary and the Lord of life. Hear Him say, "As I live, you will also live."

tist work in the islands, and some help he had given in the new location. He spoke with affection concerning our missionaries, calling several by name.

As I returned to my hotel, through the tropical streets of the capital city of the fiftieth state, these words echoed, "The Lord led me to the Baptists—I want to do my part—I wish we had more Baptists."

Men like Chief Dan Liu will bring his wish to pass.—Bruce H. Price, Newport News, Virginia

## MAIL BAG

### ... Police Chief Wants More Baptists

● "I wish we had more Baptists in Honolulu," commented Mr. Dan Liu, Chief of Police, as I sat in his office on the afternoon of July 10.

Dr. H. B. Ramsour and Miss Josephine Harris, Southern Baptist missionaries in Honolulu, had told me that Mr. Liu is a vice-president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and scheduled to become president in 1963. His church activities had led me to stop by his office.

"Tell me about your Baptist background," I began.

With a smile, he turned slightly in his chair, behind a large desk, and related: "I had been attending a Christian denomination but I was not satisfied. This caused me to look around and pray about where God wanted me. After visiting three churches of three denominations, (and he named them) the Lord led me to the Baptists in 1935. They are a spiritual people."

My questions led Mr. Liu to express his interest in Christian work. "I want to do my part in my church. At present I am a deacon, trustee and a teacher in the Sunday school."

He also spoke of his concern about new Bap-

# Population Frontiers Challenge Historians

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The “frontiers of population” will challenge Baptist historians of today and tomorrow because an increase in population will bring with it a need to declare afresh the heritage and distinctives held by Baptists.

This was proclaimed by Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary-elect of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here. He addressed the annual meeting of the Commission, the first since his election.

Woolley, who succeeds retiring Dr. Norman W. Cox on Aug. 31, said that as Baptist historians “we are in this business as pioneers and there are frontiers yet we must face and overcome.

“The frontiers of truth and the frontiers of ideas are still ours. This age demands that we do pioneer work in all areas that are our heritage. We must keep repeating the distinctives that have made us what we are,” he continued.

Woolley commented that “Baptists have made good pioneers because of their faith, the truth they hold, and the fact that they were non-conformists. Non-conformists make good pioneers.”

He said that the expanding Southern Baptist missionary enterprise presents a challenge to Baptist historians. “Every mission-

ary’s work needs to be recorded. You remember the thrill of reading your first missionary biography,” he reminded them.

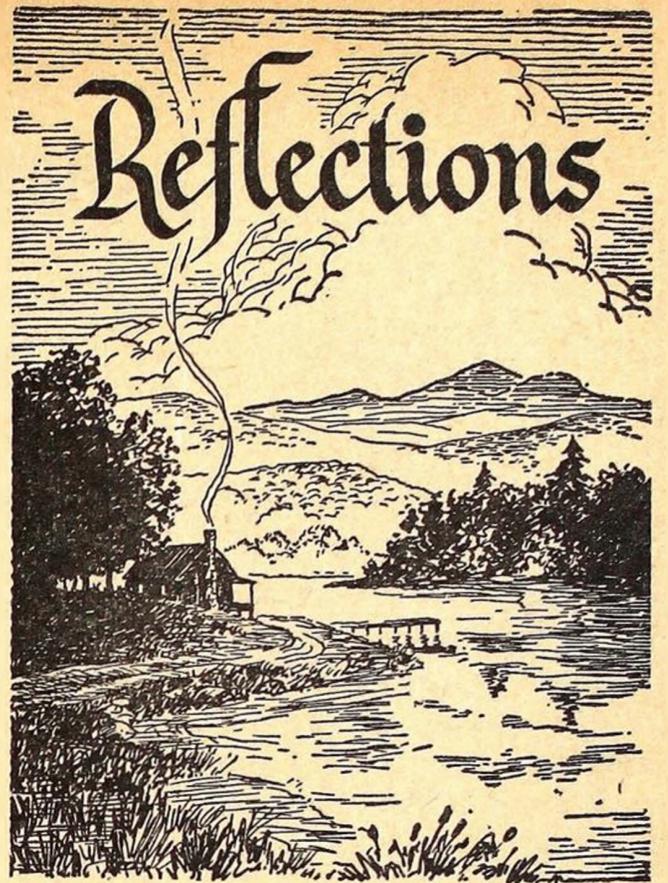
The work of the Historical Commission, according to Woolley, is to gather together materials so that agencies of the Convention may have them for reference.

He spoke of the contributions made by two pioneers in developing Baptist historical collections—the late Dr. W. O. Carver of Louisville, seminary professor and one of the founders of present Baptist historical groups, and Dr. Cox, retiring executive secretary.

The Commission presented Dr. and Mrs. Cox with a high-fidelity record player, radio, and tape recorder at a banquet in their honor. Dr. Cox came to the Historical Commission in 1951 from pastorate of First Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss.

Charles H. Stone, librarian at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., presented Dr. Cox with a resolution of tribute to him adopted by the historical society of Georgia Baptist Convention recently. Dr. Cox is a native of south Georgia.

Dr. Cox will live in Mobile, Ala., where he was formerly a pastor, during retirement. His book, “God and Ourselves,” based on Luke 15, will be published in January by the Sunday School Board. He said he was planning to write two other books.



There is a sign in a Perryville, Ky. church that seems just right for the purpose. It says: “Our auditorium is prayer-conditioned.”—*Townsend National Weekly*.

It is hard to recover a religion for ourselves, once it is lost. The historian, Arnold Toynbee, has a sharp picture of this truth. He wrote, “Remember, religion, once lost, can never be whistled for, like a dog, to come back obediently, at man’s convenience.” All the more important to keep our religious faith active and present and alive.—Halford E. Luccock, *Christian Herald*.

Oddly enough, it’s the person who knows everything who has the most to learn.—*Service for Company Publications*.

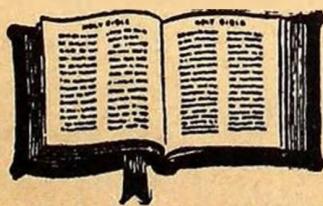
We preach “individualism”, but we have become parts of collectivities. Organizations do our speaking for us; skilled “public relations counselors” tell us what to say. This is the era not only of the ghost writer, but of the ghost thinker.—Sydney J. Harris, *Chicago News*.

Faith is not trying to believe something regardless of the evidence. Faith is daring to do something regardless of consequences.—*Sunshine Magazine*.

Conformity to the world has in all ages proved the ruin of the church. It is utterly impossible to live in nearness to God and in friendship with the world.

One of the hardest things we have to do is to unlearn something that no longer is relevant or even true. It is a painful process. To give up a favorite idea is no less traumatic than the extraction of a tooth or the amputation of a limb. Ideas are a part of us, but like appendages to the body they must be surrendered when they have outlived their usefulness.—Daniel D. Walker, *Church Mgt.*

## Bible Break



By Ruby Lee Adams

When did the big city come into existence? This is an interesting question that has been asked over and over again.

We need only to push back history’s horizon to discover that the big cities are not peculiar to our own age. The Bible stories of big and powerful cities and nations of olden times were considered mythical and legendary a few years ago. But new discoveries push us back into remote times where evidences of great centers of population are found, heretofore unsuspected.

It is in the excavations of the ancient cities that we find records of all sorts that enable us to know how people thought and how they acted long ago. Business records in Babylon, Nineveh and other ancient cities were made on clay tablets. The transactions of the bankers, the merchants, etc., were accurately kept and are open to us today.

In the open country man leaves little or no trace of his customs, his arts and his institutions. We get our knowledge of these things by digging in the ruins of mankind’s ancient cities. It has been plainly revealed that great empire preceded great empire. The Bible is full of descriptions of their wealth. Business was done then much as it is now.

History must ever possess an undying fascination for the minds of men, for its subject is the story of their race, and its interest is ever human to the core. Its burden is now a song of rejoicing at the triumphs, or a wail of lamentation over the errors and sufferings of mankind. How history, in gifted hands, exults as it reaches those blooming points in a nation’s career—those eras of great leaders. And how it saddens to see these old empires pass away,—to behold Babylon, Nineveh, and many grand old cities, withered, rolled up like a scroll, and vanishing from the face of the earth. Next article is on Babylon, the Mother of Cities.



# Observations

By  
OWEN

## On Traveling

There is more traveling about today than ever before. Never have the highways, airways and railways been filled with so many who are going from one place to another. In addition to the traveling about on the surface of the earth, there now is the prospect of space travel. But with all this journeying, there comes the quotation, so meaningful, of one world traveler, "Only the inward journey is real." And as Dr. W. B. J. Martin probes, "What is the use of traveling from place to place if nothing is happening inside in spiritual growth and mental development?"

There are many outward journeyings, but lacking is the inward journeying, the moving forward in spirit. Your ticket is a desire. Such journeying costs readiness to be led by the Spirit of God.

The study of His Word, prayer, and meditation will prepare you for this inward journeying.

### Advice To Skypilot

There's something about preaching that's like piloting a plane. Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman, in his own inimitable way in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, calls this to our attention. He gives some bits of advice to the preacher:

Follow your flight plan. Don't go cruising around without a clear idea of where you're going and how to get there.

Figure out your ETA and stick to it. The expected time of arrival is an important item.

Flying by VFR (Visual Flight Rules) is better for you, certainly if you are a

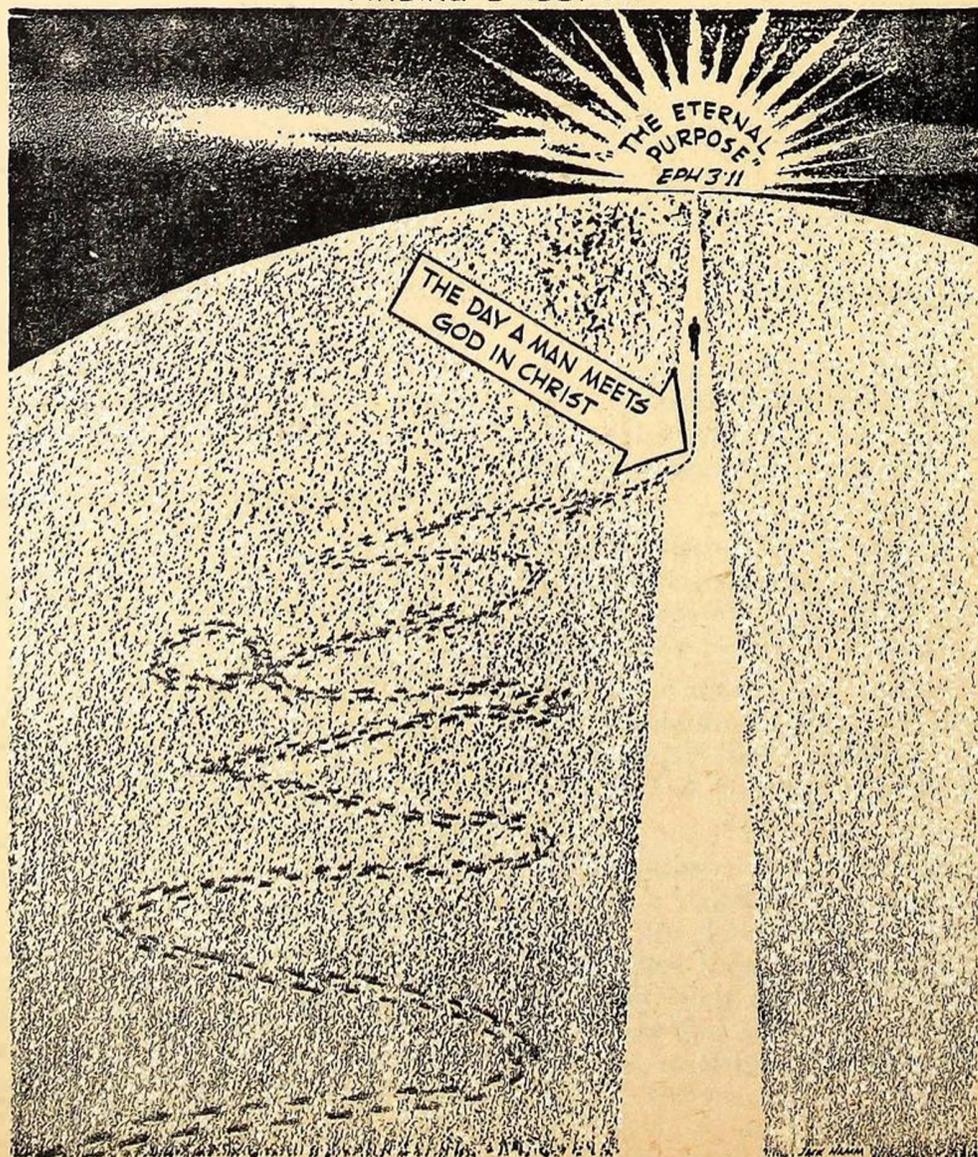
beginner. Don't try to fly by instrument. It's like speaking over the radio without a studio audience or writing an article for unknown readers. The preacher needs to see the people he is speaking to. This is contact preaching. It gives you a sort of chart.

Check your compass. It is the business of the pilot to know the magnetic deviation wherever you are. That is, you are always a prejudiced preacher, and you are preaching to prejudiced people. You'll get along much better if you know how far off the true compass you and they are.

Then, too, there is this bit of advice: Have enough gas for alternate landings. Be sure your landing gear is in working order. It may be for lack of gas you'll have to make a crash landing.

And then our good friend points out that the two most dangerous parts of a flight are the take-off and the landing. Most accidents occur just there. And so it is with a sermon. The two parts where clumsiness is most evident and most costly are the start and the finish. Some preachers are like a very green pilot taxiing around and around a useless length of time before plucking up the courage and the speed to get into the air. But remember you have passengers. No stunting! Maybe you learned quite a bag of homiletic tricks. But when you get the opportunity to preach, give your hearers a straightforward sermon that they can understand. Don't be clever at the expense of the congregation. The gospel is thrill enough without adding any homemade thrills of your own.

FINDING DIRECTION



### Keep Our Record Clean

We Baptists believe in the principle of Separation of Church and State, but let us not be fuzzy in our thinking. The article on the opposite page by J. H. Stogner rightly reminds us of some things some of us may have been calling upon governmental officials to do for our church. It may be that in some small instances some tax money has gone to rock a driveway to a church or rock a parking ground. Still this is a violation of our cherished belief. Let's be fair if such practices have been engaged in, they should be stopped. Let's keep our thinking straight. Let's keep our record clean.

here and there, it appears that the principle needs to be re-stated and explained for the benefit of many who have, for one reason or another, not reached a proper understanding of what is involved. It also appears that the principle is violated by many conscientious leaders and congregations, unknowingly.

I lay no claim to being an authority on the matter. And if I misrepresent the principle here then, maybe, some one who has the knowledge will recognize the need for going into more detail concerning the matter. As I understand it, Separation of Church and State simply means that the State has no jurisdiction or authority over the church and does not collect revenue from the church or tax it in any way. Neither, does it legislate any laws that would deny the church its right to practice its doctrines and policies. In like manner the church receives no funds from the state for support of any of its work or activities and has no control over the civil authorities to legislate laws governing them or the state.

#### HOW IS IT VIOLATED?

The principle is being violated almost daily by both churches and civil officials. The trend is a dangerous one and is possibly more widely practiced in rural areas than anywhere else as far as Protestants and Baptists are concerned and more widely practiced in the metropolitan areas by the Catholics. Baptists have been the strongest supporters of the Principle of Separation of Church and State through the centuries. Many have been martyrs for it. We continually reprimand the Catholics and all who are in sympathy with them in their effort to secure tax funds for support of their schools, colleges, hospitals, etc., which propagate the Catholic faith. Yet, we are constantly violating the principle ourselves. At least, local congregations are.

How do we do it? We do it by getting the county road superintendent to rock the drive ways to our church buildings, our parking lots, sometimes getting the drive ways and parking lots paved at county expense. It is a very common thing for the county grader to grade the drive way, level up the parking lot, dig the basement for a parsonage or educational unit, etc. It is suggested by some of our leaders sometimes who should know better that the churches use the county school busses to

provide transportation for the Bible school children.

Some will say, "What is wrong with it?" We don't obligate ourselves, it's just a donation. It's the county, etc. Well, the rocks, the graders, the school busses and the tile and tar, etc., are all bought with tax money. The drivers and operators of the trucks and graders are paid from tax money. The tax money comes from Protestants, Baptists, and Catholics just as the money that Congress might appropriate to Catholic schools, Hospitals, etc. comes from the same source. There is no difference in Congress voting to give 110 million dollars to the Catholics for schools and hospitals and the County Road Superintendent giving the church a 10 dollar load of rock or doing 100 dollars worth of grading, or the school system furnishing you a free bus for ten days. I wouldn't be surprised if we totaled up the figures we Baptists would be getting more tax money than the Catholics.

We need to preach and teach the Separation of Church and State and our most important sermon should be practice. If we are going to throw rocks we had better move out of our glass houses. The kettle has no right to call the pot black.

The Catholics make no "bones" about contending for a State church, supported altogether by tax money, with the church having the final authority over all matters religious and civil. Of course it would have to be the Catholic Church. They teach that salvation is not even to be hoped for in any other church. President Eisenhower stated that being a Catholic should not keep a man from being president of the United States. Well, when Catholics make it publicly known that their goal is to make the Catholic Church the State Church and even the world Church by legislation and force if possible, then it is grounds for discrimination when we go to polls to vote for any civil official.

When there are more Catholics in civil offices than Protestants then we will not long have the Separation of Church and State. We would soon be like Spain where our Baptist churches are being closed and visas canceled to keep messengers from attending conventions, without any explanation. Let us as Baptists accept nothing in the way of favors or courtesies provided by tax money but let us pay our own bills and see that all the rest do the same.

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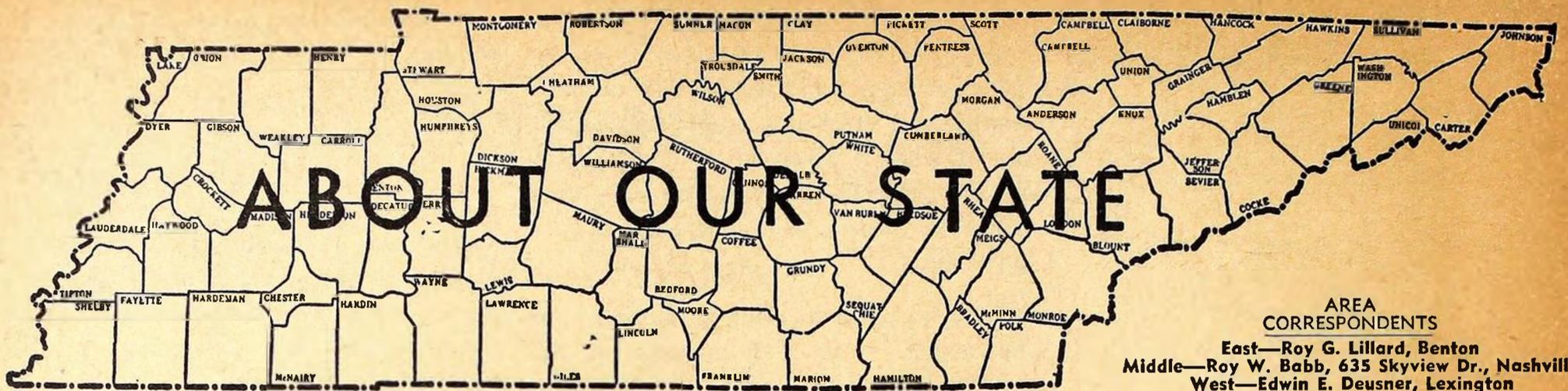
# Is

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**A**FTER READING several articles recently, in which references were made to the principle of Separation of Church and State and after hearing it mentioned in discussions



Funeral services for Mrs. Lois Zida Gentry, 74, of Cookeville, were held at Stevens Street Church, July 17. Mrs. Gentry was a charter member of Stevens Street Church. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. J. O. Johnson, Knoxville; and Mrs. F. M. Dowell of Nashville.

First Church, Jellico, Richard Allison, pastor, voted to paint exterior of church and enter Forward Program of Finance. M. G. Hardin has served as secretary of the Sunday school for 46 years.

Walter Lee Cook, sophomore at Carson-Newman College, died at Livingston July 13 of injuries suffered the previous day in a traffic accident. He was fatally injured when driving alone in a station wagon belonging to the YMCA camp at Standing Stone State Park near Livingston. Young Cook was a counselor at the camp, working during his college vacation. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cook, Avon Park, Fla.



Herman J. Ellis who became pastor of the Joelton Baptist Church, June 21, is a 1959 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., with the B.D. degree. A native of Watertown, he graduated from Carson-Newman College with the A.B. degree in 1949. He came to the Joelton Church from the pastorate of Forks of Elkhorn Church of Duckers Station, Ky. Other pastorates have been First Church, Norris and North Springfield. Mrs. Ellis is the former Louise Johnson of Orlinda. They have two boys, John, 7, and David, 4½.

Colonel Cal (Chub) Arnold, 60, prominent farmer and lifelong resident of Rhea County, died July 18, at his home in the Garrison community. Mr. Arnold was a charter member and deacon of Garrison Baptist church and has served as treasurer.

Mrs. Kate Pickens, wife of H. D. Pickens, professor of education at Carson-Newman College, died July 13. Mrs. Pickens was burned after gasoline on her clothes became ignited in the back yard of her home. She died about five hours later at Baptist Hospital, Knoxville.

Lincoln Bowers, formerly of Livingston, has been called as pastor of two missions, Coal Run and Stone Coal, in Pike County, Ky. These are sponsored by First Church of Pikeville, Ky. Both Brother and Mrs. Bowers graduated from Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville in May. They have two children, Pamela, age 7, and Glenn, age 5.

Open House was observed, Sunday, July 19 at the home of Polk County's Associational Missionary, Rev. and Mrs. J. Edward Firestone in Benton. The affair was sponsored by the associational W.M.U., with Mrs. Ruth King as president.

Harrison-Chilhowee Academy has added two new members to its faculty: Royce E. Dennis, and Wayland Holbrook. Also W. Thomas Mosley, pastor of the Southside Church, Lebanon, has been named president of Chilhowee Alumni Association.

With Vestel Bennett, pastor, Oak Street Church, Soddy, on July 12, dedicated their new educational building, with Sam Welch, associational missionary, as guest speaker. During the year there have been 36 decision, with 33 joining the church.

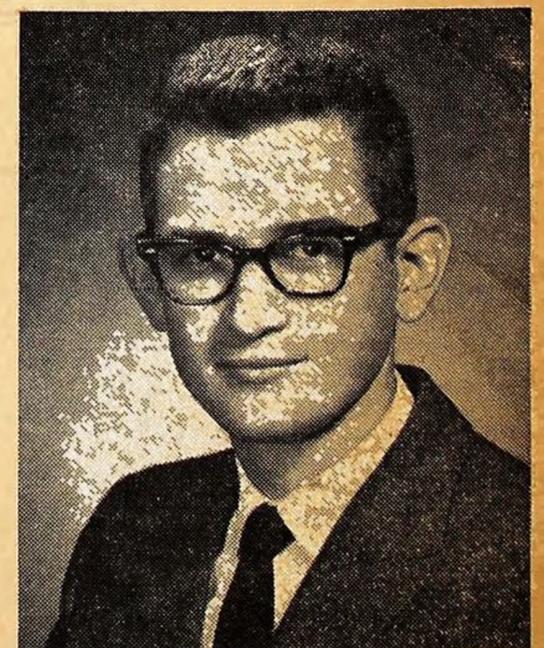
Following surgery June 9 at Baptist Hospital, Pastor J. O. Carter returned to his pulpit July 12 at Riverside Church, Nashville. His recovery has been most gratifying. Richard O'Bryan began his ministry as music and education director July 19.

Cumberland Association meets October 27 and 28 at Spring Creek and Harmony Churches.

Lincoln Avenue Church, Newport, has called Donald B. Jones as pastor. Brother Jones began his ministry July 19. He is the son of Dr. Russell Bradley Jones of Carson-Newman College and came to Newport from First Baptist Church, Capitala, Calif. He is married and has three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil W. Reid, missionaries to Mexico who have been in the States on furlough, have returned to their field of service. Their address is Apartados 1436-1437, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. Mrs. Reid is the former Alma Ervin, a native of Linden, Tenn.

Fort Hill Church of Knoxville has earned standards for its Sunday school and Vacation Bible school. A new Sunday school building containing 7500 square feet will be completed in about three months. This seven-year-old church of 475 members has 538 Sunday school enrollment. Sam Wright is superintendent. Vacation Bible school enrolled 138. Mrs. O. D. Hobbs was principal. Louis O. Ball is the pastor.



Frank Drewry who became minister of music and education at Island Home Church, Knoxville, June 15, is a native of Greenfield. He graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in May, where he received the degrees of Master of Religious Education and Master of Sacred Music.

## Roy Anderson—Ex-President Harrison-Chilhowee Dies

Roy Anderson, former president of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, for 23 years died July 11 at Sweetwater hospital. He was 71.

The life of Roy Anderson was one devotion to Christian education, a career in teaching and school administration. He began teaching when only 17. Mr. Anderson served as teacher in the elementary schools of Monroe County for three years, principal of Morristown Elementary School, and acting superintendent of Hamblen County Schools. For three years he was superintendent of schools at Tellico Plains. He went to Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy in 1929 after serving as principal of Etowah High School six years.

For 53 years he was a Baptist deacon and at one time was a justice of the peace. He worked his way through Hiwassee College, East Tennessee State and U-T.

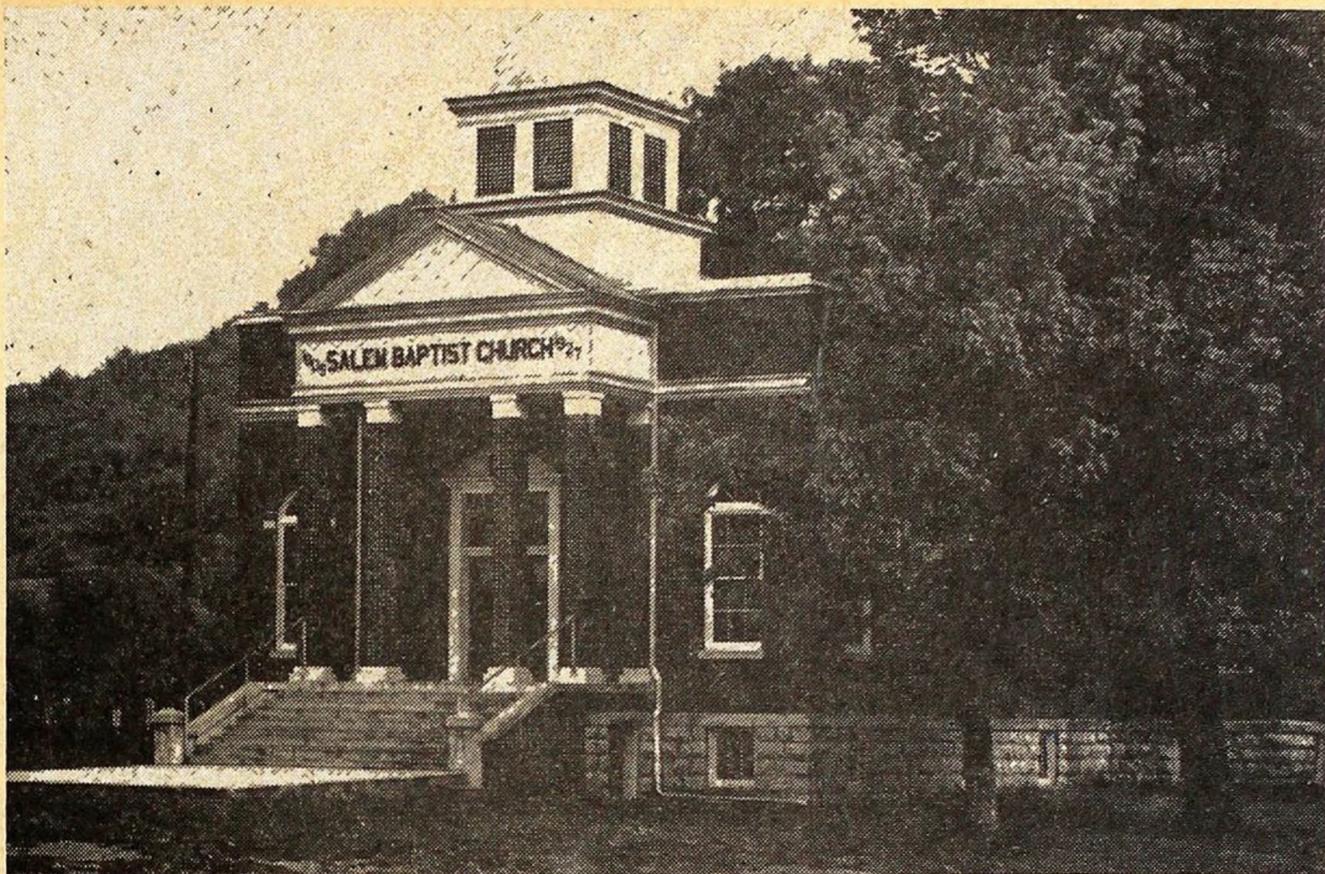
Funeral services were conducted July 13 at First Baptist Church in Madisonville where he was a member. He had resided at Madisonville since his retirement as head of the Baptist academy seven years ago.

First Church, Carthage has been wonderfully blessed in recent revival services in which W. R. Vestal, Jr. of First Church, Manila, Arkansas was the evangelist. He is the son of the Rev. W. R. Vestal, pastor of the Carthage Church. There were seven for baptism and three additions by letter. A spirit of interest pervaded the meeting. Not only was the church stirred but the entire community was influenced by the meeting. Paul Welleford, minister of music at the Carthage church, directed the music. Young Vestal is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Rev. E. P. Hart who served First Church, Mt. Pleasant for two years has returned to Columbia where he has been made Chaplain of Columbia Military Academy. He taught at the academy before taking the Mt. Pleasant pastorate.

M. A. Cobb, retired Crockett County farmer and father of Dr. L. B. Cobb, director of church finance of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, died July 19, at Parkview Hospital in Dyersburg. He was 79. He had made his home in Friendship since his retirement. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church, and had been active in church affairs. Besides his son, who lives in Dallas, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bessie Cobb.

## Salem Church To Observe Sesquicentennial



Salem Church of Liberty, DeKalb County, will observe the 150th Anniversary of its founding on August 9. Members, former members, and friends are being invited to bring a basket dinner and join in the all-day observance.

Records of the church show 27 pastors have served the church during the 150 years, beginning August 11, 1809, with 24 charter members. It is the plan to recognize the descendants of Charter Members during the day's exercises. Another feature of the observance will be registering all present and giving each a souvenir; and recognizing the oldest members present, as well as those who attended the 100th Anniversary of the church.

Pastor E. R. Webster is inviting all former pastors to attend, and plans a time for personal testimony from each one during the afternoon.



OAK RIDGE—Calvary Church, Rev. F. D. Robinson, pastor, shown at left with pick and members break ground for a new parsonage and educational annex. With foot on shovel is Deacon Tilford Kiser, who is chairman of the building committee. During the one year that Robinson has served the congregation since coming from Middlesboro, Ky., there have been 204 additions to the Calvary Church, 96 by baptism. The Training Union has been departmentalized and a partially departmentalized Sunday school has been set up, a number of improvements have been made in the equipment of the church. A new parsonage and a \$57,000 educational annex is being constructed under a bond issuance program according to information furnished by Mrs. Jesse Lewis, secretary. The new annex is expected to be ready for occupancy in 60 days. It will contain 42 Sunday school rooms with assembly rooms for each department.

## Walnut Grove In Big Hatchie Dedicates Pastorium



Dr. and Mrs. Fred Kendall, Nashville, and Pastor and Mrs. Woodrow W. Stockman are pictured here before the new home provided by Walnut Grove Church, six miles northwest of Ripley in Big Hatchie Association.

Dedication services were held on July 12 followed by dinner on the ground, and open house in the afternoon. The new brick-veneer pastorium contains seven rooms, including the pastor's study. It cost approximately \$10,000. The value is considerably more due to the donated labor. The building committee was composed of Don Ammons, chairman, W. A. Childress, Kenneth Cummings, Willie Norman, Ira Craig, Lester Craig, Lonnie Goad, and James Keller.

Walnut Grove Church is the 18th church in Big Hatchie Association to provide a home for the pastor and family, according to Rev. W. E. Walker, superintendent of missions.

## Group Questions Church Use Of Military Buildings

A predominantly Protestant group, which includes members of all faiths, has challenged legislation before the Armed Services Committee that would make surplus military buildings available rent-free for church schools. Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State charges that a proposal to turn such installations over for use by public schools had been amended in a subcommittee to include "non-profit" institutions. "This would, of course, open the door wide to the use of government-owned facilities by church groups," said Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU.

"The original proposal appeared to be sound," the POAU director said. "It provided for a public use of public facilities and was quite in harmony with our Constitution and our tradition. The amendment proposed by the Pentagon injects an entirely new principle into this legislation. It is lamentable that this proposal was made without prior announcement and accepted in subcommittee without opportunity for interested groups to discuss it with the Congress."

The Archer statement asserted that the Defense Department was already proceeding to develop questionable agreements with church groups in the matter of the latter's use of military buildings and equipment and urged that such policies should not be extended further. He charged that in Memphis, Tennessee, the Marine Corps had actually proposed to construct new buildings which could be declared "surplus" within 30 days and turned over to a church institution that would have complete daytime use of them meanwhile.

"It is reported that Christian Brothers College, Memphis, Tennessee, an agency of the Roman Catholic Church, is to have buildings constructed on its campus by the Federal Government according to such terms.

"We believe the agreements of this kind and the legislation which encourages them tend to place the church in a position where it can be dictated to by the State. We do not believe religious groups want to place themselves in such a position, or that the government wants them to be in such a position."

We read with interest and profit a brief 24-page tract on "Prayer". The author is the Rev. W. E. R. O'Gorman, P. O. Box 1053, Glendale 5, Calif. The tract treats of various types of prayer and includes several scriptural selections. It is available, 20 copies for \$1.00, from the author. O'Gorman is the author of "A Priest Speaks His Mind" and also a treatise on "Church and State". From first-hand experience he knows Roman Catholicism.

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# New Baptist Student Center Opened In Memphis

On July 7, the official opening was observed for the Baptist Student Center for the University of Tennessee Medical Units. The Center is located at 879 Union Avenue, directly across the street from the University of Tennessee classroom buildings. The property was purchased early in 1959, jointly by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Shelby County Baptist Association. The house had formerly been used for a pharmacy fraternity. Purchase price of the property was \$35,000, and remodeling was approximately \$7,000.

The Student Center has already become a place of meeting and fellowship for the approximately 500 Baptist students in the Medical Units at the University of Tennessee. A program of Noonday devotions was started the week the building was opened. The facilities will also be used by the approximately 220 Baptist nurses from the Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Supervision of the building and activities is under the direction of Russell Bridges, Director of Baptist Student Work, University of Tennessee Medical Units.

The Center includes a chapel, library, recreation room, lounges, kitchen, and offices. An apartment is attached where a married couple live to help in the supervision of the building.

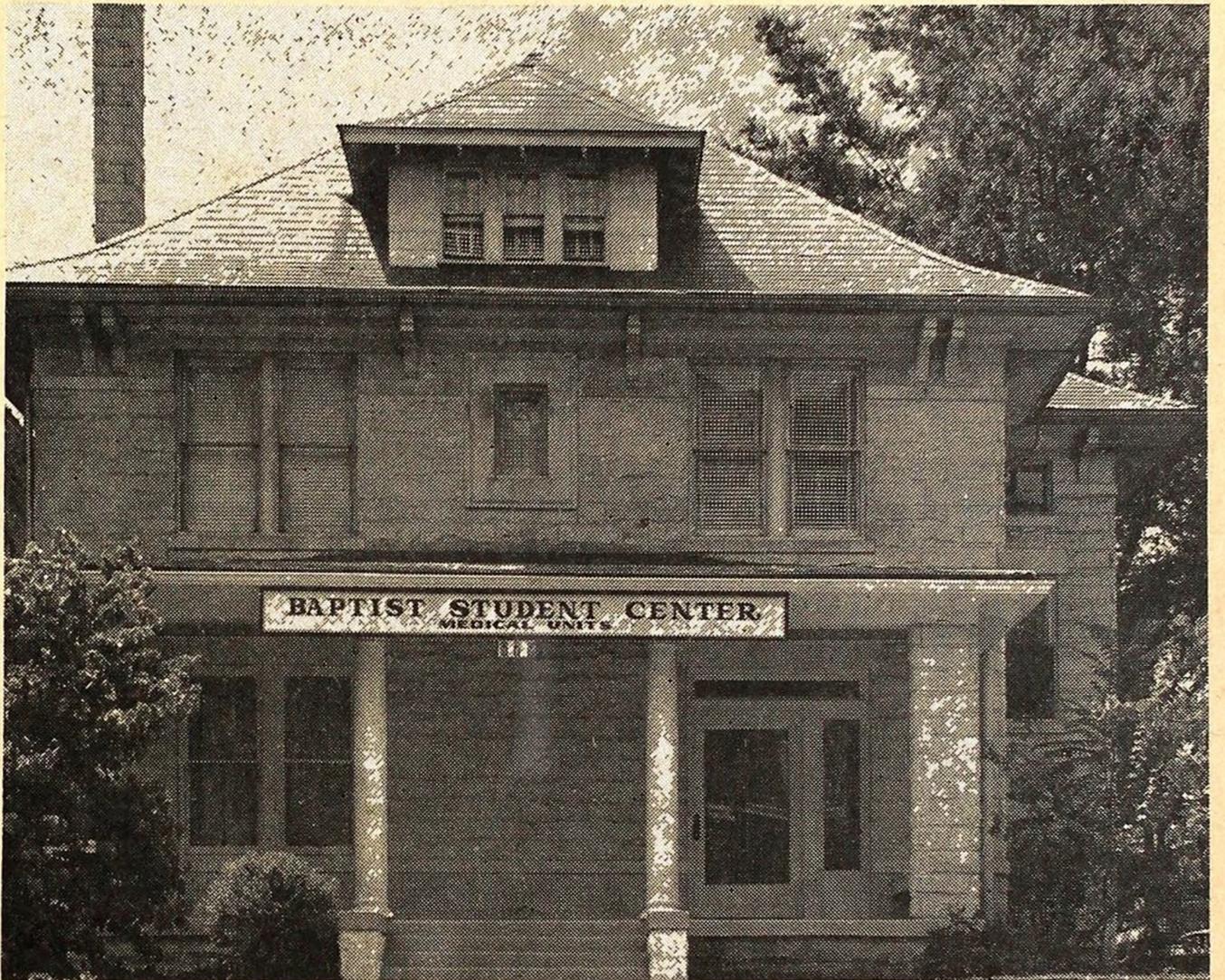
Coincident with the purchase of this property, additional property was purchased on Patterson Street for the enlargement of the Baptist Student Center at Memphis State University. Both purchases marked significant steps in the advancement of Student Work in Memphis. The Shelby County Associational Student Committee takes the lead in student work developments. Dr. George E. Stewart, pastor of Central Avenue Baptist Church, is presently Chairman of the Committee.

**1 Baptist Student Center, 879 Union Avenue, Memphis, serving students at the University of Tennessee Medical Units and the Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.**

**2 Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing students serving during Open House. Second from left, Miss Barbara Davison, Director of Student Activities at Baptist Memorial Hospital. Second from right, Mr. Charles M. Roselle, State Student Secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention.**

**3 Russell Bridges, Director of Baptist Student Work for the University of Tennessee Medical Units, counseling in his office with medical student Charles Emerson, former State B.S.U. President.**

**4 Four Memphis leaders chatting during Open House at the Student Center. Left to right: Chaplain Charles McKnight of Baptist Memorial Hospital, member of the Associational Student Committee; Dr. Ralph Moore, Superintendent of Missions for Shelby County Association; Rev. Emmett Johnson, pastor of Lamar Heights Baptist Church; Dr. Ralph Bethea, member of the Associational Baptist Student Committee and medical mission appointee to Indonesia.**



# Forward Program Has Increased

ATTENDANCE      ADDITIONS      CONTRIBUTIONS



Wright

Rev. Freeman Wright, pastor of Glenwood Baptist Church, Kingsport has the following to say about the Forward Program of Church Finance:

"I am happy to recommend the Forward Program of Church Finance to any church because of what it has

meant to our church here at Glenwood. As you well know, we had been struggling under a tremendous financial burden since completing the new auditorium three years ago. Our additions by baptism had been embarrassing, our gifts to Associational Missions were far too low and our gifts to World-wide Missions through the Co-operative Program had not been a third of what they should have been. We prayed about the matter and talked with a number of pastors concerning the Program and finally decided to undertake it last fall.

"I do not hesitate to say this has proven to be the wisest move our church has taken during the eight and one-half years of my

ministry here. The record shows we have given more the first five months of 1959 to missions at home and abroad than we gave in fourteen months last associational year. To this date, we have received 100 people into the membership of the church this associational year. The attendance in all the organizations is much better than a year ago. For fear someone might not understand this tremendous upsurge in all phases of our program, let me say that from January 1, 1959 through June 21 the record shows we have received in offerings better than \$31,000.00. At this time we feel very definite that we will reach our budget goal of \$65,000.00 this year. Just

by way of comparison, eight years ago the budget for the year was \$18,000.00.

"Let me say this final word: From the very Sunday we began the Forward Program until after Victory Day, there was not a single Sunday that souls were not saved in the regular services and men and women coming into the fellowship of our church. After all, we consider the spiritual up-lift the greatest blessing we received from the Program.

"We already have our General Chairman and the Chairman for all the committees, making preparation for the Program which starts September 20 this year.

"I will be happy to give my personal testimony for any group interested in putting on the Program."

(Information about the Forward Program can be secured by writing Gene Kerr, Promotion Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, 1812 Belmont Blvd., Nashville 5, Tennessee.)

## Training Union Department

### Charles Bass Gains High Honors In Sword Drill At Ridgecrest

Charles Bass, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, received highest honor in the sixth and final Southern Baptist Sword Drill for 1959 at Ridgecrest, July 17. He is the youngest participant ever to represent Tennessee in the Southern Baptist Sword Drill. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Bass, Jefferson City.

Concerning his participation in Sword Drill, Charles says, "A great deal of hard work is required in order to participate in the Southern Baptist Sword Drill at Ridgecrest. A participant from Tennessee must ordinarily participate in four drills, the church, associational, regional, and state drill, before he can represent Tennessee in this drill. Sometimes other things must be set aside in order to practice.

"Our church had few who participated in Sword Drill until last year. We were made

aware of this opportunity to witness by Miss Judy Wray, who had participated and won at Ridgecrest in 1955. She taught us the fundamentals and helped train us for the first drill. We had only three participants, but one of them participated in the State Drill. This gave me a good start for this year.

"My advice to anyone who wishes to participate in Sword Drill is to concentrate on handling the Bible with skill and reverence. It is wonderful to win, but many successful participants have never won a sword drill."

Listed below is a comparative report of Sword Drill activities in Tennessee since 1950. We are proud of Sword Drill work in Tennessee and congratulate each of you who gives time to Intermediates in this worthy area of Training Union work.

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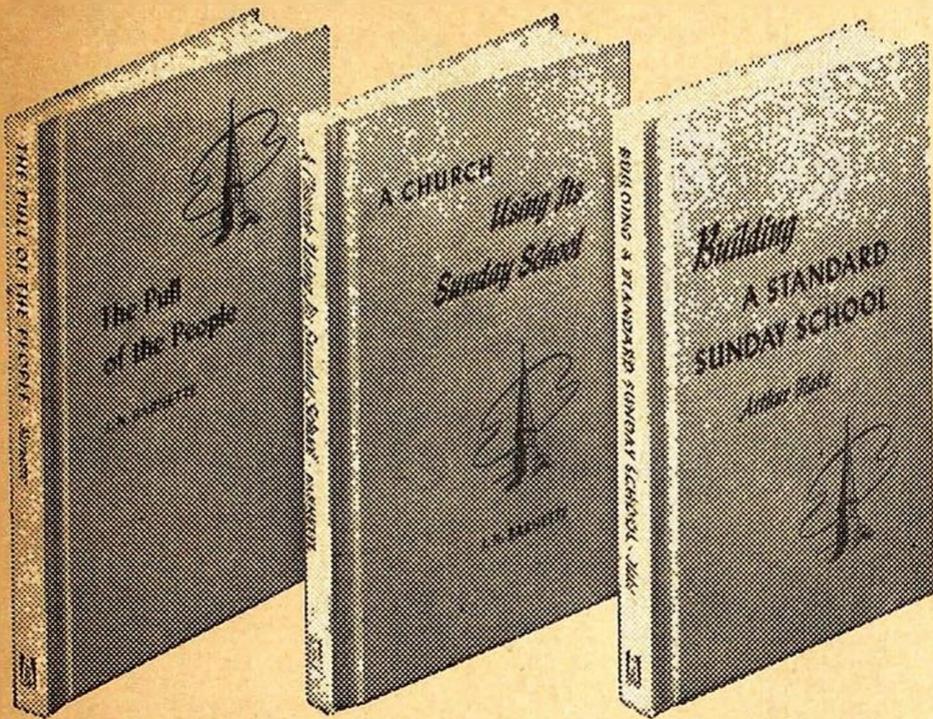
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Year	Associations	Participants	State Representative
1950	36	71	Charlene Campbell
1951	43	67	Sammie Louise Jenkins
1952	43	68	Sara Wattenbarger
1953	43	68	Jerry Bryant
1954	45	72	Nelle Nuckols
1955	43	73	Judy Wray
1956	41	71	Carol Johnson
1957	47	75	LaVerne Moreland
1958	50	89	Jimmy Martin
1959	50	91	Charles Bass

From this group seven received highest honors and three received second honors. Sword Drill references are found on page 50 of both Intermediate Quarterly I and II. The references began July 1, for next year. Accept the challenge of Sword Drill!

## Sunday School Preparation Week, September 20-27, 1959



Three outstanding Sunday school administration books are being recommended for use in the churches during Sunday School Preparation Week, September 20-27, 1959. They are: *Building a Standard Sunday School*, Arthur Flake; *A Church Using Its Sunday School*, J. N. Barnette; and *The Pull of the People*, J. N. Barnette. It is suggested that pastors, superintendents, and ministers of education select one of these three books for use with the Sunday school workers during the five nights of Preparation Week.

The desired quantity of the selected book should be ordered from

a Baptist Book Store several weeks before Preparation Week. This will allow time for the shipment of the books, and also for distribution of the books to Sunday school workers at least one week in advance of the actual study. Since it is impossible to determine the number of churches that will select any one of the three recommended books, it will be wise for those churches which order late to list a second preference. This will avoid delay in shipment of the books to the churches, since it would be necessary for the book store to contact the church about a second choice if the churches ordering early should have exhausted the supply of the requested book.

The study course book will provide basic material for the week of study by Sunday school workers. "Sunday School Planning Booklet, 1959-60" contains some helpful guidance material that should be used in getting ready for and in conducting Preparation Week. Suggestions for building a program of work for the Sunday school are outlined in the booklet.

Preparation Week is an ideal time for launching the Sunday school program for the new year. It is also an excellent time for all workers to study together a general Sunday school administration book, which gives sound direction for enlarging and improving the Sunday school.

Awards for the study of a book during Preparation Week will be granted in the Sunday School Training Course provided the award request reaches the state Sunday school secretary's office prior to September 30, 1959. All awards for the study of the books will be applicable after October 1, 1959, in category 17, Sunday School Principles and Methods, of the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training.

A. V. Washburn, Secretary  
Sunday School Department  
Baptist Sunday School Board  
Nashville, Tennessee

### Woman's Missionary Union

## State Mission Study Institute

By Mrs. W. C. Summar

Plans for teaching the Foreign Mission books to be studied this fall and the books in the Home Mission Series to be studied in the spring of 1960 will be presented during the Woman's Missionary Union Leadership Clinic at Camp Linden, August 18-21, and Camp Carson, August 31-September 3. Two hours will be given each night to the presentation of both books in each age group.

Each association is invited to send a team of five to the Institute in order for the team to be trained and prepared to conduct a similar Institute within the association they represent. Associational teams, representatives from churches and all other women will be welcome to stay for the Institute.

The Institute is designed to lift mission study to a high level by training the teacher. In the Institute teachers are given direction in the collection and use of background and activity materials, in the preparation of a book, and in methods of teaching. If at least one mission study teacher in the Woman's Missionary Union in a church attends either this Institute or the one conducted in the association, 30 points may be earned on the new Achievement Chart.

All of the Foreign Mission books with

the exception of the Adult book are now on sale. The Adult book will be in the book stores on August 7. A limited number of the new Home Mission books will be available in a few days, but only those attending the Institute at one of the camps will have the opportunity of securing one of these advance copies. Later on in the fall there will be enough copies to fill large orders.

Make your plans now to attend one night at either Camp Linden or Camp Carson to hear one of the following books in each series presented.

### 1959 FOREIGN MISSION GRADED SERIES

Theme: World Evangelism: Overseas

**Adult**—*By All Means*, Baker J. Cauthen and Others

**Young People**—*Missionary Assignment*, Johnni Johnson

**Intermediate**—*Appointment for Andy*, Ivy-loy and Amelia Bishop

**Junior**—*Ten Bright Eyes*, Dorothy Weeks

**Primary**—*Alex and the Good News*, Sue Terry Woodson

### 1960 HOME MISSION GRADED SERIES

**Adult**—*Reaching Rural Churches*, J. T. Gillespie

**Young People**—*Call to the Country*, Garland A. Hendricks

**Intermediate**—*Deepstep R.F.D.*, Marion McFinty Vinzant

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Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alcoa, Calvary	266	96	2
First	442	155	1
Athens, Antioch	185	74	
East	455	170	2
First	631	198	1
Avalon Heights	92	34	
West End Mission	67	41	
North	284	145	1
Idlewild	81	36	
Lake View	54	32	
McMahan Calvary	84	46	
Mt. Harmony	96	40	
Mt. Verd	81	82	
Niota, First	149	42	
Parkway	61	53	
Rodgers Creek	65	50	
Union Grove Meigs	76	41	
Valley Road	61		
Valley View	24	12	
West View	66	38	
Wild Wood	132	67	
Zion Hill	73	50	
Bemis, First	345	123	2
Blaine, Block Springs	132	38	
Brighton	234	118	
Bristol, Tennessee Avenue	548	223	5
Brownsville	442	109	
Charleston, First	120	40	1
Chattanooga, Avondale	581	137	
Concord	416	173	
East Lake	599	157	
East Ridge	669	197	1
Northside	429	94	
North Market	135	56	
Red Bank	985	300	
Ridgeview	282	87	
Second	119	62	
Spring Creek	459	179	
White Oak	414	104	2
Woodland Park	418	163	3
Clarksville, First	656	136	
Little West Fork	152	42	
Pleasant View	240	95	
Cleveland, Big Spring	308	143	
Cedar Springs	119	91	
Macedonia	181	46	
Maple Street	90	60	
Victory	109	44	
Clinton, Second	478	123	
First	624	118	1
Columbia, First	543	184	1
Riverview	67	34	2
Highland Park	355	161	
Cookeville, First	501	98	
Steven Street	126	84	13
West View	210	60	
Crossville, First	211	56	
Daisy, First	370	119	
Decatur, First	109	41	
Pisgah	78	47	
Dyer, First	241	80	
New Bethlehem	205	126	
Dyersburg, First	671	172	3
Elizabethton, First	571	155	
Reservoir Hill	30		
Immanuel	211	91	
Elk Mills	38	39	
Oak Street	162	59	2
Siam	249	106	
Englewood, First	195	47	
Etowah, First	337	114	1
Goodsprings	130	49	
North	469	204	5
Fountain City, Central	1177	334	
Smithwood	743	218	3
Gladeville	154	65	4
Gleason, First	185	41	
Greeneville, First	342	126	11
Second	160	75	
Harriman, South	454	151	
Trenton Street	494	114	
Walnut Hill	305	125	1
Henderson, First	194	65	
Mission	14		
Hendersonville, Rockland	40	32	
Hixson, First	350	191	
Humboldt, Antioch	235	113	
First	500	135	
Jackson, Calvary	490	190	
First	743	160	2
West	791	427	1
Jellico, First	220	75	4
Johnson City, Central	677	275	
Clark Street	203	55	2
Northside	28	14	
Temple	339	117	
Unaka Avenue	363	102	3
Jonesboro, First	219	74	
Limestone	20	20	1
Kenton, First	216	64	
Macedonia	91	56	
Kingsport, Colonial Heights	243	65	
First	745	175	9
Litz Manor	193	105	
Lynn Garden	462	155	3
Knoxville, Broadway	1161	452	4
Central (Bearden)	583	160	

Fifth Avenue	774	279	2
First	795	206	1
Grace	300	122	6
Inskip	649	196	4
Lincoln Park	962	345	
Lonsdale	293	82	
Sevier Heights	672	238	
South	530	181	
Tennessee Avenue	172	94	1
Wallace Memorial	457	200	3
Washington Pike	367	108	
LaFollette, First	352	64	
LaGuardo	139	88	
Lawrenceburg, First	276	92	
Meadow View	80	35	
Highland Park	212	102	4
Lebanon, Fairview	323	118	
First	480	160	2
Hillcrest	124	87	
Rocky Valley	113	69	
Lenoir City, Calvary	219	72	
First	516	162	2
Lewisburg, First	541	137	5
Livingston, First	140	56	
Madisonville, First	360	167	3
Mission	60	41	
Malesus	230	107	4
Martin, Central	259	68	
First	332	66	
Southside	76	35	
Maryville, Broadway	694	450	3
First	902	263	4
Madison Avenue	152	82	
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	360	108	
Forest Park	57	28	
Northside	151	92	
Mt. Pleasant, First	180	82	
Sandy Hook	30		
Scott Town	13		
Swan Creek	31		



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Memphis, Ardmore	642	278	
Bartlett	261	159	1
Bellevue	2252	863	14
Belwood Heights	89	70	5
Beverly Hills	442	159	
Boulevard	577	202	6
Mission	92	41	
Brooks Road	195	85	2
Brunswick	166	75	
Cherokee	996	406	2
Lamar Terrace	74	58	
DeSota Heights	143	92	
Eads	62	24	3
Egypt	200	86	2
First	1154	296	
Fisherville	281	112	9
Georgian Hills	132	55	
Glen Park	160	91	3
Graceland	583	212	
Graham Heights	243	131	2
Highland Heights	1122	581	8
Hollywood	445	211	3
Kensington	202	50	
LaBelle	334	201	1
LaBelle Chapel	453	199	3
LeaClair	331	147	1
Leawood	739	251	2
Longview Heights	401	200	6
Macon Road	126	59	31
Mallory Heights	198	79	1
McLean	475	220	
Merton Avenue	411	107	
Millington, First	495	204	1
Oakhaven	197	100	5
Oakville	308	109	
Raleigh	486		1
Richland	237	114	2
Scenic	134	72	
Southland	186	98	2
Temple	994	346	3
Thrifthaven	557	267	2
Mission	60	55	

## Bible Verse



ISAIAH 40:29

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Trinity	472	215	1
Union Avenue	1006	287	3
Wells Station	537	253	
Whitehaven	521	117	5
Mission	122	77	2
Winchester	64	29	2
Woodstock	122	78	
Milan, First	422	119	
Oak Grove	87	75	
Morristown, First	817	243	4
Murfreesboro, First	585	113	2
Calvary	122		
Mt. View	179	68	1
Third	309	100	
Woodbury Road	212	64	2
Nashville, Bethany	44	26	
Brook Hollow	319	95	2
Calvary	221	107	6
Dickerson Road	340	101	
Eastland	630	146	2
Fairview	214	81	1
Jordonia	66	70	1
First	1958	413	4
Cora Tibbs	81	41	
T.P.S.	125		
Freeland	99	52	1
Gallatin Road	397	134	
Glendale	208	50	
Glenwood	249	79	2
Grace	945	388	2
Immanuel	296	103	
West End Chapel	61	32	
Inglewood	988	285	
Cross Keys	50	50	
State School	61		
Trinity Chapel	154	77	
Ivy Memorial	418	135	
Mission	58		
Joelton	232	162	1
Judson	638	153	
Benton Avenue	58	14	
Radnor	571	170	
River Road	69	51	1
Scottsboro	78	51	
Seventh	220	82	1
Haywood Hills	72	39	
Shelby Avenue	457	132	1
Una	295	175	1
Woodbine	386	117	
Woodmont	591	179	12
Newport, English Creek	69	47	
Oak Ridge, Calvary	231	106	
Robertsville	626	194	
Old Hickory, First	532	165	1
Rayon City	201	88	
Temple	166	101	
Parsons, First	182	54	
Portland, First	350	103	3
Powell, First	237	76	1
Rockwood, Eureka	100	80	
First	559	163	
Sevierville, Alder Branch	129	94	
Antioch	125	76	
Beech Springs	231	105	
Boyd's Creek	83	34	
Dupont	116	60	
First	541	133	2
Knob Creek	103	58	
Wears Valley	109	53	2
Zion Hill	141	74	1
Shelbyville, First	392	85	
Shelbyville Mills	252	89	
Smyrna, First	224	77	5
Somerville, First	234	125	
Spring City, First	200	72	1
Summertown	129	58	
Sweetwater, First	362	78	1
Troy	128	67	
Tulahoma, First	544	127	3
Lincoln Heights	92	63	8
Highland	204	134	5
Union City, First	611	159	
Samburg	62	43	
Second	245	102	2
Watertown, First	199	86	
Winchester, First	268	52	
Southside	20		

# Start New Unit At Clinton

First Church, Clinton, broke ground for a \$300,000 educational annex with many on hand sharing in the ceremonies who were present 20 years ago when ground was broken for the church's present educational and Sunday school facilities. Among these were Dr. James S. Hall, life-time deacon; Dr. O. R. Stansberry who led the congregation in prayer; and Mayor T. L. Seeber. The new annex of four stories will be air-conditioned and fireproof. The first floor will contain the heating and cooling equipment, space for R.A.'s, G.A.'s, Girl and Boy Scout organizations. The other floors will provide classrooms for nurseries and other younger groups, church offices and reception rooms, library and other administrative facilities. Construction started the day following the signing of the contract by the trustees. As of July 1, the church had contributed nearly \$33,000 to the building fund with another \$30,000 for the church's budget.

## Baptist Briefs

The host of friends of Rev. L. G. Frey will be glad to know that he is now at home (1510 Paris Ave. Nashville) recuperating after being hospitalized for two weeks. He is gradually gaining strength and expects to be able to resume his work before long. Bro. Frey has been secretary of the Mission Department of our Tennessee Baptist work since its organization 11 years ago.

James Joseph Atkins, 53, died July 19. He was organist at Whites Creek Baptist Church, Rockwood, and a teacher at South Harriman School.

Omer E. Wallace, 73, Concord, died at his home July 21. He was a deacon in Crichton Memorial Church, Knoxville.

Second Church, Chattanooga, formerly located at 21st and Long Street, is now worshipping in its new decorated church located at 1619 East Main Street. This church will continue to stand as a lighthouse pointing the lost to a loving Saviour as it has done these many years of its existence. Progress has made the change necessary for the new freeways will take the place of the old location.

Dr. J. R. Johnson, for many years head of the Bible Department of Carson-Newman College, died July 18, at his home in Jefferson City. He would have been 90 next month. Dr. Johnson, pastor of Maryville's First Baptist Church for eight years before going to Jefferson City, retired because of ill health several years ago.



CLINTON—Ground was broken by First Baptist Church, here, July 5, to begin construction of its new Sunday school addition. Left to right, Frank Carmichael, chairman of trustees; Harry F. Miller, chairman of deacons; Dr. J. S. Hall, chairman of the building committee; and Dr. Raymond Sanderson, pastor, with shovel.

Dr. John R. Claypool, pastor of First Church, Hartsville, has accepted a call as assistant pastor of First Church, Decatur, Ga. A native of Nashville, he received his doctorate at Southern Seminary in May. He has been at Hartsville since 1957. Mrs. Claypool is the former Lue Ann Foster of Waco, Texas. They have one son, Rowan, 18 months old.

First Church, Ripley, Bernard Scates, pastor, recently ordained James H. Reviere, Ralph Miller, M. F. Patterson, and George F. Ervin as Deacons. The speaker for the occasion was Judge J. B. Avery of the State Court of Appeals. Judge Avery is a deacon in First Church, Alamo.

Pastor Edwin Deusner, Lexington, was with West Huntsville Church, Huntsville, Ala., Cecil O'Rear, pastor, as guest preacher in a revival, July 26-August 5.

T. T. Crabtree, pastor of Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Okla., returned to his native Crockett County to preach in a revival at First Church, Alamo, Robert Benson, pastor. Raymond Richerson, music director of North Jackson Church, conducted the song services.

A Youth Revival team headed by Bobby Moore of Southwestern Seminary conducted revival services at First Church, McKenzie, L. H. Hatcher, pastor, the week of July 19. Others in the party were Ted Janes, song leader; Alice Caldwell, pianist; and Barbara Booth, organist.

First Church, Milan, gave Pastor and Mrs. E. L. Smothers a silver service on the occasion of the 25th wedding anniversary.

The Church at Ellendale, John Lawler, pastor, recently ordained L. L. Lackey as a deacon.

# When Faith Is Tested

By Oscar Lee Rives

**TEXTS:** Job 1; 19; 28; 38; 42 (Larger)—  
Job 19:19-25; 42:1-6 (Printed).

The central problem of the book of Job is that of disinterested human goodness. Satan raises it in his insinuating question: "Doth Job fear God for nought?" It is as if he had said that Job was a good and upright man because of what he could get out of it and that if he ceased to benefit from the righteous life then he would cease to do the right thing. The problem is still a pressing one for a great many people. One disagrees with the implications in a current song which says, "It pays to serve Jesus." We should serve Him in order to become like Him rather than for the benefits to be derived therefrom. Another related problem in the book is that of human suffering. Why do good people, those who earnestly try to live up to the teachings of the Holy Bible, endure so much suffering. It is not until we come to the New Testament that we receive sufficient light on this one. We read concerning our Lord that He became perfect through His sufferings (Heb. 2:10; 5:8, 9). But such full light was denied to the man Job so that his trials encourage us when our faith is tested as was his. The printed text furnishes two concepts. What are they?

## Groping Toward Certainty (19:19-25)

Note the pathetic plight of Job. A loathsome disease afflicted his body. He was covered with boils, making him miserable and causing him to withdraw as a sort of outcast to an ash heap. He doubtless wished to die and be free from his constant suffering. His children had been taken from him in death. His wife had boldly advised renunciation of his faith. His three "comforters" had proved to be everything else but comforting. He had tried to pray but without success. His desolation of spirit was final. There was an utter void. No light broke through upon his soul but he would not give up. He stumbled and groped his way to certainty.

Such is the case with certain privileged ones today. They learn to trust implicitly

in One who never makes a mistake. They learn to crawl toward the light even when no light is visible. Someone has observed that the main thing in difficulty is the direction one is moving. In the final analysis for the Christian, faith is the leap in the dark both for the hour of regeneration and also for the continuance within the new life. "The just shall live by faith" is a description of not only the initial act but also of all other critical hours thereafter. We grow in exactly the same manner as we begin. If we trust Him for salvation, why not by the same token trust Him for preservation?

## Knowing Through Experience (42:1-6)

Job had known about God but now came actually to know Him. Previously his knowledge was vicarious but now it was experimental. And there is all the difference on this point. In the light of that experience, he confessed his own ignorance and consequent presumption. In the light of that experience, he saw himself as altogether unworthy and thus repented "in dust and ashes". At last his eye of faith was clear and undimmed. The vision was clear and without a blur or blot. When he saw God he saw his own trials in true and satisfying perspective.

It is always true. To know God in terms of our experience, terrifying and soul-shattering as they may be, is the most exalted and at the same time the most needed event for each of us. He has not promised to spare us from trouble but He has definitely promised to abide with us in trouble. This is the clear teaching of the inspired psalmist (Ps. 27:3; 34:7). It is the calm assurance of our Lord, faced as He was with imminent tragedy and disaster and before His disturbed and distracted disciples (Jn. 14:1). When He leads us into the valley, or even into the dark and fearful ravines of doubt and gloom that accompany loss and pain, it is His way of causing us to know that He is real and that thus His love endures. The Christian religion is primarily and fundamentally one of experience. It may involve suffering.

## Armed Escort Protects Preacher From Savages

OWEN'S FORT, Ky., March, 1789—(BP)—Accompanied by an armed guard to protect him from the Indians, William Hickman is bringing the Baptist message back to this settlement on the Kentucky frontier.

The Brashear's Creek Baptist Church was formed here with eight members in 1785, but Indian raids became so frequent that it was necessary to discontinue services. When Baptists here learned that they might prevail on one of the most famous preachers on the frontier to conduct services, however, they were willing to risk a scalping to hear him.

Although he is now pastor of the Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church, Hickman has always devoted much of his time to traveling over the Virginia and Kentucky frontiers, preaching the Baptist message in remote settlements. An armed guard goes to the Forks of Elkhorn settlement to bring Hickman here, protects him from Indian attack as he conducts services at various points, and then gives him a safe conduct home.

Hickman is one of the most effective preachers in the state and probably has baptized more converts than any other Baptist evangelist on the Kentucky frontier. As a result of his plain and solemn messages, delivered with a voice like thunder, many have been baptized here and the Brashear's Creek church is flourishing.

Although he has been in Kentucky only a few years, Hickman already has helped to establish three Baptist churches and doubtless will gather others as he travels the wilderness trails with his Bible and Baptist message. He also helped to strengthen and establish churches in the Virginia back woods.

In 1784 Hickman with his wife and large family made the three months' journey from Virginia to Kentucky, taking with them all their possessions, including two milk cows. It was an almost impossible journey into the wilderness, through mud and across flooded streams, with the entire family often soaked to the skin day and night.

A year ago Hickman gathered Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church, and the congregation presented him with one hundred acres of land. The Brashear's Creek church has promised the evangelist several loads of grain for his labors here, a handsome salary for a frontier preacher.

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# The Young South

Read all of today's friendly letters before you choose one to answer. Mark sentences or words which are especially interesting to you. Perhaps these will be "keys" to help you choose a pen pal.

*From Marian Latham, 717 Oneida Ave., Nashville 7, Tenn.:*

I am 13 years old. I go to Grace Baptist Church. I belong to the G.A. Our leader is Mrs. Harry Stamps.

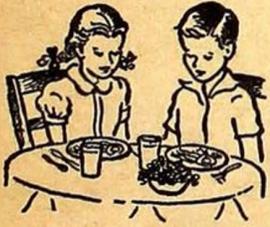
I go to Maplewood Junior High School and will be in the eighth grade this fall.

I like to play tennis, swim, write letters, and collect pictures of people.

I would like to have pen pals ages 10-up, and I promise to write to each one.

*From Nancy Beverly, 419 Jackson St., Martin, Tenn.:*

I am 14 years old and will be in the ninth grade when school starts. I go to Southside Baptist Church where I am a



member. I love sports and would like to have pen pals ages 13-17. This is my first time to write to you. Thank you very much.

*From Yvonne Monteith, Route 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.:*

I am a Christian and a member of the Siam Baptist Church where I am a G.A. I am working on my Maiden Step. I am planning to go to G.A. Camp Carson in July. I attended our Vacation Bible school.

I am 11 years of age and in the sixth grade.

My hobbies are piano, swimming, and skating.

I would like to have many pen pals, ages 10-12. Thank you.

*From Sarah Louise Uselton, 408 Highland Ave., Lewisburg, Tenn.:*

I read the Young South page all the time, along with other sections of our BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, and I enjoy it very much.

I haven't heard from any of my pen pals in so long that I just thought I would write you and ask you to put my name in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, and maybe some of my pen pals would see it and write to me.

I am eighteen years old and a member of the First Baptist Church of Lewisburg.

Some of my hobbies are writing, collecting records, collecting pictures, baseball, swimming, football, basketball, and playing the piano.

I would like to have some new pen pals,

as well as to hear from my old ones. I promise to answer every letter I get.

My sister would also like to have a few pen pals. She is 16; her name is Mary Lee; and she is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Her address is, of course, the same as mine. Thank you for priting this letter.

*From Linda Gose, 602 Victor Drive, Knoxville 18, Tenn.:*

I am 9 years old and will be in the fifth grade at school. My hobby is collecting rocks. I promise to answer every letter I receive. I hope my pen pals will be between the ages of 8 and 11. Thank you very much for printing my letter.

*From Jo Ann Lewis, 713 Victor Drive, Knoxville 18, Tenn.:*

When school was out early in June, I was promoted to the fifth grade.

We have already had a Vacation Bible school in our church, and I had a whole lot of fun.

I have a hobby of finding new rocks. I



have one rock that is very unusual. It has copper ore in it.

I want some more pen pals. I just have one now. Please put my letter in the Young South page.

I am 9 years old. I like to travel. I am a Christian and have been one for about six months. I would like to hear and get letters from boys and girls ages 8-12, and I promise to answer every letter I receive.

*From Carolyn Cothron, Route 1, Lafayette, Tenn.:*

I go to Fairlane Elementary School here in Lafayette. I go to the Baptist Church.

My hobbies are playing with my three dolls—Cindy, Susan, and Beth. I want pen pals any age and will try to answer every letter.

Which of today's letters have you chosen to answer? How many of the friends who wrote these letters share the same hobbies or interests? Can you find the names of two writers who surely will become pen pals because of their collections?

I hope you will get off another news letter to me this week. I'd like to know about your vacation and your back-to-school plans.

Love,

AUNT POLLY

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



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

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

Fellow we know, employed by a top TV executive, reveals the absolute fairness of his boss. At a meeting the other day, he put several ideas before his staff.

"All of you who find yourselves in disagreement with the suggestions I have made," he announced at the finish, "will please signify by saying, 'I resign.'"

The Sunday school teacher was telling the class about the Christian's armour. After speaking of the breastplate of righteousness and a shield of faith, she said, "And Paul also says we should carry a weapon, which he says is the Word of God.

"Do you remember what he called the Word of God?"

There was no answer as she added, "It's something very sharp, something that cuts."

Then one little fellow answered vigorously, "I know. I know. It's the axe of the Apostles!"

A youngster who had been taking swimming lessons at the "Y" during the summer rushed home breathlessly one afternoon and announced that he had just gone off the diving board by himself.

"Well, that's fine, Jimmy," said his father, "but didn't you tell us you went off the board last week?"

"Yeah, I know," said the boy. "But last week I was *pushed!*"

They kept pushing him toward the rear of the bus until finally they pushed him out the back exit door. He ran excitedly to the front of the bus and tried to get on again. And someone yelled at him and said: "Sorry, bub, but we're too crowded."

"I don't care," he wailed. "You've got to let me on or I'll get fired. I'm the driver."

There had been an epidemic of influenza in the town. A physician who had almost no sleep for a week called upon a patient who was suffering from pneumonia.

"Begin counting," directed the doctor, as he leaned over to hear the patient's respiration.

The doctor was so fatigued that he fell asleep with his head on the sick man's chest.

It seemed but a moment when he awoke suddenly to hear the patient still counting "10,888; 10,889 . . ."

The story I am about to tell is true. Any names used are true and unchanged.

I came to Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy thirty-three years ago. Many of the occurrences related in this article took place at various and sundry places on the campus of the school. When the present administration building was erected, I was assigned Room 18 as my classroom. Many of the experiences hereinafter mentioned took place in Room 18. Only eternity will reveal the changes in the lives of men and women, boys and girls that have taken place there.

Willie Diaz came to us from Cuba. He was a very intelligent boy who was interested in becoming a lawyer. He was not a Christian though a communicant of the Catholic Church. I became very much interested in and drawn to him. On many occasions I attempted to talk with him about the Lord. He always rebuffed me, though courteously. One day I begged him to let me read to him from the Bible and pray with him. Although he refused, he agreed that he would begin reading privately the gospel of John. Two weeks later he returned tremendously concerned for a conference. Kneeling on the floor of Room 18 he surrendered to Christ. His life since and his present ambitions justify his claims of being a Christian.

Louise White was an interesting girl. However, she not only was not a Christian, but seemed to be totally indifferent to religion. I often wondered how she could be won. After many, many attempts I succeeded with the help of the Lord in winning her through a beautiful reflection of the sun. Louise was artistic. As she walked down the hall by my room, I stopped her and asked, "Louise, do you think that anyone except God could make such a beautiful thing?" She became very serious. A few days later she became a Christian.

Jesse Hunter came to us from Springfield, Tennessee. He was married and a ministerial student. Jesse was badly in need of training if he would ever preach the gospel. He realized the need and even though the struggle financially was hard, he was graduated and has served well as a pastor and missionary. Two other men of the same period and with similar experiences were C. V. McCoig and G. C. Puckett. They had not finished elementary school, and there was nowhere else for them to go to school. Their formal education was completed when they were graduated from Chilhowee. I am sure, however, that no one would deny the contribution (least of all these two good men) of Chilhowee to their lives and to their ministry.

Others who have come to us late in life have been fortunate in being able to continue their education. I have often wondered, however, if there had not been a Chilhowee if Charles Le... Charles

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By William F. Hall, Sr.

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Bond, Shields Webb, Charles Ausmus, Leonard Stafford, Creed McCoy, Burch Cooper and many, many other men would have been able to make the start that has meant much in their lives as ministers. The start is half the finish. Many have testified that what they received at Chilhowee has given them a start even in their college careers. Another interesting commentary of these graduates and former students is the number that bring other students to Chilhowee.

Chilhowee is not a has-been school. The things that took place in the lives of students through the years are still taking place in the lives of students today. Tennessee Baptists have no finer mission opportunity than at Chilhowee.

We face today brethren who have come to the conclusion that Baptists have no business in the high school (academy) business. Such a conclusion is beset with at least two serious fallacies. First, during high school days young people are still in the impressionable period of life. Impressions can be made, habits formed, characters shaped, and directions set during these years that may never be possible after the person goes on to college—if he goes. There are many examples of young people whose lives have been completely changed because of

the experiences that were theirs in a Baptist high school or academy. Conversions, call of the Lord to Christian service, and new directions of life have come to many. What are Tennessee Baptists striving for that is not included in such experiences?

Second, when we go out of the academy business, we will be saying to the men and women, boys and girls who need what the academy can provide, that Tennessee Baptists are willing to leave them to struggle for themselves without the aid of Tennessee Baptists, in order that more provision might be made for those ready for higher education. There are many men whom God has called into the ministry and into other fields of Christian service late in life. They need training, and with the proper approach a goodly number can be enrolled at Chilhowee. There are boys and girls who need Chilhowee. I think that we need not be concerned over the fact that we cannot provide a Baptist high school for all Baptist boys and girls. They will not all want to attend such a school any more than all our Baptist young people want to attend a Baptist college. However, many boys and girls have been given a chance at Chilhowee and have made worthwhile contributions to our denomination and country. Many have borne testimony that Chilhowee gave them the opportunity that they needed to make good in life.

I cannot believe that Tennessee Baptists want to close Harrison-Chilhowee and go out of the academy business. When I think of such an eventuality, I remember not only the glorious history of the school with all the achievements of the past, but also the possibilities and opportunities for service by Tennessee Baptists in the future. With the girls' dormitory already full and overflowing into an annex and the boys' dormitory only ten or twelve short of being filled, the school faces a brighter student situation next year.

Inquiries and applications from married ministerial students are being received almost daily. There is no doubt that with a proper promotion of the school and an effectual student enlistment all the houses for married students could be filled. With an assurance of the continuance of the school there is money in the capital needs fund to enlarge the dormitory space. Why do Tennessee Baptists not need to be in the academy business? Why should people think that boys and girls and those called to Christian service late in life are any different now than what they were twenty-five years ago? Where there is a need Baptists are obligated to meet it; and this field of Christian service most assuredly presents a definite and demanding need to Tennessee Baptists. I am reminded of a friend who needed to have a tooth pulled. He went to the dentist, was administered the anesthetic, and had the tooth pulled. He got out of the chair; and behold, the dentist had pulled the wrong tooth.