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— H. Armstrong Roberts

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord . . ."

ABOUT OUR STATE

After four and a half years at Bruce-ton, John T. Brown has resigned in order to accept the care of Levi Church in Shelby County. The change is effective September 1.

The church at Hornsby (Hardeman Association), John M. Wilkes, pastor, had the services of Pastor James E. Scirratt, Tolar, Texas, as evangelist, Aug. 9-16. The popular speaker from the Lone Star State is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. Formerly he was with Farmer's Branch Church, Dallas.

Friends of Pastor and Mrs. Bill J. Smith will be interested to learn that they have adopted a son. Jefferson Cooper Smith has taken up residence with the happy parents at Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, Ark. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Cooper, formerly of Greenfield. Smith is a former pastor at Grand Junction. He is a native of Milan.

Pastor H. B. Speights, Royal Street Church, Jackson, was with Pastor Jack Carver and the Mifflin Church, in a revival Aug. 9-14.

Charles Pringle has resigned as pastor of Hillcrest Mission of First Church, Lebanon and is entering Southwestern Seminary.



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Five years ago there were only two full-time churches in Beech River Association. Now there are seven. The latest to move up to a full-time program is Mt. Ararat near Darden, J. V. Reeves, a recent graduate of Union University, is the pastor. Wade L. Carver, Central Church, Muskogee, Okla., led the church in a revival shortly after the move was made.

Pastor Edwin Deusner preached at Unity Church near Jacks Creek the week of August 9. H. B. Burress is the pastor.

Roy Stover has been ordained as deacon by Grubbs Memorial Church of Nashville.

Grandview Church of Nashville recently observed 5th anniversary of James E. Harris as pastor.

Freeland Church of Nashville recently elected Sam Denney and Earl Joe Coles to serve as deacons.

Edward G. Robinson was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by First Church, Lebanon on August 2. He served his church effectively for several years as Training Union Director. He is now living in Louisville where he will enter Southern Seminary and pastor Fairmont Chapel.

Woodbine Church of Nashville plans to start work this fall on the first units of their proposed building which will cost approximately \$300,000. The first units will provide educational space for more than 600, and a temporary auditorium seating 400.

Lockeland Church of Nashville welcomed their new minister of music and education, Paul Griz and his family with a reception on August 2. He is a graduate of Milligan College, Johnson City and Southwestern Seminary.

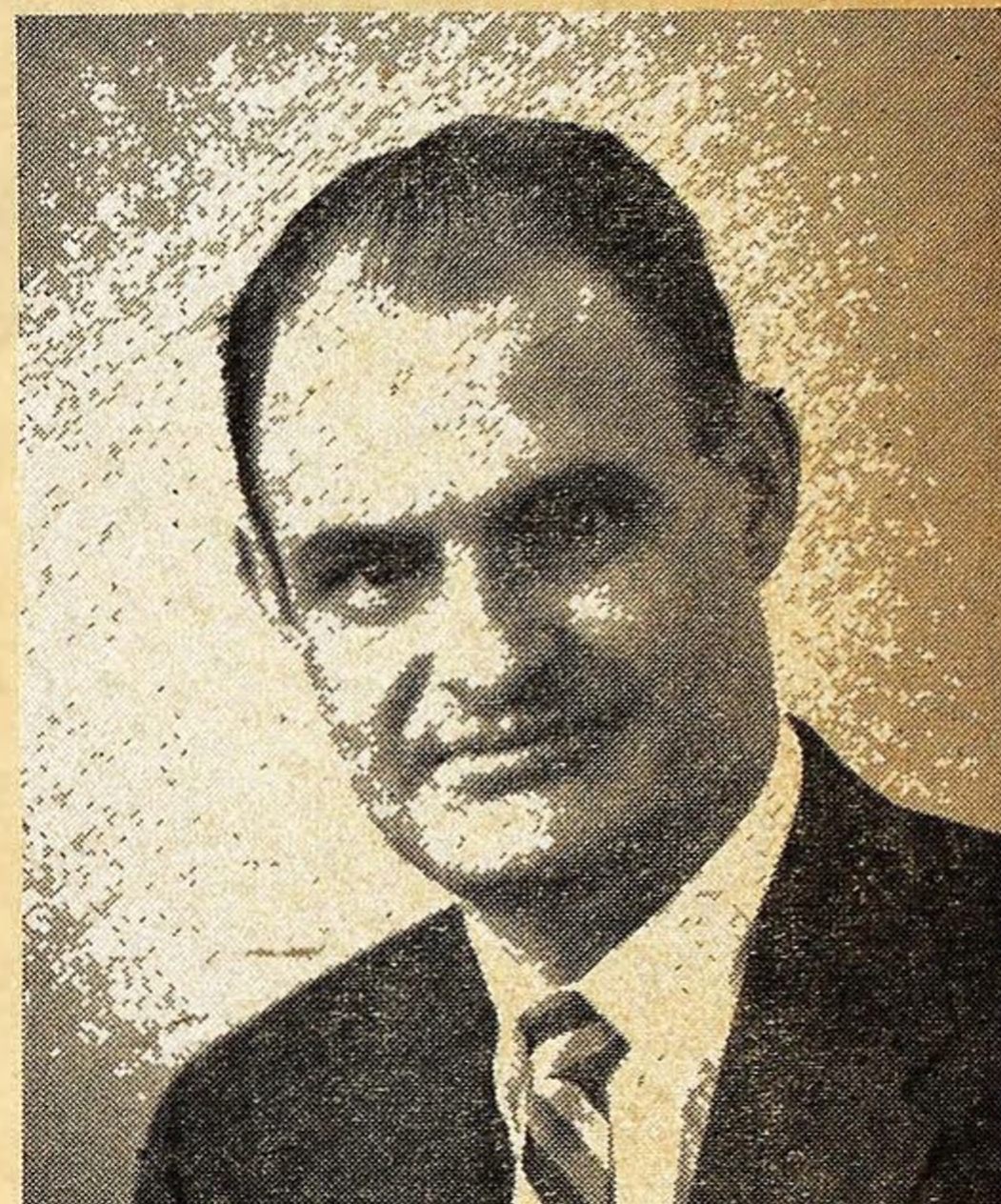
Jerry Williamson, minister of music at First Church in Shelbyville, has been awarded \$7,500 scholarship by National Defense Education.

Bulie Apollos has resigned as pastor of Allardt Church of Riverside Assn.

Paul H. Varnell has resigned as Minister of Music of Grandview Church, Nashville to accept a similar position with Crestview Church of Marietta, Ga.

Devotional

Lullaby For Christians



James P. Craine, Gallatin, Tenn.

"I laid me down and slept; I awaked for the Lord sustained me." (Psalm 3:5)

"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." (Psalm 4:8)

What a spiritual sedative for saints! Truly heaven's hypodermic!

Psalm 3 is a "morning" psalm while Psalm 4 describes the "evening."

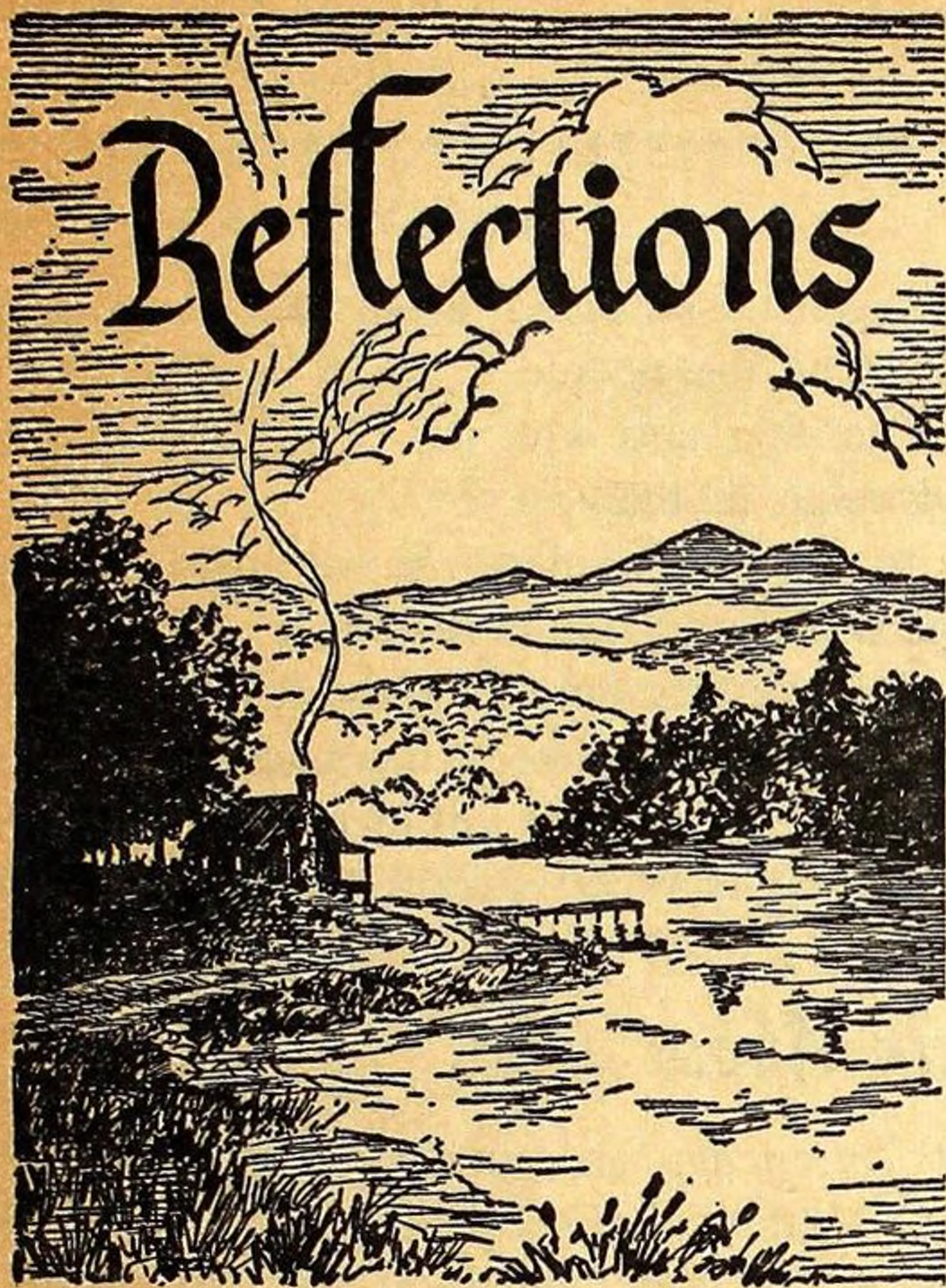
Surrounded by a very avalanche of awful adversaries, the psalmist despised the darkness. As day lessened, his misery enlarged. He was afraid to lie down, lest his foes force admittance into his house.

Then, amid that wretched blackness, one star shone forth—God was his Protector! Thus, believing, he peacefully slumbered. When morning dawned, he awoke refreshed and unharmed. He was confident that he awoke in safety, only, because the Eyes of his Protector had watched over his pillow.

Making hospital calls, I asked "Did you rest well?" I heard, "No, didn't rest at all. I was afraid I might close my eyes in darkness and never see day again, or, I feared growing worse and being unable to summon my nurse—so, I made myself stay awake." How soothing this stanza in the Almighty's cradle song!

The hard day, which the psalmist had so dreaded, is over. He has survived because every hour on the hour God walked beside him. Now, he can retire unafraid! No bodyguard is needed. No sleeping pill will be requested. His God will stand guard. The realization that heaven's eyes of watchfulness never close will be his sleeping tablet.

Wonderful words! Words to go to bed with and words with which to start every new day! Words that place a parenthesis of peace and power around every twenty-four hours.



By R. Paul Caudill

Painful Facts

"The need for missionary nurses," says Secretary for Missionary Personnel, Elmer S. West, Jr., "is probably the most critical which the Foreign Mission Board faces in its total personnel situation."

During the past four years, there have been repeated pleas for from 20 to 30 nurses to fill urgent vacancies already existing in our medical institutions. I heard the plea in Ogbomosho, and in Djakarta, and in Pusan. In fact, I am constantly haunted by the

memory of the pleas that my own ears have heard on field after field around the world.

No fewer than 20 nurses are needed right at this moment—no fewer than 50 will be needed in the next five years, says Elmer West, for even modest expansion of our medical evangelistic program.

Can it be that our people really know that during the past four years only three nurses have been appointed per year? We appointed only one last year. Only two have been appointed this year—Miss Maxine Lindsay for Gaza, and Miss Elaine Hancock for Hong Kong.

When Jesus stood in his home town synagogue of Nazareth, on that epochal day when he began his public ministry, he read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, saying, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Lu. 4:18, 19). And Matthew tells us that he went about all the "cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and *healing every sickness and every disease among the people*" (Matt. 9:35).

Can it be that Southern Baptists, in this memorable era of advance, are beginning to break faith with Jesus in regard to the healing aspect of our witness?

To Visit Orient

Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the student department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will visit seven or eight Southern Baptist mission fields of the Orient this fall for consultation with missionaries and nationals concerning opportunities for Baptist student work and the needs for missionary personnel trained in that specialty. He will join other Baptist leaders from the States in evangelistic campaigns in Japan.

In addition to Japan, Dr. Keegan expects to visit Hawaii, Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and perhaps Korea.

The Foreign Mission Board has asked Dr. Keegan to assist with student work developments in the Orient as part of its program of follow-up on a survey made in the fall of 1958 of Christian work being done among university students in Asia.

The character of the U.S. population is changing, year by year. A new census report shows these changes since 1950:

The nonwhite population has been growing faster than the white population. In the past 8 years, the number of nonwhites jumped from 15.8 million to a mid-1958 total of 19.3 million, a gain of 22 per cent. The vast majority of nonwhites in the U.S. are Negroes. The white population, meanwhile, increased from 135.3 to 154.8 million, a gain of 14.4 per cent.

Women outnumber men by an increasing margin. There were about 600,000 more women than men in 1950. Now there are 1.7 million more women than men.—*U.S. News and World Report*.

The phonograph record gives back what it has received and held on to. If in its formative stage the hard rubber disc, instead of being exposed to a great orchestra or a magnificent voice, was exposed to horrid, uncouth, vulgar sounds . . . those sounds are what it gives back to the world. If it was exposed to glory it gives back glory. And that is a parable of human life. What a man absorbs, that makes him what he becomes and what he gives back to the world.—Winifred Rhoades, *The Self You Have to Live With*.

Grace notes in living are things that are not really necessary to the running of the house or the business or whatever—the flourishes that add immeasurably to the joy of life . . . W. S. Gilbert sagely said, "It is not what is on the table that counts, but what is on the chairs." When conversation at home degenerates mainly into "What channel does *Manslaughter* come on?" there is an urgent need for lifesaving grace notes.—Simeon Stylites, "Grace Notes," *Christian Century*.

Bible Break

By Ruby Lee Adams

Moral corruption was the ruin of Babylon, as of all the great empires of the old world. Her vast trade, which rendered Babylon the gathering place of men from all parts of the known world, which poured wealth into her coffers, and furnished her with luxuries of all kinds, had the effect of producing an effeminacy and general profligacy, which mainly contributed to her fall. There is no necessary connection between prosperity and corruption; nevertheless, in nations as in individuals, it is generally found that a long lease of prosperity sometimes dwarfs the generous and lofty feelings of our nature, and renders both men and nations selfish in feeling, and absorbed in the material comforts and pleasures of life.

The wealth of the country and the prosperity of its inhabitants led at an early date to the development of certain luxurious habits of living, to the needs of which the crafts were quick to respond. Pottery, which is perhaps the oldest human handicraft, and which made use of the potters' wheel in Babylonia from most ancient times, strove to beautify the vessels for eating and drinking, the lamps, etc., and decorated them with all kinds of chiselled and colored ornaments.

It is well known, too, that the Babylonians were proficient in fancy weaving and in tapestry work. In the matter of writing they were the teachers of many ancient nations. We owe our whole method of measuring time to the Babylonians. Another of the most important means of communication in war and peace we owe indirectly to the Babylonians—namely, the horse. At any rate, they had much to do with the introduction of the "ass of the East" into Western Asia. But Babylon, the Mother of cities, stood for ideals which had in them the seeds of destruction; and it lies in heaps of ruins today, while Jerusalem and its ideals, which its prophets advocated, still live.

Editorials.....

A World Needing Christian Witness

The evils of Communism or Fascism could gain ascendancy in America through moral breakdown and loss of confidence in democracy quite as easily as through subversion or military conquest. Apathy and moral cynicism among people at the present time tends toward political corruption, obscenity, and violence.

The ministry of the churches must be made relevant to community and world needs. But we must not forget that this can only be done as we understand the nature and the mission of the church. The church is here as a group of God's people to give witness to Him. Our Lord Jesus Christ would not pray that his disciples be taken out of the world, but rather that they be kept in the world to fulfill their mission. They are in the world, yet not of the world. They are in the world to witness to the world, but it is only as contact with the world is made that this is possible.

Recently the American Baptist Convocation on "The Church In Town and Country" studied how to make the rural church contribute to the spiritual, material, and intellectual welfare of its community. One of the speakers charged that too many members "shrink from facing up to the reality of what the church is". Then he went on to say that such members will intensify their work for it, increase their giving to it, support

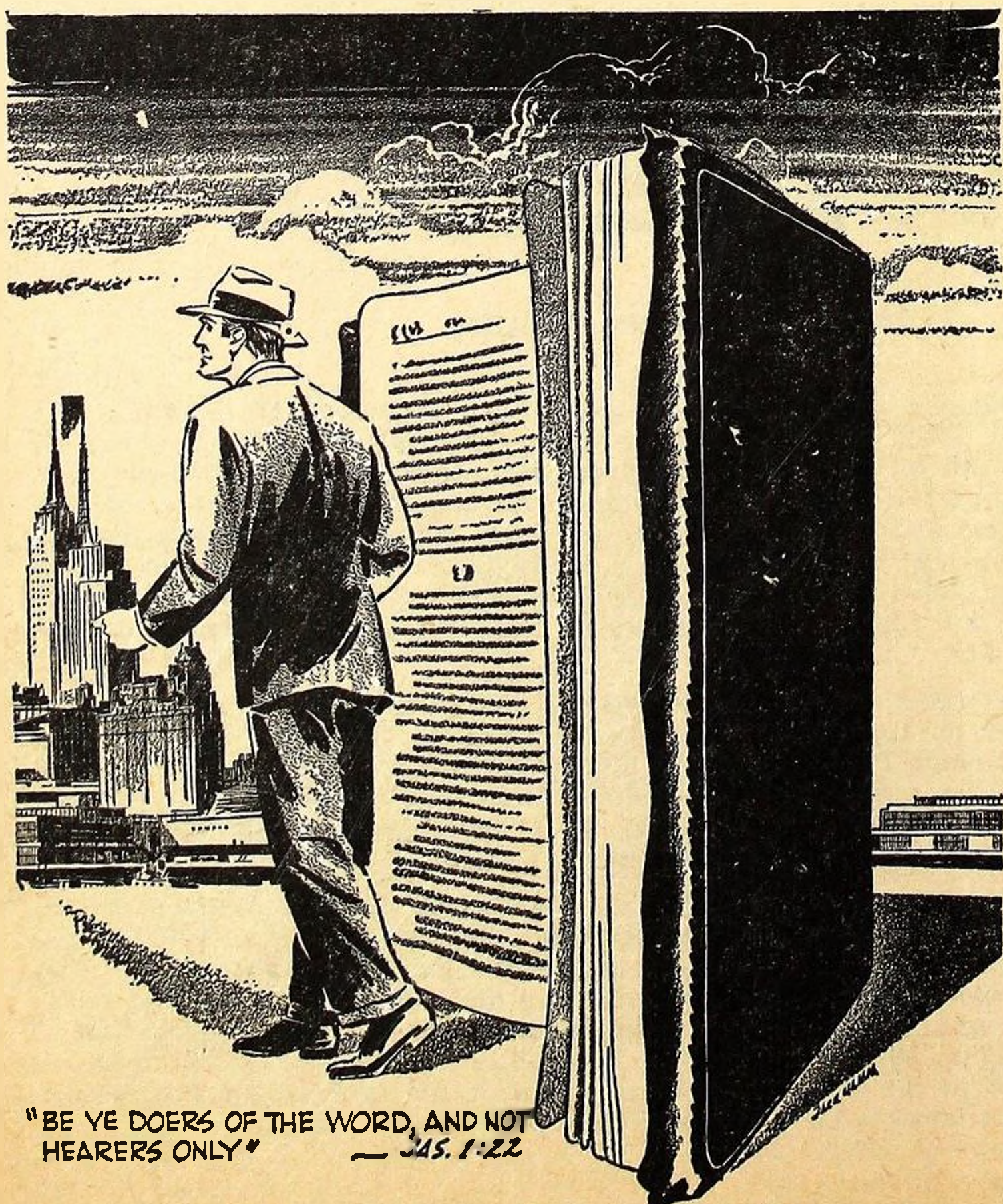
its missionary and evangelistic strategies throughout the world, but to become identified as the people of God in all of their relationships with one another and with the world is a notion that seems strangely foreign to them.

We cannot witness to the world unless we are in it. But we have no witness for the world until we are not of it. The prayer of our Lord was "I pray, not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth. Thy Word is truth." John 17:15-17.

More Plain Talk About God

One evidence that Americans are turning away from the greatness of their past, Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Georgia, says is that the Sabbath is now more of a holiday than a Holy day. Will America be known as a nation that forgot God? If we lose our overmastering consciousness of the God of our salvation and forget our obligations to him, if our democracy loses its grip on God we will lose everything. Atheism will be followed by anarchy. Sin is an old-fashioned word, but we need more plain talk about God, the Bible, and Christian conviction. Bishop Moore lists four great evils of our day as atheistic Communism, narrow nationalism, insidious racialism, and subtle secularism. "Roll up your sleeves and fight for God," this great religious leader urges Christian laymen everywhere.

Toward Doing Good To Men



"BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY" — JAS. 1:22

No Spiritual Marijuana

The Christian faith is as practical as it can be. It is a travesty, therefore, upon the gospel to treat it as irrelevant. An American Baptist seminary professor, however, says that one reason Communists and not Christians are turning the world upside down today is that Communists know the world and the Christians do not. Dr. John E. Skoglund of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School charges that we have accepted secular views of the world, and in seeking to meet a world so interpreted, the gospel has become secularized or irrelevant. Love, according to the Christian view, is not a form of spiritual marijuana to give inner ecstasy, but it is a practical attitude that is active to redeem all society. It is concerned for social and economic issues. The gospel doesn't whitewash a soul that is blackened with sin. It redeems our inter-personal relationships by making us new creatures in Christ.

The Trumpet Call

Discontentment should be a force driving Christians to God, just as it has pushed man closer to scientific discoveries, Dr. H. Guy Moore told the Baptist Sunday School Conference at Ridgecrest. He pointed out that discontent is one of the strongest forces in the motivation of man, adding that "progress moves to the trumpet call of discontentment".

One thing is quite sure—self-satisfaction is suicide for spiritual life. There is hope for man and that church that hears the trumpet call of discontentment and rouses itself to move on to new heights of attainment.

The Question Is Rightly Raised

Churches ought not to operate businesses competing unfairly with private enterprises. This they can do if they own real estate and yet pay no taxes on it and through this real estate operate businesses in the community. Recently Dr. Eugene Carson Blake suggested the churches begin to pay some taxes on their real estate. Dr. Blake, of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., has raised the issue in an article in *Christianity Today*. Dr. Blake sees a growing problem and says that 100 years from now the present pattern of religious tax exemption by federal, state, and municipal authorities, if continued, "may present the state with problems of such magnitude that their only solution will be revolutionary expropriation of church properties".

This is a tax-hungry era. The various areas of government are desperate in search of new tax monies. With this growing tax problem, the question is rightly raised how a church can expect to increasingly take over properties which are tax-exempt, operate them in competition with other business, and avoid an eventual strong reaction against it.

But no government should subject religious properties to any real estate tax so long as they are used only for religious purposes. It is likely here in Nashville in the haste to secure additional revenue some assessments have been unfairly made against churches and religious institutions on properties which are not being used for commercial purposes.

And while the matter of tax exemption is up let it not be overlooked that the most extensive tax free holdings are those of the government itself. Above all others the Federal Government has shrunk the tax area by taking over former tax producing land and ending that source of revenue for states and lesser governmental units.

Hand In Hand

Intellect and commitment to Christ need to go hand in hand. Speaking recently in Nashville, Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, Quaker philosopher and teacher, said that a Christian college "unites vital piety with sound learning." Either one of these things in separation becomes "sterile". We can only reach our potential with a frank combination of intellect and Christian commitment. It is in view of this that the potentiality of Christian colleges today offers the best opportunity for meeting the problems that face mankind. There is a great need for the Christian college and we as Baptists have added incentive to worthily support our own schools.

By Mrs. Fred Terry

Visitors To Glorieta See Cliff Dwellings

Guests at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M., enjoy visits to Bandelier National Monument, 42 miles from Santa Fe on the Pajarita Plateau of the Jemez Mountains.

The area is named for Adolph Bandelier, a Swiss-American archeologist whose work revealed the unique life of Indians in the area.

Many centuries ago volcanic activity heaved up the Jemez Mountains. Volcanic ash and lava formed many cliffs. The Indians discovered that the substance was soft enough to carve out caves, yet hard enough to make permanent shelters. The Indians dug their homes out of the side of the mountains. In these unusual villages they enjoyed communal life for generations. The dwellings still remain and scores of Baptists are among the tourists who visit them now.

Some rooms show the smoke of cooking fires. Others once used for storage, had pottery, pictures, clothing, implements of war and industry. A nearby museum contains numerous examples of Indian art and culture. A sign says, "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints."

"Rito de los Frijoles," or Bean Creek, flowing through the canyon furnished water

for the Indians. The stream begins high in the mountains, moves through a plateau, and cuts deep gorges on its way to the Rio River.

In cultivated fields below the cliffs, Indians planted corn, beans, squash, onions, peppers, and pumpkins. They made cooking utensils and pottery from fire-cured clay.

Glorieta registrants who visit the park can see the ancient pueblo of Tyuonyi, a circular ruin of 400 rooms, many of them without doors. Beneath the ruin is a huge *kiva*, an underground chamber 42 feet in diameter built to hold secret meetings. The *kiva* is entered by ladders, has a smoke chimney and a vent to return cold air.

An ingeniously-made hole in the floor is the "si-pa-pu" or spirit entrance. According to ancient Indian legends, baby souls enter the world through it, and souls of the dead return to the spirit world.

Indian pictures reveal that deer, elk, bear, turkeys, and mountain sheep once abounded in the hills and grazed in the volcano crater. Today herds of cattle, sheep, and a few burros feed in the same crater. They look small and peaceful in its vast expanse.

It is not hard to picture that day when the ground first trembled and smoke arose from the crevices. Today, however, all is

Baptist Briefs

Cecil Curtis Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Freeman of Memphis, was ordained to the gospel ministry, August 9, by Whitehaven Church. A student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he was graduated from Memphis State University and has accepted a call to become pastor of Amite, La., Baptist Church. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker, also of Memphis.

John W. Outland, pastor of Deaderick Avenue Church, Knoxville, for the past five years, has resigned to become pastor of Woodlawn Church, Bristol, Tenn. He will begin his ministry September 6 at Woodlawn. Brother Outland is a former president of Knox County Baptist Pastors Conference and chairman of the radio and television committee of Knox County Baptist Association. Under his leadership there were 125 additions to the church, the education building completed and the auditorium redecorated. He came to Knoxville from First Church, Tullahoma.

quiet and safe.

Bandelier Park is one of the many interesting sidelights which Baptists will find during their visits to mile-high Glorieta Assembly.

Serving God And Country In The Church

Stones River Baptist Church is 99.44% military. Members are men and families stationed at Sewart Air Force Base, Smyrna. Most all are young people under 40. They are progressive church members maintaining a Christian home away from home.

The church is located next to the base. Its field is the base housing and trailers near by. Started by military personnel mostly, it has been sustained by them. Fourteen people gathered May 13, 1952, in a home near the base to discuss the need of a Baptist church in this area. With approximately 3,000 people moving into the new Stones River Homes project (housing for the military) and some 600 local residents, a real need was seen for a Baptist church. Twenty-seven charter members August 10, 1952, officially organized Stones River Baptist Church in a tent belonging to Concord Association. An Air Force sergeant and his wife represented the first converts.

Need for a permanent worship place was very pressing. About thirty-five persons met and framed the main auditorium in one day. Two Sunday school buildings were purchased and redecorated. The church was formally dedicated October 11, 1953, to service to God. Many steps were taken, many decisions made, but a real working faith in God built the church. Neighboring churches, the Concord Association, and the Tennessee Baptist Convention have given the church hearty support from its very beginning.

Growth has been steady. However the church has not grown as some others of like age. It can never be numerically large, perhaps, due to the transient nature of the membership. Though there are many additions, some are always leaving. When the Air Force gets ready to transfer a member, there is nothing for him to do but move.

Since all the families are military except the pastor's and one other, these fine young Christian soldiers must fill all places of responsibility. A leadership problem results from the rapid turnover of members. It is not uncommon to find an entire department without teachers. It really keeps one on his toes trying to enlist and to fill vacancies. But so far the Lord has supplied the need as the need arose. It has been necessary for some to take several jobs, but always there has been a willingness and a spirit of cooperation.

The church has had three pastors. All have been graduates of Southern Baptist Seminary. At present the church is being led by Charles K. Sharpe.

Stones River has a full program of church activities. Members are active in community affairs and apt in reaching the unchurched, enlisting children and adults in

A Story of Stones River Baptist Church, Smyrna, Tennessee

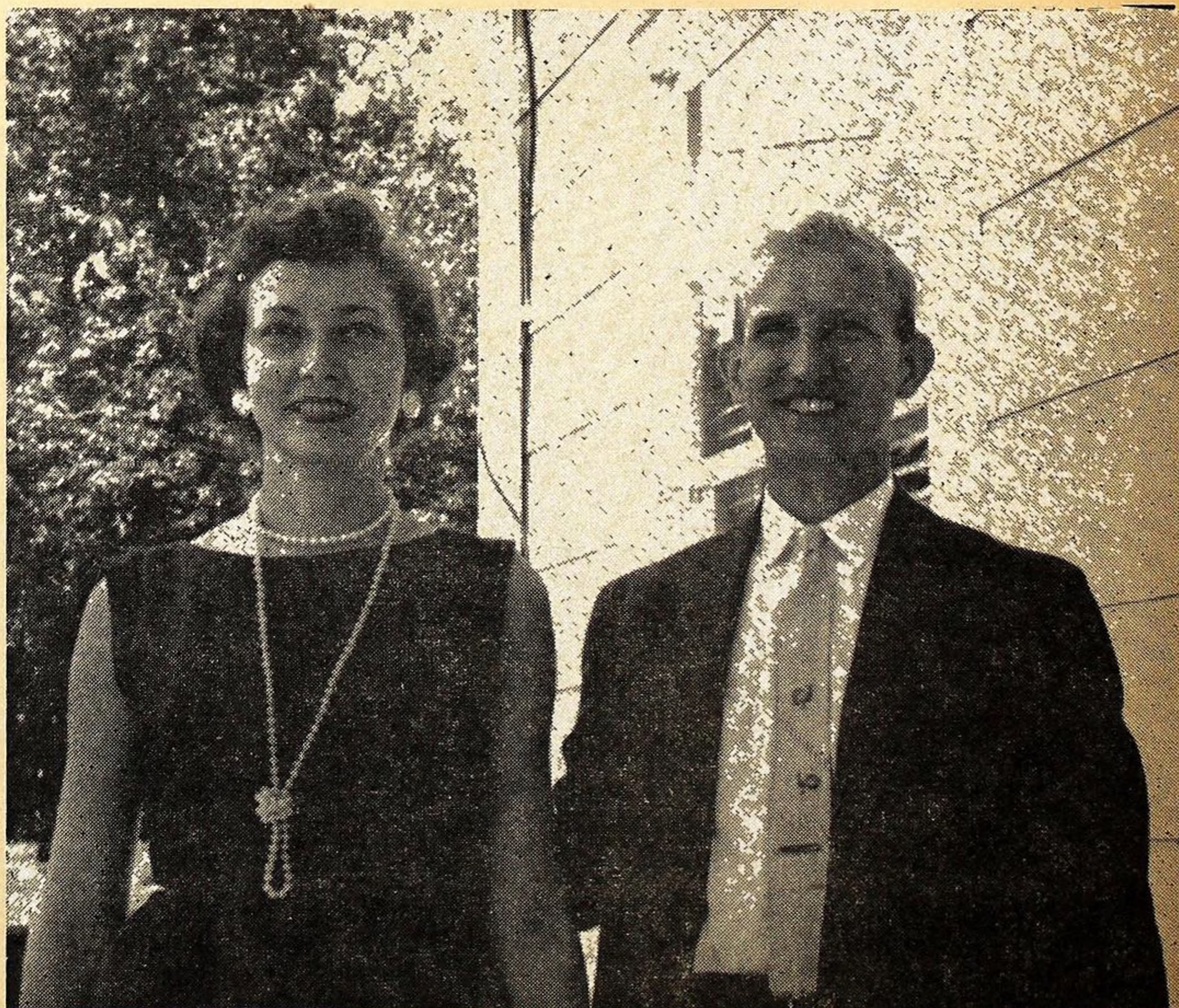
church activities. Last year's major achievement was the building of a modern parsonage on a beautiful acre of land a quarter of a mile from the church.

Perhaps the church is rendering more service to the worldwide and the southwide cause than to the local community. Many of these fine young Christians had never done anything in church until they were enlisted at Stones River and saw the great need. Then they started teaching, giving parts in Training Union, tithing, etc. When they leave here, they go into some other Baptist church as seasoned and experienced Christians. Members have excellent chances to be lay missionaries with Uncle Sam paying the bill. From here they go to all parts of the world. At present members are on the DEW LINE in Greenland and Alaska; and in Germany, Spain, France, North Africa, and Asia. Many have opportunities

to work with nationals of those countries. Many tell those people for the first time about Jesus. Baptist churches have been started by our service people in Alaska and elsewhere. Not only do these service people give service to God in a worldwide way by going and witnessing, but also by giving a good portion of tithes and offerings to the cooperative program, thus advancing the cause of Christ around the world.

Stones River has 375 enrolled in Sunday school and 180 resident and about 100 non-resident members. During the last ten months there have been one hundred and four additions, about forty by baptism. It is encouraging to see young men and women come forward nearly every Sunday making decisions for Christ. Baptismal services are held regularly in the church's own baptistry.

Perhaps you have heard much about the armed services of our country as breeding places for evil. Some of this is true, but this little church has proven there are no finer people in the world than among our military. As long as we have men and women serving their country and their God like these at Stones River, and many more like them, we can take courage. We know the cause of Christ is not hopeless, even in environments that are not conducive to serving Him.



Pastor and Mrs. Charles K. Sharpe are shown here just following the morning service at Stones River Church, August 2. Sharpe and his family together with one other family are the only non-military people in the membership. The Shapes have three children.

New Workers At Whitehaven

Whitehaven Church of Memphis, has called Miss Betty Crocker as church secretary and Bill Burley as music and educational director.

Miss Crocker is a graduate of Copiah Lincoln Junior College, Wesson, Miss. and comes to Whitehaven from Jackson, Miss., where she was employed as secretary to Dr. James D. Hardy, professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She was an active member of First Church in Jackson.

Mr. Burley is a graduate of Baylor University and Southern Theological Seminary. He was reared in the Ridgedale Church in Chattanooga. This was the former pastorate of Dr. Lewis D. Ferrell, now pastor of the Whitehaven Church, which is located in one of the fastest growing sections of Memphis.

Grace Church, Nashville is sending pastor Wade Darby to Baptist World Alliance in Rio next year; marked his third anniversary on August 2 by giving him complete camera outfit.

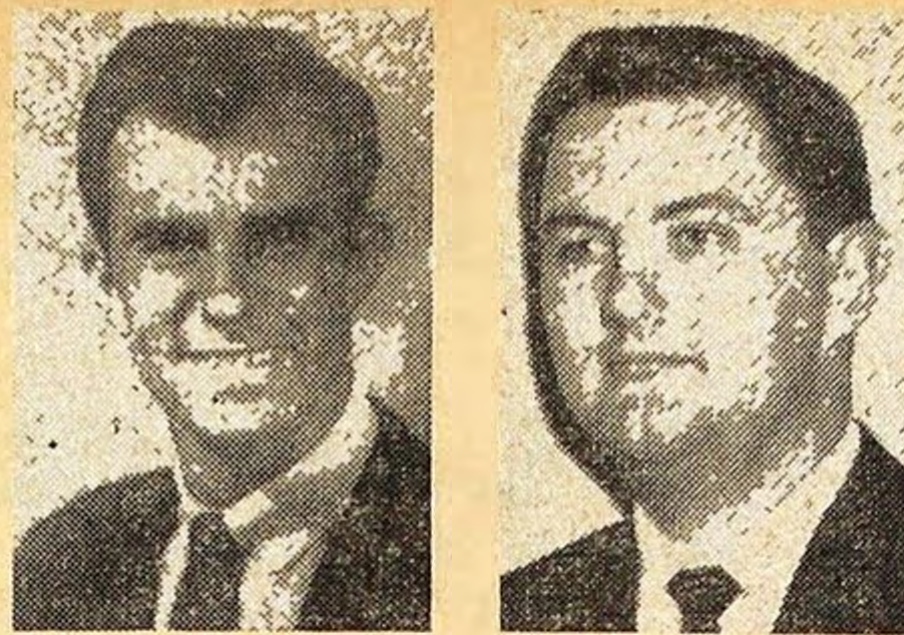
Cedar Grove Church, Lebanon is completing two-story education building and will have it paid for when it is finished. Recent revival services were led by W. Fred Kendall, Nashville.

Tusculum Hills Church, Nashville broke ground on August 9 for second unit of building to cost more than \$40,000. Farewell reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. William P. Clemmons who have been appointed as missionaries for Italy. Don C. McCoy, former missionary to Brazil, will serve as interim pastor.

Woodmont Church, Nashville observed 18th birthday of the church on August 9. G. Allen West has been the only pastor to serve this church.

Union Hill Church of Goodlettsville observed its centennial anniversary on August 9 with special services and a picnic dinner. Three former pastors conducted the services: John Sutherland of Knoxville, G. Homer Robinson of Hermitage, and Floyd Huckaba of Nashville. The church was organized May 29, 1859 with 21 members. It was named Whites Creek Church but changed the name when it moved to present location. Lewis W. Lee has served as pastor since 1956 and has led the people to complete a new pastorium and redecorate the auditorium. The present membership is 389.

John David Russell was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Inglewood Church, Nashville on recommendation of First Church of Charlotte.



CHATTANOOGA—Brainerd Church has recently added these to its staff: Mr. Donald D. Dendy, left, as minister of education, and Mr. Clinton C. Nichols as minister of music. Dendy is a native of Memphis and came from a similar position with Cherokee Church, Memphis. Nichols, a native of Pennsylvania, came from First Church, Amite, La. J. Ralph McIntyre is pastor of the Brainerd Church.

First Church, Cookeville began a revival and Vacation Bible school on August 9 using the associational tent with the purpose of beginning the Hilham Road Mission. The church will build a place of worship after the revival.

On August 2, two fine young men, Robert Burchfield and Milford Fulbright were ordained as deacons by Benton Station Church, Polk Association. Ministers and deacons from Benton First, Benton Station, Chestuee, Mountain Springs, Old Ocoee, Shiloh, Smyrna, and Zion churches composed the ordination council.

First Church, Benton, D. W. Pickelsimer, pastor, plans a revival for Sept. 6-16 with John Swafford, South Pittsburg as evangelist, and Pat Wright, minister of music, Bearden, Knoxville as music director.

Mrs. Margaret Webb has resigned as church secretary, Central Church, Fountain City.

Jack Lewis has been ordained to the gospel ministry by Glenwood, Knoxville.

First Church, Clarksville, has called Betty Choate as educational secretary-organist effective September 1.

Radnor Church of Nashville has called Florence Dewey as director of Elementary Education.

Jerry Smith is serving as Youth Director for First Church, Tullahoma during the summer months.

Speedway Terrace Church, Memphis, has scheduled a youth revival September 2-9 with Chester Swor as the evangelist. Felix Snipes, director of music at Central Church, Memphis, will direct the music. All committees for the revival will be composed of young people. Mark Harris is pastor of the Speedway Terrace Church.

Mid State Hospital School Of Nursing Fully Accredited

Mr. Gene Kidd, Administrator of Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Nashville announces that the School of Nursing is now fully accredited by the National League of Nursing in New York.

The school offers a three year diploma program in nursing under the direction of Mrs. Janie F. Sullivan, Director of Nursing Education.

There are currently 110 students enrolled in the school.

Altamont Church of Grundy County dedicated its new building on July 12 with the beginning of revival services. Pastor Homer Moore was assisted by H. D. Standifer, associational missionary.

Lincoya Hills Church of Donelson ordained Robert Hornbuckle as deacon.

Rosenmark Chapel, a mission of East Acres Church of Millington, reports eight additions in a recent revival. Howard Dunbar did the preaching and Terry Owens led the singing. They serve the mother church as pastor and music director, respectively. Wayne Fawcett is mission pastor.

Jefferson Association—First Church, Jefferson City, has announced the call and acceptance of Gene Peoples as minister of music. He holds degrees from Carson-Newman College and Southern Seminary. In the nine years J. B. Gross has served as pastor of Northside Church there have been 313 persons baptized and 600 additions by letter and statement. Dumplin has broken ground for a new educational addition. It is to be a two-story building with assembly room and four classrooms on each floor. Nina Church has a new Sunday school addition under construction. A new brick parsonage is near completion at Buffalo Grove. John Swan, a licensed minister at Northside Church, has enrolled at Harrison-Chilhowee Academy for further study.

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Girls' Auxiliary Queens' Court

Date

September 11-13, 1959, Belmont College Campus, Nashville, Tennessee

Who Can Attend

Any Junior or Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary member who has completed the step of Queen, Queen with a Scepter, Queen Regent, or the two additional steps; Queen in Service, or Queen Regent in Service.

What to Bring

Bible, towel, wash cloth, soap, and other toilet articles. (Blankets are not provided by the school. If you feel you will need one, bring it.) School clothes will be suitable for the meetings. You may wish to bring extra money for mission offerings, canteen and book exhibit.

Where You Will Stay

In the college dormitories. All meals will be in the college dining room.

Transportation

If you are traveling to Nashville by bus or train, and you would like to have someone to meet you, be sure to indicate on your reservation what time you expect to arrive and whether you are traveling by train, Greyhound or Trailway bus.

Program

Queens' Court will open with the evening meal Friday at 6 o'clock and will close with the noon meal on Sunday. Registration begins Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Banquet

The banquet on Saturday night will be formal. Bring your evening dress if you have one. You may wear your "Sunday dress" for the formal banquet if you prefer. Bring your crown, scepter, and cape.

Cost

Total cost, \$7.50, to be sent to:
Miss Beulah Peoples
1812 Belmont Boulevard
Nashville 5, Tennessee

This cost includes room, sheets, pillow, pillowcase, banquet, and registration fee. This *does not* include other meals which you will pay for in the college cafeteria. The cost will depend on how much you want to eat.

Reservations

Please make your reservation by Sept. 4. Send \$7.50 for each girl desiring accommodations. Make check payable to Woman's Missionary Union.

State Young Woman's Auxiliary Houseparty

Young Woman's Auxiliary members cannot afford to miss our first State YWA Houseparty! The date, September 19-20 and the place, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. All of the sessions will be held in the City Auditorium.

Registration will begin Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. Come to the City Auditorium to register and to be assigned to your motel room.

The first session will start at three o'clock Saturday afternoon at the City Auditorium.

Saturday evening we will have a banquet. This will not be formal, but a time when you can wear your dressy dress or your Sunday best.

There will be missionaries on our program. You will obtain information on methods. There will be fun and fellowship with other YWA members.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served Sunday morning.

The total cost is \$6.00. This includes registration, room in a motel, banquet, and Sunday breakfast.

Reservations must be in the State Office not later than September 12. Six dollars must be sent in for each girl and counselor or adult attending the Houseparty.

Make checks payable to Woman's Missionary Union. Please mail registration blank to Woman's Missionary Union, 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Green River Church, oldest in Indian Creek Association, was organized in 1835. Yet it has the newest building which it moved into Sunday, July 26. It is located on Highway 13. L. C. Whitehorn, associational missionary, has been supplying for the church since last February. It was his joy to bring the first message in the new church on "The Church that Jesus Built". A large number was present and it was one of the happiest events in the life of the church. The church has 131 members.



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THREE BIG "MUSTS"

FOR ADEQUATE PREPARATION FOR THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR, 1959-1960

1.

ONE-NIGHT TRAINING-PLANNING CLINIC

for
Associational Sunday School Officers

Suggested Date

August 31-September 11

(See your associational Sunday school superintendent for the exact date of the Planning Meeting in your association.)

Purpose

1. To train associational Sunday school officers in their duties and in the work of the association.
2. To set up specific associational goals for the new associational year.
3. To plan a suggested program of associational work for the coming year.
4. To make final plans for Action Night and for leading churches to observe Preparation Week.

Plan

A representative of the State Sunday school department will meet with the associational officers and lead them in this one-night training-planning meeting. Training of workers will be through a presentation of the filmstrip, *Associational Sunday School Work*. One of the chief considerations in this training period will be the means whereby the associational officers can best supply helpful information to workers on the local church level.

Goals are set for the new Sunday school year as officers carefully consider the "Associational Sunday School Plan Sheet" and make suggestions for the work of the new year. A calendar of activities for the year will be set up. (For further suggestions on Planning Meetings, see the July *Sunday School Bulletin* for Associational Sunday School Workers.)

2.

ACTION NIGHT

An Associational Meeting
for
Local Sunday School Officers and Teachers

Suggested Date

September 15

Purpose

To inspire all the churches in the association to use their Sunday schools to the maximum in winning the unsaved to Christ and in leading the saved to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ in daily living.

Plan

Under the leadership of the associational Sunday school officers, Action Night should include age-group conferences and a general session.

In each of the conferences, the age-group superintendent leads in a discussion of the suggested Sunday school program for the churches for the coming year and informs the local age-group workers on how the association plans to help the churches during the coming year.

For the general session, a film-strip is available, free of charge to each association, for use in presenting the suggested Sunday school program for the churches for 1959-60. Plans made by the associational officers in their Training-Planning Clinic will be shared with the local church workers and discussed by them.

Action Night is also a time of prayer, asking God for guidance in the activities of the associational Sunday school officers and the Sunday school workers of the churches. (For further suggestions on Action Night, see page 21 of *The Sunday School Builder* for July 1959.)

3.

PREPARATION WEEK

Church-wide Planning and Training
Program
for
Local Sunday School Officers and Teachers

Suggested Date

September 20-27

Purpose

To provide an opportunity for officers and teachers to work together:

1. To analyze past weaknesses.
2. To study present needs.
3. To set goals for the new Sunday school year.
4. To plan for needed enlargement.
5. To instruct and inform the workers.
6. To launch the program for the new Sunday school year.

Plan

Under the leadership of the pastor and the general Sunday school superintendent, the church sets aside this last full week before Promotion Day to make final plans and preparation for the new Sunday school year.

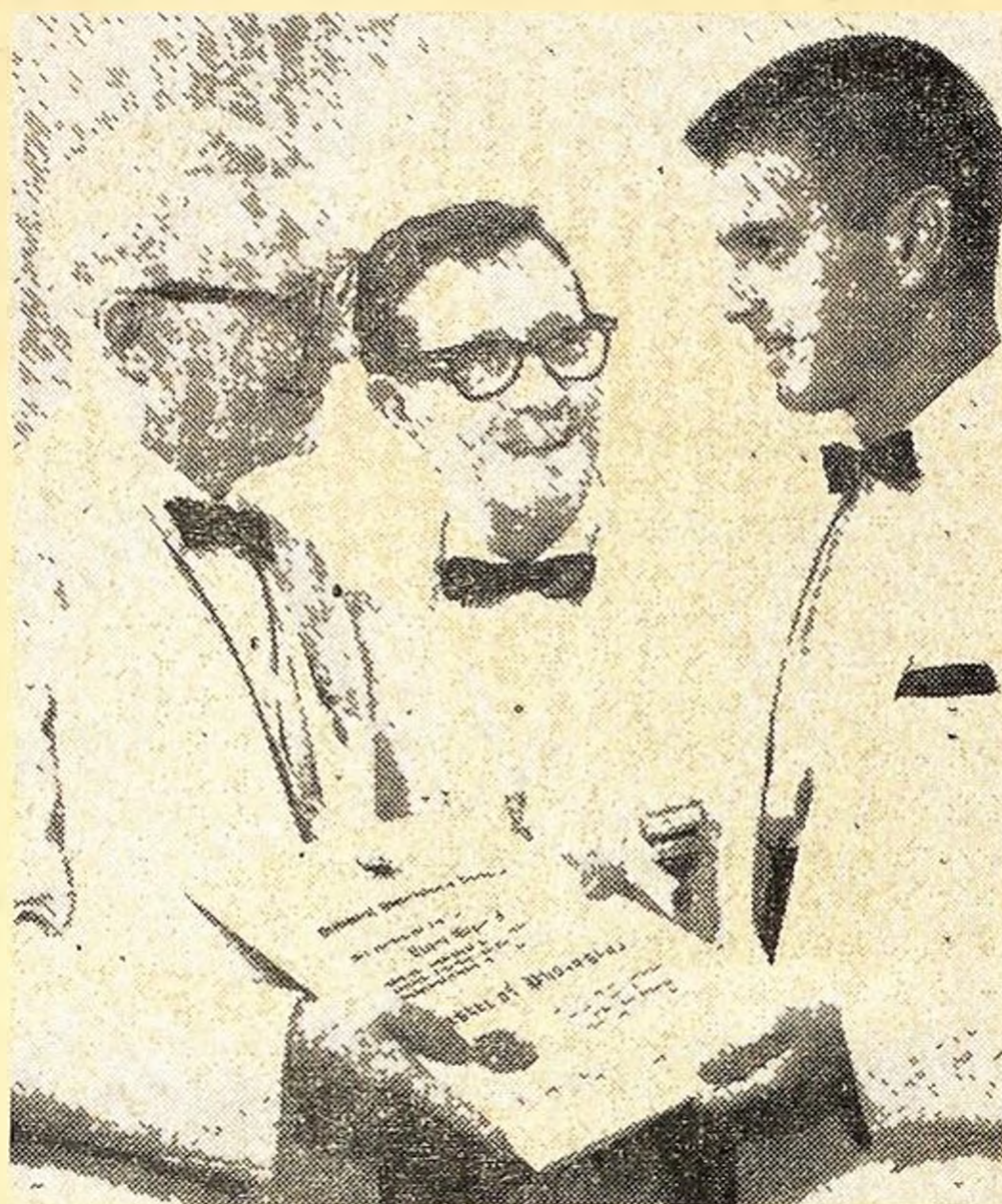
One of the three following training course books should be chosen for study during this week:

A Church Using Its Sunday School
The Pull of the People
Building a Standard Sunday School

In connection with the study, the workers should consider together the needs of their church, study the suggested Sunday school program for 1959-60 in light of their needs, set goals, and make plans for improvement during the new Sunday school year, etc.

By taking a religious census on September 13, the church can have available the needed information for making adequate plans for growth. (For further suggestions on Preparation Week, see pages 8-9 of *The Sunday School Builder* for July 1959.)

BSSB Photographer Receives Award



NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—Bryce Finch, right, supervisor of the Baptist Sunday School Board's photography section, receives the Master of Photography degree from Madison Geddes, left, president of the Professional Photographers of America, Inc. Mr. Finch's sponsor for the honor, W. W. Carrier, Jr., of Memphis, Tennessee, watches the ceremony, held at the association's annual awards banquet in Los Angeles.

The degree is one of the highest honors a photographer can earn in his profession, a statement from the association said. Only 375 of the 22,000 professional photographers in the United States have earned the recognition, established by the association 25 years ago.

"The award can be achieved only after many years of consistently outstanding service to the profession as well as for general excellence of photographic artistry and craftsmanship," the association's statement pointed out.

In June Mr. Finch won three first prizes and one third place among twelve categories of photographs at the Tennessee Professional Photographers Association convention in Nashville.

A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and the New York Institute of Photography, Mr. Finch came to the Sunday School Board as photographer in 1948. The photography section makes photographs for the Board's eighty periodicals, other publications, book jackets, filmstrips, advertising, news, and special purposes.

Mrs. Finch is the former Doris Brown. They have two children, Stephen, age 7, and Valerie Lane, age 5. They reside at 4904 Monterey Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

Training Union Department

Nursery - Beginner - Primary Leaders Take Notice Of Changes In Terminology

We urge all teachers and leaders to become familiar with the changes and start using them now.

The workers with Nursery, Beginner, and Primary departments at the Baptist Sunday School Board have agreed upon some uniform terms to use in this work with children, birth through eight. This uniform terminology will be evident in future conferences and printed materials.

Offering and *money*—will be used rather than "love gift," (Preferably money for Nursery children.)

Homeliving—will be used instead of "housekeeping."



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Bible—will be used rather than "God's book."

Activity areas—will be used in the place of "interest centers," "centers of interest," or "centers of activity." (The Cradle Roll and Extension departments will continue to use the term "interest center.")

Activitytime or *activities*—will be used when referring to the time spent in the activity areas.

Grouptime—will be used rather than "large group," "togethertime," "circle," or "semi-circle."

Children and *boys* and *girls*—will be used rather than "pupils."

Restingtime and *resting*—will be used when referring to a time of physical rest.

Snacktime—will be used rather than "lunch," "refreshmenttime," or "juicetime."

Mrs. Jesse Meek

Nursery-Beginner-Primary Director

Promotion Department

Forward Program Benefits In Spirituality, Unity And Cooperation; Finances



ARGO

The Rev. Sidney W. Argo, pastor of Bluff City Baptist Church has the following to say about the Forward Program of Church Finance:

"The Forward Program was promoted by our church during the month of September, 1958. This undertaking has been most beneficial

to us in many areas. I shall confine these remarks, however, to the three most significant, viz: 1. Spirituality, 2. Unity and Cooperation, and 3. In the area of Finances.

"Spirituality is significant because baptisms in our church have increased 233% over the same eight months period (October-May) when compared to last year. Attendance is showing a decided increase in both Sunday school and worship services.

"The Unity and Cooperation is something over which to rejoice here. Opposition was strong against our promoting the Forward Program of Church Finance, but now those opposing it are asking, "Why didn't we do something like this sooner?" The Forward Program has proven to be possessed with "unseen converting powers." It has created such an impact upon our church that we were unanimous in approving changing our financial year to begin January 1, and using the month of No-

vember, 1959, to promote the Program again this year.

"Financially we are happily surprised. Our income has exceeded our expenditures approximately \$70.00 per week. The following figures will give you an idea of our progress financially:

	1959	1958
October-May		
Pledging to tithe	132	None*
Total pledging (includes		
tithers)	195	None*
Amount of weekly pledges....	\$ 356.96	None*
Average weekly offering	\$ 371.11	\$ 217.71
Cooperative Program Mission		
Gifts	\$2,355.66	\$1,434.05

Note: (*) This was the first time for our church to receive pledges to support the church budget.

"The increase in receipts this year over last year for the eight months period, October-May, amounts to 57%. Ninety-three per cent of all offerings are identified by the envelope as compared to 48% for all of last year. As far as can be determined, more than 90% of those pledging to tithe are making an earnest effort to do so.

"To sum up the whole matter: The impact has been so great that Sunday, June 28 we are having ground-breaking ceremonies to build a new educational unit, which will be the first additional floor space to our facilities in almost 30 years."

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

Measure Would Extend Clergymen's Social Security Election

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Sen. Carl E. Mundt (R.-S.D.) introduced legislation to give clergymen who have not yet elected social security coverage another two years to do so.

Under the act, originally passed in 1954, which extended social security coverage to ministers, clergymen just entering the ministry have two years in which to decide whether or not to elect the benefits.

The election period for ministers practicing at the time the original bill was passed, however, expired in 1956. In 1957, Congress granted these ministers another two-year election period on the grounds that many clergymen had not been advised of the new law.

That second period expired on April 15, 1959, but, Sen. Mundt said, the second extension was still not well enough publicized, with the result that many ministers who would like to go on the social security rolls were not aware that they could.

Sen. Mundt's bill would give them another opportunity.

"The entire nation owes a great debt of gratitude to the many fine men and women who have unselfishly dedicated themselves to the ministry of God," the Sen. said in introducing his bill.

"The material rewards received by these good people are minimal indeed when compared with the magnificent work they do in every corner of the world. The least we can do is to assure that these men and women are provided with the opportunity to acquire some basic measure of security for their old age," he declared.

New Books

Hebrews by M. R. DeHaan; Zondervan; 212 pp.; \$2.50. Twenty-six simple studies in God's pattern for victorious living.

The Other Side of Rome by John B. Wilder; Zondervan; 159 pp.; \$2.50.

Salvation is of The Lord by Kenneth S. Wuest; Zondervan; 96 pp.; \$1.75.

Evangelistic Entreaties by John Scott Trent; Zondervan; 120 pp.; \$2.50. Revival messages and methods.

Sermons on Revival by Charles H. Spurgeon; Zondervan; 256 pp.; \$2.95. The New Library of Spurgeon's Sermons Vol. IV.

Men of the New Testament by Charles H. Spurgeon; Zondervan; 255 pp.; \$2.95. The New Library of Spurgeon's Sermons Vol. V.

Patterns for Preaching by Harry C. Mark; Zondervan; 183 pp.; \$2.95. The art of making sermons.

Plan now for

PREPARATION WEEK, September 20-27

Now, while there is still plenty of opportunity to promote it, is the time to plan ahead for PREPARATION WEEK and the coming church year.



Ewing Galloway

The book for study during PREPARATION WEEK A MANUAL FOR PROMOTING PERSONAL EVANGELISM THROUGH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

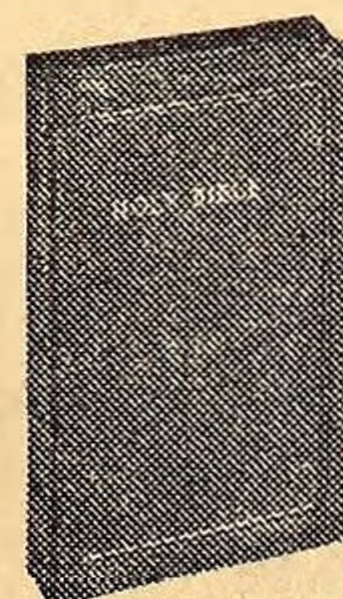
by Othal Feather

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Attendances and Additions for Sunday, August 9, 1959

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alcoa, Calvary	239	83	1
First	440	178	1
Athens, Antioch	187	71	
East	448	170	
North	280	117	
Idlewild	60	23	
Lake View	54	43	
McMahon Calvary	106	53	
Mt. Harmony	94	38	5
Mt. Verd	87	45	
Niota, First	148	38	
Parkway	58	471	
Rodgers Creek	61	43	
Union Grove Meigs	52	41	
Valley Road	61		
Valley View	20	11	
West View	61	32	
Wild Wood	122	83	
Zion Hill	62	39	
Bemis, First	357	92	
Blaine, Block Springs	134	42	
Bolivar, First	358	111	3
Mission	42		2
Bradford, First	115	28	
Brighton	249	112	
Bristol, Calvary	295	91	
Tennessee Avenue	608	200	
Brownsville	472	100	
Brunswick	162	84	
Chattanooga, Avondale	539	144	1
Calvary	315	82	
Concord	434	178	5
East Lake	574	145	
East Ridge	707	208	1
Northside	389	82	1
Red Bank	1029	306	4
Ridgeview	268	88	4
St. Elmo	381	108	
Second	122	44	
Spring Creek	439	143	
White Oak	410	106	
Woodland Park	346	130	4
Clarksville, First	706	140	

Little West Fork	158	59	
Pleasant View	270	96	
Cleveland, Big Springs	32	159	1
First	631	250	4
Macedonia	125	49	
Maple Street	45	53	
West Cleveland Heights	104	32	4
Clinton, Second	474	133	
First	532	150	
Columbia, First	560	217	4
Riverview	82	35	
Highland Park	350	145	2
Cookeville, First	479	94	4
Crossville, First	200	72	
Emmanuel	122	61	
Daisy, First	342	112	1
Decatur, Pisgah	80	60	1
Dyer, First	246	82	
New Bethlehem	256	168	
Dyersburg, First	642	164	
Elizabethton, First	533	152	1
Reservoir Hill	26		
Siam	225	97	
Englewood, First	183	42	1
Etowah, Goodsprings	118	49	
Fountain City, Central	1128	311	1
Smithwood	712	214	7
Gladeville	180	102	
Gleason, First	180	43	
Grand Junction, First	125	61	
Greenville, First	363	133	2
Second	176	63	
Harriman, Trenton Street	115	470	
Walnut Hill	275	133	
Hendersonville, Rockland	38	25	
Hixson, First	390	216	
Hornsby	115	39	3
Jackson, Calvary	512	176	
First	730	139	
North	311	135	1
Parkview	443	188	
West	871	357	
Jellico, First	226	85	
Johnson City, Central	667	118	
Clark Street	192	64	1
North	37	16	
Temple	331	108	
Unaka Avenue	326	90	
Jonesboro, First	213	84	5
Limestone	28	20	
Kenton, First	205	68	1
Macedonia	81	68	
Kingsport, First	728	158	4
Litz Manor	208	118	
Lynn Garden	425	152	
Knoxville, Alice Bell	311	96	3
Bell Avenue	895	262	2
Broadway	1102	459	6
Central (Bearden)	596	204	
Fifth Avenue	701	242	
Grace	264	112	
Inskip	641	184	
Lincoln Park	926	802	2
Lonsdale	285	71	
Meridian	472	115	2
New Hopewell	276	117	1
Sevier Heights	695	278	4
South	561	188	6
Wallace Memorial	507	185	2
Washington Pike	363	105	
LaFollette, First	345	65	
LaGuardo	139	87	
Lawrenceburg, Deerfield	120	81	
First	107	47	
Meadow View	107	47	
Highland Park	241	104	4
Lebanon, Fairview	323	122	1
First	513	185	
Rocky Valley	130	105	
Lenoir City, Calvary	246	70	2
First	538	217	
Kingston Pike	115	61	
Lewisburg, First	745	149	6
Loudon, New Providence	220	154	
Madisonville, First	340	148	
Mission	51	36	
Maleus	225	91	
Martin, Central	253	71	
First	362	69	
Southside	88	38	1
Maryville, Broadway	670	371	
Everett Hills	520	204	4
First	857	248	
Madison Avenue	152	61	
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	384	118	
Forest Park	50	40	
Northside	114	77	
Shellsford	229	185	5
Mt. Pleasant, First	171	87	
Sandy Hook	15		
Scott Town	10		
Memphis, Ardmore	632	291	5
Bartlett	320	154	
Bellevue	2319	799	24
Belwood Heights	86	70	3
Boulevard	622	195	5
Mission	114	42	1
Brooks Road	199	102	
Central Avenue	779	244	6
Charjean	434	162	8
Cherokee	919	353	1
Cordova	89	65	
Dellwood	154	98	1

Emanuel	90	56	1
Eudora	636	200	
Fairlawn	386	209	2
First	1201	297	3
Fisherville	155	55	2
Forest Hill	75	27	
Frayser, First	795	281	6
Glen Park	182	84	
Graceland	522	195	2
Highland Heights	1151	593	2
Hollywood	479	195	
Kensington	212	88	1
Lamar Heights	79	43	
Malcomb Avenue	187	99	
McLean	508	207	3
Merton Avenue	390	89	1
Millington, First	477	179	2
Mountain Terrace	12	8	
Mullins Station	101	87	
Oakhaven	219	95	2
Oakville	325	92	1
Parkway	468	170	1
Rosemark	40	56	6
Seventh Street	458	166	2
Sky View	155	129	4
Southland	186	84	
Temple	1065	330	
Thrifthaven Mission	56	42	
Trinity	470	225	4
Union Avenue	1048	298	12
Victory Heights	83	59	1
Wells Station	561	262	2
West Frayser	353	149	1
Westhaven	639	145	12
Winchester	108	49	5
Woodstock	122	75	
Milan, First	426	127	5
Northside	143	85	
Oak Grove	107	86	2
Morristown, Buffalo Trail	250	120	1
First	789	227	2
Murfreesboro, Belle Aire	84	50	
First	618	142	3
Calvary	98		
Mt. View	135	53	
Third	332	89	3
Woodbury Road	214	63	
Nashville, Belmont Heights	953	308	5
Madison Street	83	20	
Westview Chapel	27	22	
Bethany	38	16	
Brook Hollow	326	93	6
Criewood	301	103	
Donelson, First	615	171	2
Fairview	190	71	
Jordonia	60	55	
First	1108	400	2
Cora Tibbs	79	45	
Freeland	109	35	
Gallatin Road	432	154	2
Glendale	206	59	
Glenwood	272	82	1
Grace	942	338	1
Inglewood	913	290	3
Cross Keys	61	57	
State School	54		
Trinity Chapel	152	81	
Ivy Memorial	383	142	
Mission	48		
Joelton	224	154	
Lincoya Hills	369	72	3
Madison Heights	215	105	1
Neely's Bend	126	68	2
Radnor	580	168	2
River Road	50	55	
Saturn Drive	309	143	
Scottsboro	102	54	
Seventh	235	83	
Haywood Hills	71	39	
Tusculum Hills	265	108	
Una	323	187	2
Woodbine	352	112	
Woodmont	647	190	7
Newport, English Creek	87	47	
Oak Ridge, Calvary	197	93	1
Robertsville	686	212	2
Old Hickory, First	549	187	
Rayon City	192	88	2
Temple	161	80	
Oliver Springs, First	232	103	1
Parsons, First	212	90	
Philadelphia	190	48	
Portland, First	317	107	
Rockwood, Eureka	127	59	
Whites Creek	110	42	
Sevierville, Alder Branch	109	68	
Antioch	250	83	
Beech Springs	86	47	
Boyd's Creek	94	54	
First	520	167	
Knob Creek	104	66	
Wears Valley	100	49	
Zion Hill	131	67	
Shelbyville, First	369	80	
Shelbyville Mills	262	101	2
Somerville, First	242	112	
Summerville	125	56	2
Trezevant, First	189	79	
Troy	184	121	2
Tullahoma, First	538	124	
Lincoln Heights	98	59	2
Highland	192	117	
Union City, First	664	166	
Samburg	50	40	
Second	262	118	2
Watertown, Round Lick	224	117	
White Pine, Leadvale	147	106	
Winchester, First	310	71	
Mission	15		

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28 Nurses To Graduate At Mid State School Of Nursing

The 41st commencement for Mid State Baptist Hospital School of Nursing will be held at eight o'clock on Friday evening, August 28, in the hospital's Medical Auditorium. Twenty-eight students will be graduated. The Honorable Buford Ellington, governor of the State of Tennessee, will deliver the commencement address.

Diplomas will be awarded by Mr. Gene Kidd, administrator and the pins will be presented by Mrs. Janie F. Sullivan, director of nursing education.

Others on the program include Mr. Jack Massey, chairman of the hospital's board of trustees; Dr. C. C. Woodcock, president of the medical staff; Dr. G. Allen West, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church and member of the board of trustees; Mrs. Herman A. Smith, president of the Ladies Auxiliary; Miss Elizabeth Wall, associate professor of music at Belmont College; Mr. Fred Bell, the hospital's chaplain; and Mrs.

Mary Alice McMains, class sponsor.

President of the class is Miss Jamie Stone, Chapmansboro, Tenn.

The baccalaureate service will be held at the regular morning worship service of Woodmont Baptist Church, Sunday, August 23.

Graduates from Tennessee are Marie Neville Adair, Watertown; Joy Kennedy Aldredge, Nashville; Anita Allen, Old Hickory; Peggy Allen, Shelbyville; June Baggett, Nashville; Suzanne Barry, Nashville; Ann Richardson Becker, McMinnville; Tommie Bruce, Dickson; Sammie Lynn Chance, Cookeville; Martha Duke, Woodbury; Shirley Hill, Donelson; Marjorie Boone Jenckes, Nashville; Rita Lewis, Dickson; Darby McCaslin, Dickson; Alice McKinney, Old Hickory; Nancy North, Lawrenceburg; Dorcas Paris, Daylight; Bennie Parrish, Manchester; Linda Sipe, Nashville; and June Williams, Madison.

ABOUT OUR STATE

Thomas J. Murphy, son of Dr. and Mrs. Slater A. Murphy of Highland Heights Church, Memphis, was ordained to the gospel ministry in a recent service by Highland Heights Church.

Burt Church, Salem Association, ordained Murray Brandon, Hershell Tenny and Amon Pack as deacons. Loyd M. Smith is pastor.

Philadelphia Church in Loudon County Association ordained five deacons August 2. Those ordained were Stanley Davis, Emmet Carter, Leon Hill, Leonard Milsaps and Dan Harris. Pastor Tom Scarbrough questioned the candidates, W. E. Edwards, Sr., oldest deacon of the church, led the ordination prayer, and Bernard Courtney, pastor of Loudon Mission, brought the message.



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By Oscar Lee Rives

Pleading For Forgiveness

TEXTS: Daniel 1 to 6 and 9 (Larger)—Daniel 9:4-10, 17-19 (Printed)—II Chronicles 7:14 (Golden).

The Golden Text gives us God's way to have a revival. Attention is called to it, therefore, as an introduction to this lesson. Four things are necessary upon the part of His people: first, humility of attitude; second, genuineness of prayer; third, earnestness in seeking for His forgiveness; fourth, sincerity of repentance. The Lord promises to do two things: first, to hear the petitions of His people; second, to heal and restore the spiritual condition of the land. Daniel, as a man of prayer, illustrates the Golden Text in the account of the printed lesson. The writer of these notes was vividly impressed by seeing the Golden Text displayed on a huge banner or poster as it was suspended from the ceiling of the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn., and done in large letters of Old English. It was attractive as well as arresting. Since that time, and it was a number of years ago, he has tried to preach on numerous occasions and before various groups on the text.

Contrite Confession (vv. 4-6)

"We have sinned", Daniel confesses in

prayer. He pours out his heart in sincere contrition, both for himself and in behalf of his sinful people. One wonders if this note is gradually disappearing from our midst. Does the pulpit as well as the pew appear before the Lord in prayer in a penitent frame of mind? Do we always pray from the depth of our souls, "forgive us our debts"? Are we conscious that our land is sick spiritually? We must place ourselves alongside the publican who smote his breast saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner", if we would be received and heard and blest. Daniel was a man of influence and power but he never lost his humility.

Confident Committal (vv. 7-10)

"To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses", mentions Daniel in his prayer. He was willing and confident to trust himself and his people to One such as this, knowing that He would do the right thing. But what else can a sinner do except to confess his sins with deep and genuine sorrow and then throw himself on "the mercy of the court"? Sin brings spiritual bankruptcy, moral degradation and utter self-denial. The sinner stands before the Lord as a beggar and we have a saying that "beggars cannot be choosers". The

Psalmist phrases it in these words: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Ps. 51:17). The mistake is made when man thinks that he is after all a rather decent person, maybe with a slight defect in his character and conduct but not too serious, and that God is under some sort of obligation to him. Daniel, however, views it differently as seen in his words: "O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face". This attitude upon his part caused him to commit himself and his people to the Lord's mercy, thus making possible God's gracious forgiveness.

Complete Consecration (vv. 17-19)

Daniel continues to supplicate: "Defer not, for thine own sake!" Because he was ready to dedicate himself and those in whose behalf he was praying, without any sort of reservation; he had sufficient faith in God to believe that He in turn would completely consecrate them once again to His service. The greatest desolation a people can experience is the consciousness that the Lord has in a very definite sense turned away His presence from them. We, in our own day, would do well to join in the whole-hearted plea here: "Cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate". Our churches may be beautiful, and they ought to be, but this isn't enough. Our program may be smooth and efficient, and it ought to be, but this is insufficient. Our greatest need is for the face of God to shine upon us. May it be so!

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I know that school activities are taking much of your time these days. However, you will always take time to be friendly. These letters from Young South friends will help. Which letter would you like to answer?

From Ronald Cassey, 1391 Robinhood Lane, Memphis, Tenn.:

I am 10 years old and go to Central Avenue Baptist Church. My hobbies are tennis, playing baseball, running races, and watching TV. I belong to the RA and have a lot of fun there. This is my first time to write you. I had to get some of my ideas from my sister Janice because I have never written to a pen pal—but I promise to write often, if someone will answer this letter.

From Judy Langford, West Cedar Street, Livingston, Tenn.:

I am 14 years of age and a freshman in high school. I attend Livingston Academy. I am a member of the First Baptist Church where I attend Sunday School, Training Union, and the GA. My hobbies are skating and swimming. I would like to have pen pals ages 14-up.

From Jimmie Nell Reagan, Route 2, Box 114, Byrdstown, Tenn.:

I am 15 years old and will be 16 in December. My hobbies are reading and collecting pictures.

I go to Pleasant View Baptist Church where I am a member.

I would like to have pen pals about my age. Be sure that I will answer every letter I get!

From Janice Hanna, 118 Belmont, Jackson, Tenn.:

I am almost 12 years old and will be going to Tiggrett Junior High School this fall. I go to Parkview Baptist Church. I like roller skating, and playing the piano. I have a sister, age 9 years, and a brother, age 1 (almost 2) years. I am a member of the GA in our church.

I want pen pals—boys and girls—any age. Thank you.

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

I am 11 years old and will be in the sixth grade at school.

I am a Christian and a member of the Siam Baptist Church. I am president of the GA in our church. I went to the GA Camp July 13-17.

This is my second time to write to you. I haven't any pen pals yet, but I hope to get some, (ages 10-12). I would also like to have pictures of all of my pen pals, if

that is possible. And I promise to answer every letter I receive.

My hobbies are piano, swimming, skating, and GA activities.

I have dogs for pets. One of my dogs is named "Prince." We have four puppies.

I would like to have many pen pals. Thank you.

From Betty Sue Delk, Route 1, Box 39, Jamestown, Tenn.:

I am 12 years old. My birthday is January 4. I have two brothers.

I like to go to church. The preacher is Brother Joey Furman.

My hobbies are watching TV and collecting records. I would like to have pen pals, ages 12-16. I hope to get pictures of all who write to me. Thank you.

From Elizabeth Ann Pryor, Route 3, Maryville, Tenn.:

I am 13 years old. My birthday is October 21. I am a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church and I belong to the GA there.

I like sports very much. I played basketball while in Junior High School. I also like football and softball. And I like to listen to the radio.

I am in the ninth grade at Porter High School. I hope to get letters from boys and girls ages 13-up. And I would like to get pictures of all my pen pals. I will try to answer every letter I get. Thanks for printing my letter.

From Frances Laton, 6896 Summer Ave., Box 178-B, Memphis 8, Tenn.:

I am 12 years old and in the seventh grade at Bartlett High School. I live at the Baptist Children's Home in Memphis. Rev. E. A. Butler is the superintendent. Mrs. Grace Law is my housemother.

I would like to have pen pals ages 12-up. I will try hard to answer every letter I get.

My interests are reading, writing, watching TV, and sewing.

I would like to get photographs of all my pen pals. Thank you.

Some of our Young South friends have been very busy all summer and have not written letters about their vacation activities. I hope these boys and girls will soon find opportunity to write news notes and mail them to me. Many of our Young South readers have been watching as anxiously as I for letters from the boys and girls who keep their word pictures up to date! Thank you for your help.

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

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

"The difference between a woman and a glass," said the funny fellow, "is that the glass reflects without speaking, while a woman speaks without reflecting."

"And the difference between you and a glass," said the sharp girl, "is that the glass is polished."

The bravest sound in the world is a puppy's bark, from under the porch.

An old Indian was standing on the top of a hill with his son, looking over the beautiful valley below them. Said the old Indian, "Some day, my son, all this land will belong to the Indians again. Paleface all go to the moon."

America has drive-in theaters, drive-in supermarkets, drive-in restaurants and drive-in banks. What it needs now are more drive-in parking places.

Many employees spend time shining up to the boss that they should use polishing off some work.

Repartee is what a person thinks of after he becomes a departee.

A man pays a luxury tax on a leather billfold and an income tax on the stuff he puts into it, and a sales tax when he takes the stuffing out of it.

An automobile is a machine with four wheels, a motor and not quite enough seats, which enables people to get about with great rapidity and ease to places they never bothered going to before and where they'd just as soon not go now, because now they are there, there's no place to park.

According to a Penn. State University researcher, the average person speaks at the rate of 125 to 160 words a minute, but thinks four times faster than he speaks. This department knows plenty of people who can speak that fast without thinking at all.

The schoolboy's assignment was to illustrate the song, "America, the Beautiful."

The teacher recognized the flag, the map, the "purple" mountains, even the youthful artist's idea of "from sea to shining sea." But she couldn't understand the airplane in one corner, covered with red and yellow balls.

"That," explained the 7-year-old artist, "is the fruited plane."

The Parable Of The Soils

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Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18—23

In the first portion of this chapter Jesus tells the story of the parable of the soils, or as it is more commonly known, the parable of the sower. Keep in mind, however, that the sower is the same and the seed is the same. The difference in the fruit depends upon the soil. Verses 18-23 then explain the meaning of the parable.

Have you wondered why there is so little deep and genuine response to the Gospel? Why is it that so many people hear the Gospel preached but so few respond with any depth of sincerity? Christianity has been in existence now over 1900 years but only a very minute percentage of the total population of the world are Christians. Even in so-called Christian America only 60 per cent have any relation whatsoever with any kind of religious organization.

Jesus attempted to explain this response to the gospel as he talked about human hearts but interpreted them in terms of the difference in the condition of the soil in which the sower planted his seed.

The Hardened Heart

Jesus said that some seeds fell by the wayside, that is, on the path where the feet of men had packed the soil so that it was too hard for seed to grow. The birds quickly picked up the seeds and the seeds had no chance.

This is the hardened heart. The person who has hardened his heart by repeated decisions against God is the person we have commonly referred to as being gospel-hardened. He has heard the gospel preached most of his life but has presented his own arguments against it.

This is frequently the kind of person who makes no claim at all to being a Christian but studies Scripture purely for the purpose of arguing. He seems to relish an opportunity of getting a minister into an argument over some Scripture. His interpretations are usually warped to his own perspective but his heart is so hardened that however much he may know the Scripture he does not let the Scripture take rootage in his own soul and have its redeeming effect upon him. His heart is so hardened by constant familiarity with the Scripture that the Scripture has no chance.

The Shallow Heart

The second group Jesus talked about was the seed which fell upon stony places where there was no depth of earth and the seed quickly sprang up but soon died because it did not have soil enough to sustain life.

This is the human heart which has been

shallowed by repeated decisions of an impulsive nature for God. Many people make impulsive and superficial decisions for God. They make promises to God but do not carry out those promises. These are the people with good intentions but either insincere in purpose or impulsive in nature. These are the fluctuating church members who are very enthusiastic, when there is a strong program going in the church, but when the way gets difficult they soon cool off.

These people with shallow hearts have repeatedly said yes to God but because they did not let these decisions bear fruitage in their lives it became easier and easier to say yes but seldom if ever, did they actually carry through on the decision for God. These people are weak in being swayed by whatever emotional appeal may come. They consider religion to be emotion and when they are emotionally aroused they are religious but when they are not they lose their religious fervor. These shallow hearts do not last long in the kingdom of God.

The Crowded Heart

The third type of soil was the one in which the seed fell among thorns but because the thorns grew faster or had a head start they soon choked the seed and it withered.

Jesus said this is the human heart which may receive the Word of God but because it has the cares of this world dominant in its concern along with the deceitfulness of riches it allows these human elements to fulfill.

This is the heart which is crowded by repeated decisions of a conflicting nature. This is the person who decides on Sunday for God but decides on Monday for the world. This is the person who, moved by emotional appeals, will respond with apparent sincerity but as soon as the temptations of sin become acute he surrenders to that likewise. This person attempts to mingle religion and the world. He decides one day for God and the next day for sin. Frequently he is puzzled at his own indecision, or conflicting decisions, and wonders why he cannot hold out in the work. This is the person who thinks he can be in the world and in the church at the same time. He fails to see the radical disagreement between the spirit of God and the spirit of sin. He fails to see that a radical choice must be made between one or the other.

The Fruitful Heart

The fourth kind of soil was where the seed fell into good ground and brought forth

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This is the heart which hears the Word of God, understands it, and then lives out in his life the response to this Word. This is the heart which receives the gospel, understands it, and thus bears fruit. This heart is fruitful because this person has made repeated genuine decisions for God and has followed up these decisions in dedication to him.

It is easy for a person to get the habit of saying no to the spirit of God. It is likewise easy to get the habit of saying yes superficially. It is just as easy to get the habit of making conflicting decisions on different occasions.

God's true purpose, however, is for you and me to make genuine decisions for him and to carry out those decisions in our lives. This is the Christian life that is fruitful. This is the kind of soil, in terms of the human heart, that God wants. This is the only kind of human heart in which the spirit of Christ can have his true work. Through his redeeming grace and through our spiritual dedication the true purposes of God are fulfilled in the development of Christian life and service.