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... Remove the Mote From Our Own Eyes

At the recent meeting of our Convention in Gatlinburg, the Credentials Committee called attention to 123 messengers being registered from 22 Associations beyond the number authorized the particular churches by our Constitution. The Credentials Committee believes that many of these registered either through a lack of knowledge of the provisions of the Constitution or a laxity in the observance of those provisions. Normally, we are sure, such a disregard of our rules would have gone unnoticed. However, there were two conditions that called for a closer scrutiny in the past session. One was the number of close votes that prevailed during the meeting. These close divisions prompted our past President on several occasions to call attention to the fact that only duly elected messengers were authorized to vote. The other condition was a remark made by some leaving the Convention Hall, "They told us we couldn't vote but we showed them."

Whatever the cause of such registration beyond the limits provided by the Constitution, it becomes a thing of concern to all of us as we reflect upon it. Particularly is it deploring in view of all the publicized practice of deceit and fraud in other areas. As Baptist people we are rightly concerned with the practice of genuine democratic principles. We hesitate at anything that has the appearance of centralization of power. We must remember, though, that the first step toward anarchy is apathy toward rules which govern us.

As Chairman of the Credentials Committee I call your attention again to the provisions of the Constitution pertaining to the number of messengers.

"The Convention shall be composed of one messenger from each cooperating church; and each church shall be entitled to one additional messenger for every one hundred members above one hundred, subject to a maximum of ten messengers from any one church."

The only corrective measure we know is to plead for more careful observance and a deep conviction of integrity on the part of all concerned. As we think and plan toward the Convention in Nashville next year, let's be sure that the mote has been removed from our own eyes.—Robert W. Ivy, Chairman, Credentials Committee, T.B.C.



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NASHVILLE—(BP)—Southern Baptists will be among the 18 million Baptists in North America who launch a year of devotion to Christian education on Jan. 1.

The seven Baptist groups in North America who are co-operating in the Baptist Jubilee Advance have set apart 1960 "for a continent-wide Baptist devotion to the searching claims of Christian education upon the faith, hope, and love of the people of God."

The inter-convention Baptist Jubilee Advance committee issued a proclamation for the year, entitled "Baptists Must Teach Christ."

The proclamation declares that "The gospel must be taught before it can be caught . . . There can be no effective transmission of the gospel without consecrated teaching."

1960 will be the second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. It climaxes in 1964, Jubilee year—the 150th anniversary of the first nationwide Baptist convention in North America.

In addition to the Southern Baptist Convention, the following conventions are taking part: Baptist Federation of Canada;

North American Baptist General Conference; National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; Seventh Day Baptist Conference; American Baptist Convention, and National Baptist Convention of America.

Howard B. Foshee, secretary of church administration for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, is a member of the inter-convention committee directing the 1960 emphasis on "Bible Teaching and Training."

Bradley Assn. Elects Rymer

Bradley County Association has elected J. W. Rymer as Superintendent of Missions, succeeding Horace Gennoe, who has accepted another position. At the present time, Brother Rymer is pastor of First Church, Charleston, where he has served for the past five years. During this time a new educational building has been constructed and paid for; 123 have been added to the church. He has served as president of the pastors' conference, secretary of the executive committee, chairman of the executive committee, and has been elected as moderator of the association, but is resigning this position.

Devotional

High Voltage On Campus

I remember a game that was a little shocking to one person as the game was played. We would form a circle leaving only one link broken—without the person on the end knowing it, the first person would take hold of a live wire; the current would run through each person till the one on the end got "the shock of their lives." Games are to be played to be enjoyed, not to injure—therefore, I do not advocate that you experiment with this shocker.

We would not have far to walk from where we are right now to find the words "high voltage." This gives us the needed warning. We either retrace our steps or go around the dangerous area. Frequently, we are warned about some wires that are not wrapped in friction tape. No one dares go near such. Nevertheless, high voltage has a role to play—it takes current over a large area in an effective way (Norris Dam—etc.).

No commitment could have more implications than for one to feel the imperative of being a high voltage Christian on campus. Shock people occasionally—it will do them good and you too.

Would it shock your room-mate to come in and find you reading the Bible? Then, for a change, shock that person. Would it shock your friends to know that you pray

more than just when you need Him most? Then, shock your friends. Would it shock the people around you if you chose to go to prayer meeting? Then, allow them for once to be shocked. Would it shock the people that you eat with if you began using correct table manners during each meal? Then, the shock would be worth the effort. Would your pastor be surprised if you asked for some people to visit? This could be advantageous to him as well as to you. What would happen if you chose the best person on campus to have a date with—it would shock some people. What would be the reaction by your parents if you wrote home and shared with them your intention to discipline yourself more in the art of studying? It would shock some to see you carrying your Bible to church. Still to others it would be a surprise to know that you had resolved never to cheat not just in school but also in every area of life. Provided some were told that you now had an aim, purpose and ambition, these too would be shocked.

You are the "high voltage" on campus—the current must not stop with you. Every student who is a Christian should feel that every day he has a divine appointment with God in every aspect of the collegiate environment.—Russell E. Bridges, Baptist Student Director, U. T. Medical Units, Memphis.

Miami Place To Pray As Well As To Play

MIAMI, Fla.—(BP)—People come to Miami to pray as well as to play.

While the south Florida tourist resort may be better known for its horse tracks, it is also a city of churches.

Churches in Florida—particularly in the Miami area—may be a little more contemporary and varied in architecture and people who attend them may be a little more informal in dress. But there are just as many places to worship here as in the average cities around the nation and just as many folks, percentagewise, attend.

The religious community here is doing its best to keep abreast of the floodtide of visitors and new residents. In Greater Miami alone, churches are building at a \$2 million a year clip.

Like most Southern states, Florida has more Baptists, Methodists, and Catholics than anything else. There are 450,000 members of 1,340 Southern Baptist churches in the state. Of those, 87 churches and 50,000 members are in the Miami area.

There are 221,000 Methodists in 522 churches across the state, of which there are 35,000 in 52 churches in the Miami District.

Catholics have 190 churches serving about 276,000 people throughout the state, thirty-five of those churches are used by

nearly 100,000 Roman Catholics in Greater Miami.

Miami has the largest Jewish population in the South—about 100,000 persons—and has 40 synagogues for their worship.

And Lutherans are probably stronger in numbers here than anywhere in the South.

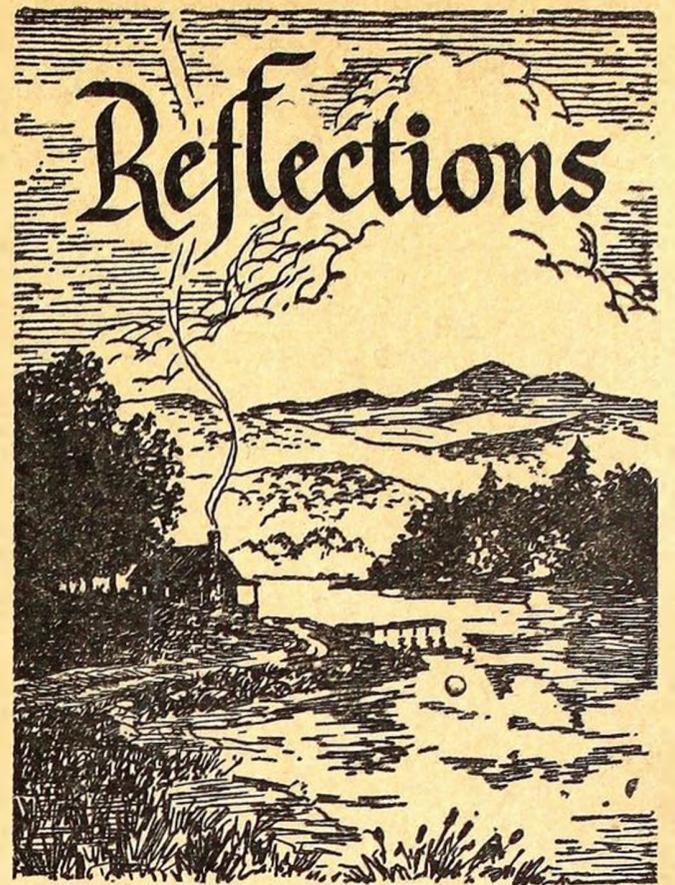
More and more Miami is becoming the site of the big religious conventions (such as the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention) because it is one of the few cities with an exhibition hall and hotel facilities capable of handling such crowds.

In addition, Miami offers one of the nation's largest outdoor Easter pageants in the Orange Bowl, and a unique Biblical garden at St. James Lutheran Church in Coral Gables.

There are roughly 5,000 in the state with about 2 million official members out of a state population in the neighborhood of 4,000,000.

That's slightly under the national average of 60 per cent of the population who are members of churches and synagogues.

But the figures are a little deceiving since the number of Florida residents is growing so fast and surveys indicate that the average newcomer takes two years before officially transferring his membership from his church up north. Yet he is attending services here all the time.



Until we solve the human equation called man and get him straightened out, we will never have a peaceful world. You've got to build a better man before you can build a better society.—Billy Graham, evangelist.

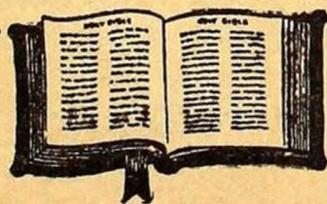
(God) cannot possibly lead someone who purports to be willing to obey Him one moment and like a balky mule, insists on his own way at the next moment . . . Even as there can be static on a radio, so we can get crossed up if we rely on the inner receiving set alone. The static can come from our human desires. In this day of psychoanalysis, we also know that it can come from subconscious levels that God has not yet fully entered and cleaned.—Catherine Marshall, *Woman's Editor*, "How You Can Find God's Will," *Christian Herald*.

Davis M. Paasewe, Monrovia, Liberia, *in the U.S. to study police methods*: "When a child won't go to school in Liberia, we have him sweep up and wash windows in the police station. After a day of that he wants to go back to school."

There comes a period in every life when we can go forward only by going backward and returning to those truths we have dropped along the way, to re-examine and reappraise for their possible usefulness in time to come. The man who never goes back to his past, never understands his future; the man who never picks up what he has once thrown away, never grows, but merely changes.—Sydney J. Harris, *Chicago News*.

According to the *Journal of Lifetime Living*, non-smokers in England now get a 15% reduction in car insurance premiums—on the theory that they have fewer accidents. London brokers, it is said, are also offering discounts to this group for health and accident insurance.

Bible Break



By Ruby Lee Adams

There is nothing in the teaching and nothing in the example of Jesus Christ to justify the impression that the way to fellowship with God is by shutting ourselves out from fellowship with our fellowmen. Jesus taught that the way to secure this fellowship with God is by the service to humanity.

Just before his crucifixion, Jesus gathers his special friends about him for a quiet, sacred conference. In this conference he repeats the same two lessons: the inspiration to activity—the fellowship with God, the object of activity—the service of man. 'Abide in me, and I in you. Because I live, ye shall live also, and ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 'This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you.'

After his resurrection, Jesus meets his disciples and gives them their commission. The commission which he gives is precisely the commission which was given to him, and the endowment which he bestows on them is precisely the endowment which was bestowed upon him.

At every step religion has grown more human, more simple, more closely inwoven with human life; it seems to grow clearer as we thus look at life.

Our task is to try and make this poor earth a little more fit for man, and the human race itself a little more worthy of itself; taking what we can get, accepting facts as they are, working out our own lives as best we can. We will use history, seizing the most that science, thought, and industry can offer to improve our lot. And to contribute to this work, in however humble a way, is itself an adequate end of life, and will bring to every man and woman who shares in it their due measure of honor, happiness and peace.

Editorials

Both Belmont And Southern Seminary Win

Two news items of much importance educationally came out of Louisville, Kentucky, this past week. The first was of particular significance to Tennessee Baptists. It told of the accreditation of Belmont College in Nashville as a four-year institution. The second was of significance to Baptists in a wider area. It brought information that Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville has been voted continued accreditation by the Commission of the American Association of Theological Schools. Both items of news are greatly encouraging to Baptists' educational programs.

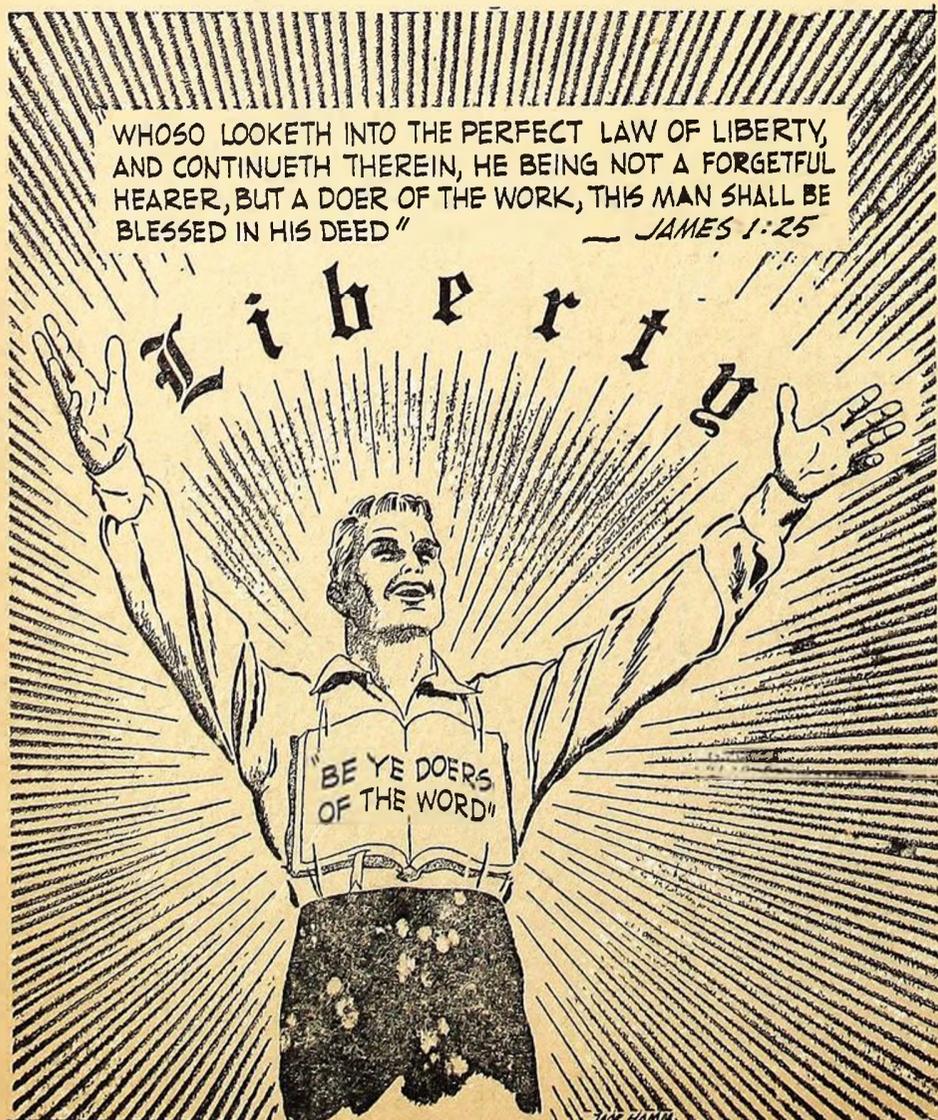
President Herbert C. Gabhart and the administration of Belmont College take justifiable pride in the recognition that school has now won with the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in its annual meeting last week in Louisville. Previously accredited as a junior institution Belmont now has gained accreditation in its advanced status as a four-year college. This comes as the result of eight years of effort in constantly building up the school so as to meet the requirements. Many people shared in making possible this desired new status for Tennessee Baptists' newest member in its educational system. Belmont will be able to render an even better service to all who enter its academic portals now that its senior accreditation has been achieved. Along with Carson-Newman College and Union University, Tennessee Baptists have in Belmont also an accredited institution of higher learning. The picture is brighter with this news.

The action taken by the American Association of Theological Schools December 4 at Louisville makes the picture brighter

also for Southern Baptists' oldest seminary. For two years it has passed through a very trying ordeal in which its standing has been jeopardized. Now that cloud has been removed through the vote to continue the Seminary's accreditation. All Southern Baptists have cause to be enheartened that this is so. A telegram to this paper from Lamar Jackson, chairman of the Seminary's Board of Trustees, Duke K. McCall, the Seminary's President, and Penrose St. Amant, the Seminary's Chairman of Faculty-Trustee Committee on Accreditation tells that, though accreditation continues in recognition of the positive steps the Seminary has taken for its improvement, more needs to be done to strengthen the institution according to the accrediting body. We give here the telegram:

The Commission on Accrediting of the American Association of Theological Schools on Dec. 4, 1959 "voted to continue accreditation" of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The "report made it clear that the authorities of the Seminary had taken certain positive steps on behalf of the dismissed professors and for the Seminary's improvement" although the Commission did not feel that fully adequate steps had been taken. Strengthening of the faculty, improvement of faculty salaries, and library facilities were noted as necessary by the Commission. This continues the integral relationship between the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the American Association of Theological Schools which has been unbroken since 1938.—Lamar Jackson, Chairman Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Duke K. McCall, President, and Penrose St. Amant, Chairman Faculty-Trustee Committee on Accreditation.

Freedom Through Obedience



Free From Pressures

We raise the question; How free from pressures are we in our voting? This we ask about such gatherings as our State or Southern Baptist Conventions. We are not intimating that anybody is intimidating anyone, directly or indirectly, in the way he or she should vote. But we affirm that true democracy is tied in with the privilege of a secret ballot. This has long been recognized in our political elections. Privacy of the voting booth is a part of the casting of free votes.

In an assembly, gathering, or Convention, time may be saved by resorting to voiced vote or standing vote. But at the same time something may be sacrificed if on the part of anyone a question lurks concerning the full freedom of each to declare himself or herself on the issues involved. In view of this, we give our hearty indorsement to the motion made at our recent State Convention by Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis. It calls for a secret ballot by the Convention on any major issues coming before it, or concerning the discontinuance of any institution. This would require a change in the by-laws of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The matter had its first reading before the Tennessee Baptist Convention at Gatlinburg. To become effective it will have to be presented again and approved next year by the Convention when it meets in Nashville.

State Board Begins New Organization

The Executive Board, in its first meeting since the State Convention at Gatlinburg took steps to effect the new organization as authorized by the Tennessee Baptist Convention upon recommendation of its Survey Committee. The present Board, as heretofore, is still composed of 54 members. But it will be enlarged to a maximum of 75 beginning in 1961.

Elected December 1 by the Board were Rev. E. E. Deusner of Lexington, chairman; Rev. Grant Jones of Lewisburg, vice-chairman; Dr. Robert L. McCan of Clarksville, recording secretary; and Dr. W. Fred Kendall of Nashville, executive secretary.

The six committees of the Board are yet to be named. These will be nominated by a Committee appointed by Chairman Deusner of which Rev. W. A. Boston of Raleigh is chairman. Other members of the nominating committee are Rev. George Capps, Jr., of Parsons; Rev. Carl P. Daw, Murfreesboro; Dr. Tom Madden, Tullahoma; Rev. A. H. Hicks, Morristown; Rev. Wilford Lee, Elizabethton; Rev. Raymond DeArmond, Knoxville; Rev. Floyd Cates, Bolivar, and Rev. Jesse Newton of Halls. To avoid unnecessary cost involved in re-assembling the Board, nominations made by this committee will be submitted to the Executive Secretary. Then members of the Board will be polled for their vote on the nominations made for personnel of the following six committees: *Administrative, Tennessee Baptist Program, State Missions, Education, Christian Services, Denominational Cooperation, Public Affairs and Christian Life.*

These committees, with their work in specialized areas, will provide closer liaison

between the Executive Board and every area of work of the Convention, according to Executive Secretary Kendall. "They are service committees and the only committee with power to act is the Administrative Committee and its authority is limited," Kendall stated.

The Executive Board received detailed reports of the past year's expenditures by the various departments of work and passed upon budgets submitted by the Appropriations Committee for 1960 which is also headed by Chairman Deusner. These budgets totaled \$1,208,131.17. Of this, the Administrative budget is \$45,831.49; Promotional, \$350,532.44; Preferred Items and Reserve, \$33,425.00; the various departments of State Mission, \$597,674.76; Tennessee Baptist Press, \$128,667.48; other miscellaneous budgets including such items as church lots, ministerial students aid, student center capital needs, and off-campus extension schools coming to \$52,000.00

In other action taken by the Board, approval was given to Union University's request of permission to borrow \$300,000 for capital needs to be used for the erection of a dormitory for men, provided the trustees provide a safe plan of financing and plans for re-payment of the loan.

In keeping with the action of the Tennessee Baptist Convention instructing the Board of Trustees of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy to receive no more tax money from the Sevier County Board of Education for the tuition of county students in the school at Seymour, the Executive Board voted to take from the Convention's Reserve Fund the amount neces-

sary to meet this for the present school year. This amount will be determined by the president of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, the superintendent of Sevier County schools, and the Executive Secretary.

The Board gave approval for a three-months trial of the proposed Southern Baptist Press teletype service in cooperation with other states sharing in this trial period.

The Board adopted the job descriptions and classifications of the department heads of the State Mission division as recommended in the detailed report of the Convention's Survey Committee. It also clarified the title of the "Administrative Assistant", deleting the words "acting as director of State Missions and denominational relations director and program analyst" from the chart as printed in the preconvention book of reports.

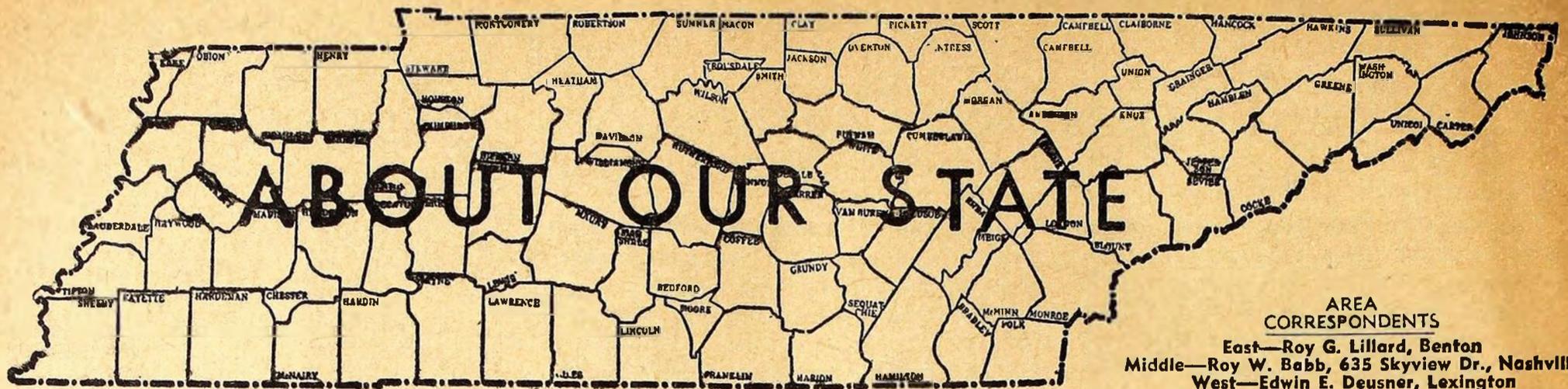
The Executive Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to prepare a budget manual in accordance with the recommendation of the Survey Committee, setting forth detailed plans for the new program type of budgeting to be used in 1961. This manual is to be ready for adoption by the Executive Board at the mid-year meeting which has been set for May 31, 1960.

The Board also proposed that the transfer of the function of the Directors of the Tennessee Baptist Press to the Administrative Committee be completed by July 1, 1960. Also that by the same date the work of the Education Commission be transferred to the Education Committee, and the work of the Hospital Commission be transferred to the Christian Services Committee.

Upon recommendation of Convention president Gaye McGlothlen, action was taken to have further information sent out through the office of the Executive Secretary to acquaint the churches with the Convention's regulations on registration of messengers.



NASHVILLE—New men (standing) are being recognized as members of TBC Executive Board. New chairman E. E. Deusner of Lexington (center picture, left) is welcomed by former chairman Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg. Officers of the Board (right) include Deusner, W. Fred Kendall, treasurer, and at left, Robert L. McCan, recording secretary.



A team from Union University conducted a youth revival at Leawood Church, Memphis, November 20-22. Allen Bartlett was the preacher; James Allcott was song leader; Nancy Taylor, pianist; Nancy Green, organist; and Judy Verner, fellowship director. Jerry Glisson is the Leawood pastor.

Herschel Woodburn, pastor of First Church, Dover for the past two years, has resigned to accept a call from Gethsemane Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio.

First Church, Ridgely, Bill F. Riley, Jr., pastor, has inaugurated the rotation plan for deacons. Herbert Thompson and W. B. Epps, Jr., were recently ordained to this office.

After 5½ years as music and education director at Raleigh Church, Fate Morris, Jr., has resigned. W. A. Boston is the pastor.

Euel Britt and Densel Bivens were recently ordained as deacons of Union Grove Church near Beech Bluff. Leon Mayo is the pastor.

Pastor L. H. Hatcher, McKenzie, has been in a revival with Whitten Memorial Church, Memphis, James E. Tanksley, pastor. In his absence the pulpit was supplied by Dean F. E. Wright of Union University.

First Church, Parsons, George E. Capps, Jr., pastor, is re-modeling its auditorium and also is making some changes on the front. Total cost is expected to run in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

Kennedy Church, Memphis, D. Kenneth Duncan, pastor, recently ordained Vernon T. Pate to the office of deacon.

Boulevard Church, Memphis, surprised Pastor and Mrs. C. M. Pickler on the night of November 15, it being their 17th anniversary with the Church. After a "This Is Your Life" type of program, Brotherhood President Ed Routt informed Dr. and Mrs. Pickler that arrangements had been made to fly them to New Orleans for a two weeks vacation. They were also told not to worry about a supply for the pulpit since that had been arranged. J. W. Carney and R. O. Pittman preached on the following Sunday.

Lawson H. C. Cooke is being kept busy. The former Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission supplied for Pastor P. O. Davidson at Frayser on Nov. 22.

First Church, Dyersburg, Robert L. Orr, pastor, has purchased a parsonage at a cost of \$16,000 and will make extensive repairs on it. The church has purchased additional property adjacent to their present building at a cost of \$25,000.

Joe Paul Pruitt, a member of First Church, Milan, E. L. Smothers, pastor, recently announced his call to the ministry.

Carroll-Benton Association — Missionary Grove has entered its new building; Glendale Arnold has resigned at Hopewell; Kenneth Brewer is now pastor at Eva; Van Mathis, Bruceton, has been called to Chalk Level and Eagle Creek; Mt. Nebo has installed new pews.

Rowland Crawford, former pastor of Longcrest Church, Memphis, is now pastor of Victory Heights Church, Memphis.

A. D. Foreman, Jr., for the past ten years pastor of Temple Church, Memphis, is being sent to the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro.

Harmony Church in Dyer Association observed homecoming November 22 with V. E. Boston of Newbern as guest speaker. The Church extended an invitation to former pastors and members to attend and lunch was served at the noon hour. Mrs. Cherry Combs reports this interesting item from the Harmony Church.

Dr. Ralph Bethea, missionary appointee to Indonesia, was the speaker at West Jackson Church, David Q. Byrd, pastor, on November 8.

Hugh L. Callens, pastor at Trezevant, now has a radio program over WORM, Savannah. It may be heard each Saturday from 10 'til 10:30 a.m.

Pastor E. L. Smothers, First Church, Milan, has been preaching in a revival at Newbern, T. T. Newton, pastor. In his absence the pulpit at Milan was supplied by Herbert C. Gabhart.

Pastor Henry A. Turner, Calvary Church, Parsons, led his people in a "Get Acquainted Revival" the week of November 15. It was his first week on the field.

Sand Ridge Church near Lexington has called Adron Horne as pastor and he accepted. He is a student at Union University.

Pastor Lyn Claybrook reports a great month in his church at Cottage Grove. Last December this congregation had the misfortune of losing its building by fire. Ten months later the meeting-place had been rebuilt. On the Tuesday following the first service in the new edifice the pastor's son, Prince Edward Claybrook, came from Cynthiana, Ky., to preach in a revival. October 18 was the day for the formal opening and hundreds came from near and far to see the beautiful new building. A. G. McCollum of Paris conducted the song services during the meeting. Souls were saved and the work was greatly strengthened.

On December 1, Carson-Newman College's new Health and Physical Education Building was dedicated. This is an important addition to the facilities of the college.

Bob Wilson of First Church, Maryville, has been elected president of Ministers of Education Association, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Miss Shirley Grisette has resigned from the secretarial staff of the same church.

In keeping with the theme of the year, the Sunday school of First Church, Benton, promoted a panel discussion with the subject, "Helping the Teacher." Five Polk County public school teachers served as a panel and included, Mrs. Roscoe Rogers, Mrs. Earl Hale, Mrs. H. C. Sartin, Mrs. Laura Lillard, and Mr. Charles Chamberlain, with Mrs. Mary Barnes, superintendent of training, and D. W. Pickelsimer, pastor.

Word has been received that Mrs. J. Burch Cooper's father, Carl Roy Ware, 74, passed away November 4 at the Cooper home, 1041 N. 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Rev. Richard L. Johnson who became superintendent of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home at Chattanooga, December 1, had served First Church, Shelbyville three years coming from the pastorate of North Jackson Church, Jackson. His resignation to the Shelbyville Church, November 22, was received with regret. He was active in civic and religious affairs in Shelbyville and had served as moderator of New Duck River Association.

Wilford Lee, pastor of First Church, Elizabethton, has been named interim appointee on the 51-member board of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He replaces the late Paul Wieland, pastor emeritus of First Church, Trenton.

Thomas C. Smith has resigned as pastor of Grace Church, Bethpage, to become pastor of Ramah Church, Wilson County Association.

Pastor Joe B. Good of First Church, Mt. Pleasant, reports that there were six to join the church by letter, six by profession of faith and two rededications during the revival November 15-22.

The late Dr. Paul Wieland of Trenton was memorialized in resolutions by the Board of Trustees of Union University at its last meeting. He served as a trustee of Union University on its Executive Committee and was vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, "leading Christian people to higher levels of spiritual achievement."



FORT WORTH—Dr. Evan Allard Reiff, President of Hardin-Simmons University, will be the speaker for the Mid-winter commencement exercises at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, January 15 at 7:30 p.m.

There will be 116 diplomas and degrees awarded and conferred to students from 20 states and two foreign countries.

Nine of the graduating students are from Tennessee. They are top row, l to r, Luther F. Johnson, Maryville, MRE; Carl W. Quattlebaum, Memphis, BD-MRE; Anita Jean Easterwood, Hornbeak, MRE; Barbara Ruth Williams, Chattanooga, ARE; Harold Lee White, Knoxville, BD; bottom row, Mrs. Kenneth Cordell Hubbard, Milton, BRE; Charles Benton Williams, BD; J. C. Ogg, Fountain City, BD; and Otis F. Blankenship, Johnson City, MRE.

Dr. Charles Bond, Fountain City was the guest speaker at the Loyalty Dinner, First Church, Athens. This church has subscribed \$87,694.88 toward its new budget, with Paul J. Harting, pastor.

Miss Charlotte Key has been elected church organist by First Church, Oak Ridge.

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR has received resolutions from Bradley County Baptist Association concerning the work of Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Gennoe who served so willingly and manifested such a fine spirit of cooperation and special interest in the work where Brother Gennoe was superintendent of missions and Mrs. Gennoe served as clerk and secretary. They have gone to Chilhowee Association where Brother Gennoe is superintendent of Missions and Mrs. Gennoe is secretary.

Frank Koger, Eastern Division Director of Seminary Extension, Southern Baptist Convention, has just concluded a very successful revival at Washington Pike Church, Knoxville, D. L. Hammer, Jr., pastor. There were 23 additions, and many rededications. During the revival two of their fine young ladies surrendered to foreign mission service—Misses Patsy Strader and Brenda Acuff. On Nov. 29 this congregation licensed two of their young men: Charles B. Burnette, and James O. Hale.

Rev. Grant Lawson, 82, prominent Hancock County Baptist minister, died November 21. A widely known minister for 53 years, he was a member of Duck Creek Church.



CLINTON—First Church here achieved another milestone in laying the cornerstone for its new \$300,000 educational plant now under construction.

Among articles placed in the cornerstone were the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, minutes of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, letters from every department director of Tennessee Baptist work, from the President of the Southern Baptist Convention, and from the Governor of Tennessee. Local articles were from the Magnet Mills, department leaders

of the church and associational materials.

Mr. Jesse Daniel, Secretary of the Sunday School Department, TBC, was guest speaker.

Plans are to be in the new building by the first of April, 1960.

Shown here (L to R) are: Pastor Raymond Sanderson; L. Dow Brown, assoc. Director of T. U.; Dr. J. S. Hall, Chairman of Building Fund Committee; Harry Miller, Chairman, Board of Deacons; Jesse Daniel; James Gann, Sunday School Superintendent.

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Conference On Youth Well Attended

Over five hundred enthusiastic people gathered in Highland Heights Baptist Church for the first *Conference on Youth* in Tennessee. They came from seventy-nine churches in eight associations. The majority were from Shelby Association.

They were thrilled and helped on the first night by Dr. Donald Bell of Southwestern Seminary to understand youth better and to accept him as not being too difficult or different from people in other stages of development. They were led in conferences on vocational choices, recreation, marriage preparation, and parent relationships by Mr. John Tubbs, and Mr. Cecil McGee of the Sunday School Board, Dr. Don Corley of the Little Rock Baptist Hospital, and Mrs. Frank Boggs of Jackson.

"Remember When" was the theme of Tuesday's banquet where young people depicted characteristic scenes of youth yesterday and today.

Members of the Sunday School, W.M.U., Brotherhood, Music, Student, and Training

Union Departments formed panels to discuss "What the Churches Can Do for Intermediates, Young People, and Married Young People".

Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont College, in his stirring message on "Challenging Today's Youth" charged leaders and parents to challenge the youth of today to stretch his mind, to seize his heart, to seek the high road, and to submit his soul to Christ.

Our thanks to all who shared in the success of this conference.



Harris To Be Presented At TU Convention

NASHVILLE—Philip B. Harris will be introduced to Southern Baptists at the Nation-wide Training Union Convention as the new secretary of the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. The Convention will be held December 28-30 in the Atlanta, Ga., First Baptist Church and Municipal Auditorium.

Dr. Harris will succeed J. E. Lambdin as secretary of the Department. Dr. Lambdin has served in the position for 30 years. Referring to Dr. Harris, he says: "He is well qualified to take up the leadership of the Training Union Department and carry on. By experience and education he is well equipped to do the job. He is a man of wonderful Christian spirit and character. The members of the Training Union Department and the state workers know him and admire him . . . When you know him, you too, will love him."

Bearden Central Church, Knoxville, has adopted a budget of \$124,000, an increase of 20 per cent over this year's budget.

J. L. (Pete) Ford has resigned as pastor of Englewood Church, Jackson, to accept a call from First Church, Woodbury.

mission.

The Southern Baptist Convention assigned the Commission responsibility for working in the touchy area of Christian race relations. It also has work in the fields of crime and juvenile delinquency, marriage and the family, liquor and narcotics, and indecent literature.

Several 1960 programs have been planned by the Commission . . . a series of conferences on Southern Baptists' duty toward the aging; conferences on world peace at assemblies in Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C., and a seminar at United Nations next fall.

Miller said these activities will proceed as scheduled.



A. C. Miller Retiring From Office Jan. 31

NASHVILLE—(BP)—A. C. Miller of Nashville, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has announced his retirement on Jan. 31.

But the 68-year-old Baptist leader won't step out of service. He is accepting what he calls "my ministry in retirement."

He will serve as pastor of the Baptist church in Sedona, Ariz., 28 miles south of Flagstaff but live on his retirement income. Miller plans to remain active as a speaker at revivals, Baptist assemblies, and conferences, and to complete two books. The Sedona church, recently organized with 17 members, is located in a pioneer mission area for Southern Baptists.

Miller, in a technical sense, has been the only full-time administrator of the Christian Life Commission. Although he succeeded Hugh A. Brimm of Louisville, Ky., on Jan. 1, 1953, the agency then was the Social Service Commission.

A change in its name was already in the works.

The Christian Life Commission is expected to take due steps in the near future to seek Miller's successor.

Filling the shoes of executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission has not been an easy task. Miller's chief objective has been to develop a program to win Southern Baptists' acceptance of the com-

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Delightful Temperatures in Miami Beach

In selecting May for its Miami Beach sessions, the Southern Baptist Convention has chosen a month that many old-timers think is the best of all 12 in which to be in Miami Beach.

There are many facts to back up this viewpoint. Hustle and bustle of the winter vacation period has passed and the rush of the equally active summer holiday business is yet to come. Thus May has a more tranquil tempo that gives full opportunity for enjoyment of sights and activities of this all-year playground.

Nature co-operates to the fullest. May habitually is a month of delightful temperatures, sunny days and balmy nights. With the thermometer averaging 78 degrees such activities as swimming, sunning, fishing, boating, golf, tennis and sight-seeing seem made to order.

The advent of spring is accompanied by an increase in the number of vacationers who prefer to drive to Miami Beach. In its 400-mile length Florida offers widely differing scenic attractions and the motorist has an extensive choice of routes.

Those who fly, or come by train, find the use of a rental car is convenient and comparatively inexpensive. One of the world's largest, if not the largest, fleets of rental cars is headquartered in Miami Beach. Arrangements can be made to rent a car in Miami Beach and leave it at any other Florida city, if the vacationer wishes to see more of the state on the way home.

Miami Beach is a compact, modern resort community where the entire economy is tailored to catering to vacationers and seeing that they have what is needed for pleasant holidays. Because the city is compact but little time is needed for shifting from one recreation to another.

Warmth of the ocean comes as a pleasant surprise to those accustomed only to more northerly regions. Here is a gentle surf that is kind to both young and old, while the temperature of the sea, as well as of the hundreds of outdoor swimming pools, is in the high 70s. This means the bather or swimmer can stay in the water as long as he desires without having to thresh about to maintain a comfortable body temperature.

What to wear always is a question for persons visiting a new region. For Miami

Beach vacationers the answer is simple—light summery clothing for both men and women. The city is largely informal and dress clothing seldom is needed except during the winter. However, jacket and tie are required of men for lobby and dining room appearances after 6 p.m. Sports clothing is popular during the day and with women the use of wash and wear garments is gaining popularity rapidly.

Swimsuits—more than one—, of course, are essential. Most vacationers prefer more than one swim a day and it is far more pleasant always to have a dry swimsuit on hand.

Miami Beach is a fashion center and a city in which many of the high styles are introduced first. Here clothing can be bought frequently months before it is offered elsewhere, and yet the purchaser will pay no more than if he had waited. Thus it is that experienced Miami Beach vacationers usually arrive here with their baggage almost empty, and return with it bulging with new things that will enable them to be among the first at home to wear styles that will be increasingly popular as the months pass.



Miami Beach, Fla.—Southern Baptists will meet here in their 103rd annual session of the SBC May 17-20, 1960 in the Exhibition Hall shown above (left foreground). This air view shows the famous "hotel row" along the beach at the upper right. Adjoining the Exhibition Hall whose main area can seat 15,900 is the Miami Beach Auditorium for related meetings. In the immediate vicinity there is space for parking 3,500 cars. All hotels are in a short distance of the Exhibition Hall.

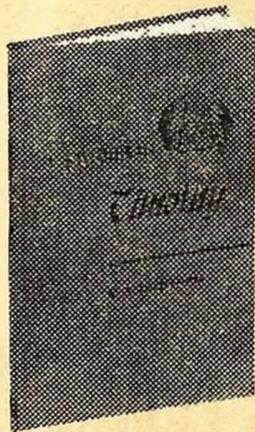
December Thinking and Planning for January Sunday School Emphasis

Plan Special Focus on Primaries. The 1959-60 Sunday School Planning Booklet suggests January for that emphasis. The January issue of *The Sunday School Builder* will have some helpful articles on this and other subjects. The contents of that issue are listed below:

- Page
1. (Cover) Primary emphasis
 2. (Inside Cover) Southern Baptist Sunday School Convention promotion
 3. Contents—Calendar
 4. Using the Bible with Primaries in the Home—Ann Bradford
 5. A Minister of Education Looks at His Primary Departments—Elmer Bailey
 6. California Promotes Primary Work—Furn L. Kelling
 7. The Cry of the Children—Claudia Royal
 8. "We Won't Be Back" — Anderine Farmer
 9. Only One Girl This Year—O. D. Horton
 10. New Work at LaPalma, Cuba—Reinaldo Medina
 12. We Started a Mission While Building at Home—Harry R. Taylor
 - Mojave Desert Flourishes — Roy E. Balard
 13. "No One Ever Told Me Until . . ."—John Maguire
 14. When You Take a Census—Belden M. Menkus
 15. When Should a New Member Be Enrolled?—R. Bates Ivey
 16. Using the Lesson Plan to Develop Teachers—Marvin Jones
 17. Fort Worth—Here We Come!—L. J. Newton, Jr.

18. A Plus to Visitation—Vivian Sanders
- Fishing Where You Are—Edith Limer Ledbetter
19. How Should a Church Distribute *Home Life?*—Richmond O. Brown
20. "No Frigate Like a Book"—Irma Russell Cruse
21. Your Church Library Can Improve Teaching—Wayne E. Todd
22. New Work in Arizona—E. M. Hunke, Jr.
23. Your Teaching Can Improve in 1960—E. Stanley Williamson
24. The Kindergarten Teacher—James C. Barry
25. Filmstrips on Teaching Improvement—Frank Armstrong
26. 1960—A Year of Opportunity to Improve Teaching in the Sunday School—J. Roger Skelton
- 27-74. (Regular features)

Plan Well for January Bible Study January 4-8



January Bible Study." It will be very helpful in using this filmstrip.

4. Pastor send special invitations to the deacons and the young people who have been called into a Church-Related Vocation.

5. Plan an associational or group preview study of the book. Some have secured a local pastor to plan an organized discussion of the book. This does not have to be an outstanding theologian, but one that will plan the discussion so each will share in it. This sharing of thoughts will enable all to do a better job of teaching, and encourage all the churches to participate in January Bible study.

Note! Publication of Book on Church Budget Delayed

Due to unforeseen difficulties, Dr. J. N. Barnette's book, *The Sunday School and the Church Budget*, has not yet been published. The reference in the November issue of *The Sunday School Builder* that this book was available was incorrect. Please do not seek to purchase it from your book store. The exact date of publication will be announced later. J. Roger Skelton, Superintendent of Teaching, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Teamsters Lose Sunday School Board Effort

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The labor union bossed by Jimmy Hoffa lost its effort to organize employees of the Baptist Sunday School Board here.

The National Labor Relations Board dismissed a petition by Nashville local of the Teamsters Union. The local had asked for an election among 94 Baptist board employees, hoping to become their bargaining agent.

The decision hinged on the number of employees which should be included in the vote, if one was called.

The Teamsters Union maintained that 94 was the number to vote; the Sunday School Board answered that 338 employees do similar work and should be included if a vote was taken.

The National Labor Relations Board took note of this wide variance in numbers of employees. It ruled the Teamsters Union's grouping of 94 workers was "arbitrary" and "not appropriate."

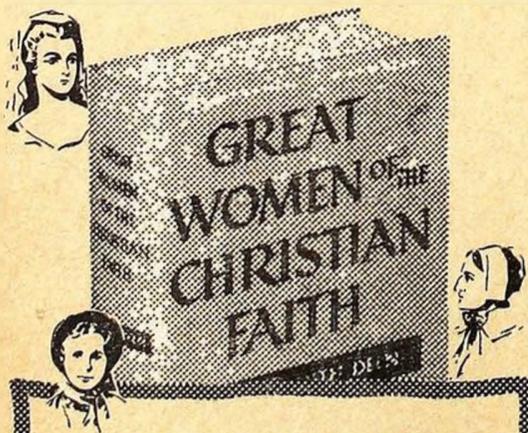
The Teamsters Union could still petition for an election, but to do so, it must secure signatures of about 100 workers—30 per cent of the 338 employees described by the Sunday School administration.

"The importance and significance of this (labor board) action can be summed up as a rejection by you of the Teamsters Union," the Sunday School Board administration said in a bulletin posted at offices here.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, added, "Our basic position has always been that we need no union to represent our people.

"Under no circumstances, however, could we visualize a Teamster invasion into a church and denomination-owned and operated establishment. The sordid record of certain Teamster leadership as disclosed by the McClellan Committee makes it unthinkable that our employees would seek or support intervention by an element in organized labor which includes known gangsters, hoodlums, extortionists, and ex-convicts," Sullivan continued.

The Baptist board administration earlier had said it was not opposed to organized labor generally but was "bitterly opposed to everything that the present Teamsters Union leadership represents."



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Athens, Antioch	164	84		Southside Chapel	102	39		Collierville	289	79	
East	434	151		West Eastland	47	30		DeSota Heights	151	118	
First	603	227	2	Gleason, First	171	62		Ellendale	137	52	
Avalon Heights	174	62	7	Greenville, First	360	175	3	Elliston Avenue	218	135	1
West End Mission	105	58		Harriman, Dyllis	86	51		Emmanuel	119	55	
North	297	117		South	445	169	2	Fairlawn	531	255	2
Cotton Port	40	35		Trenton Street	381	161	1	First	1220	808	10
Idlewild	57	32		Walnut Hill	231	124	1	Fisherville	130	59	
Lake View	42	24		Hendersonville, Rockland	31	29		Frayser, First	763	400	6
McMahan Calvary	80	43		Hixson, First	389	200		Georgian Hills	154	90	
Mt. Harmony	81	33		Memorial	167	81	2	Glen Park	227	106	1
Mt. Verd	63	32		Humboldt, Antioch	230	118		Graceland	603	253	1
Niota, First	131	52		First	507	169		Graham Heights	268	128	1
Oak Grove	92	89		Huntingdon, First	304	158		Highland Heights	1238	638	2
Parkway	67	55		Jackson, Calvary	585	272		Hollywood	431	187	
Rodgers Creek	59	30		First	888	255		Kennedy	418	146	3
Union Grove McMinn	66	49		North	300	150		Kensington	250	109	2
Union Grove Meigs	56	34		West	890	504	4	LaBelle Haven	495	196	4
Valley Road	65			Jellico, First	111	70	2	Lamar Heights	771	303	4
Valley View	19	7		Johnson City, Central	515	117	1	LeaClair	292	135	
West View	64	41		Clark Street	164	72		Leawood	764	306	
Wild Wood	110	73		Northside	39	17		Levi	268	123	1
Zion Hill	54	35		Temple	275	124		Longview Heights	433	198	
Auburntown, Prosperity	118	80		Unaka Avenue	283	144	1	Lucy	92	61	
Blaine, Block Springs	61	17		Kenton, First	185	48		Macon Road	121	62	3
Bolivar, First	391	126		Macedonia	81	73		Mallory Heights	209	105	1
Mission	51			Kingsport, First	655	167		McLean	458	208	8
Bradford, First	123	44		Knoxville, Bell Avenue	757	300	5	Mt. Pisgah	134	96	
Brighton	171	81		Broadway	892	417		National Avenue	372	155	1
Bristol, Tennessee Avenue	564	217	1	First	748	259		Oakville	334	105	1
Brownsville	473	105	2	Grace	246	141	2	Park Avenue	600		1
Brunswick	168	82	2	Inskip	572	222	1	Richland	279	118	2
Chattanooga, Avondale	572	209		Mt. Olive	309	91		Southland	135	75	
Brainerd	854	365		Tennessee Avenue	121	61		Temple	1100	371	1
Frawley Chapel	45	31		Wallace Memorial	430	205	3	Union Avenue	1078	618	9
Calvary	308	103	2	Washington Pike	331	160		Parkway Village	78	34	
East Lake	540	163	3	LaFollette, First	209	53	1	Wells Station	701	356	2
East Ridge	690	233		Lawrenceburg, Deerfield	118	91		West Frayser	381	168	5
Northside	354	90		First	254	110	2	Westhaven	179	89	1
Red Bank	1023	352		Meadow View	72	50		West Memphis	645	232	2
Ridgedale	508	188	4	Highland Park	224	107		Whitehaven	619	139	2
Ridgeview	276	117	3	Lebanon, First	525	202		Winchester	97	65	6
Second	118	61		Hillcrest	120	94	3	Woodstock	120	63	
White Oak	425	138		Rocky Valley	95	56		Milan, First	400	148	
Woodland Park	390	200	1	Lenoir City, Calvary	199	77		Morristown, Bethel	210	134	
Clarksville, First	685	175		First	505	173		Beulah	54	8	
Little West Fork	151	45	3	Kingston Pike	85	36		Buffalo Trail	256	146	4
Pleasant View	256	114		Lewisburg, First	470	110		Bulls Gap	94	44	1
Cleveland, Big Spring	226	138		Lexington, First	338	73	2	Cherokee Hill	89	55	3
First	551	239		Loudon, Blairland	221	69	1	First	712	234	
Clinton, Second	445	151		Madisonville, First	296	136		Grace	98	46	
First	586	210	1	Mission	44	24		Hillcrest	134	81	
Collierville, Kirk	74	46	2	Malesus	222	116		Pleasant View	102	45	1
Columbia, Highland Park	404	175		Martin, Central	237	91		Westview	130		2
Cookeville, First	351	131		First	385	109		Murfreesboro, Belle Aire	84	50	
West View	148	62		Southside	93	38		First	572	169	2
Crossville, First	154	88		Maryville, Broadway	630	352	1	Calvary	85		
Daisy, First	258	120		Everett Hills	492	212	1	Mt. View	155	70	2
Decatur, Pisgah	64	47		Madison Avenue	102	71	1	Southeast	54	34	
Dyer, First	251	87		McMinnville, Magness Memorial	280	104		Third	272	97	
New Bethlehem	197	106	1	Forest Park	38	25		Woodbury Road	191	75	2
Dyersburg, First	599	201	2	Northside	93	55		Nashville, Bakers Grove	133	88	
Elizabethton, First	485	154		Shellsford	121	125	1	Belmont Heights	927	327	3
Reservoir Hill	9			Mt. Pleasant, First	203	122	2	Madison Street	102	48	
Oak Street	132	71		Mission	78	39		Westview	40	21	
Siam	154	70		Memphis, Ardmore	648	298		Bethany	39	17	
Englewood, First	143	40		Baptist Center	73	65		Calvary	235	110	
Etowah, First	322	95	1	Bellevue	2273	883	8	Crievewood	334	136	3
Goodspring	119	66		Belwood Heights	140	62	1	Dickerson Road	366	133	2
North	412	150		Beverly Hills	513	182	1	Donelson	613	191	2
Fountain City, Central	970	376		Boulevard	656	242	2	Fairview	190	78	15
Smithwood	651	313	2	Brooks Road	216	123	3	Jordonia	19	34	
				Cherokee	986	436	10	First	1056	445	
				Lamar Terrace	76	54		Cora Tibbs	78	39	
								T.P.S.	327		
								Freeland	137	53	
								Gallatin Road	435	165	
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								Grace	979	376	3
								Inglewood	895	341	1
								Cross Keys	42	42	3
								State School	90		
								Trinity Chapel	217	59	
								Ivy Memorial	390	164	
								Mission	37		
								Joelton	201	134	3
								Judson	669	188	2
								Benton Avenue	39	10	
								Lincoya Hills	270	84	
								Lockeland	553	187	4
								Hermitage Hills	126	42	
								Madison, First	597	221	2
								Mill Creek	181	71	
								Neelys Bend	111	63	
								River Road	52	64	2
								Riverside	454	161	4
								Saturn Drive	298	127	2
								Shelby Avenue	456	142	5
								Woodbine	389	146	3
								Woodmont	565	238	3
								Oak Ridge, Robertsville	544	264	3
								Old Hickory, First	553	212	
								Rayon City	162	78	3
								Oliver Springs, First	167	62	2
								Parsons, First	203	68	
								Pigeon Forge	215	121	
								Portland, First	305	124	
								Rockwood, Eureka	98	74	
								First	478	190	
								Rutledge, Oakland	80	35	
								Sevierville, Alder Branch	75	69	
								Antioch	72	38	
								Beech Springs	148	72	
								Boyd's Creek	68	44	
								Dupont	85	61	

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Highland Heights Church, Memphis, held its Loyalty Dinner in the West Wing of Ellis Auditorium with 850 in attendance. Dr. George Schroeder brought the message. The church hopes to oversubscribe its largest budget in history, \$250,000. \$38,000 is earmarked for the Cooperative Program. Dr. Slater A. Murphy is pastor.

After five years as pastor of Rome Church, New Salem Association, Vance King resigned to accept the pastorate of Bear Cove Church, Sparta. He is a graduate of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy and attended Belmont College. Mrs. King is the former Mary Tomlinson of Lebanon. They have five children and reside at 320 East Broad, Sparta.

Rev. Frederick Patton Bales, age 75, died November 21. He was a retired Southern Railway conductor and an evangelist minister. Funeral services were held November 24 at First Church, Bulls Gap. Wallace E. Morton, pastor of Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville, and S. E. Swann of the Bulls Gap Church officiated.

J. W. Paul, a Baptist minister for 37 years died Nov. 13 at his home in the Cherry Bottom Community near LaFollette, at the age of 77.

The mother of Rev. W. P. Littlefield and Mrs. A. L. Bishop passed away November 14 at the home of her son in Adamsville. She was in her 100th year. Remarkably active for her advanced years, she was able to visit her daughter and to maintain a lively interest in the affairs of her community and Church.

First	482	188	4
Knob Creek	93	61	..
Wears Valley	93	54	..
Zion Hill	85	59	..
Shelbyville, El Bethel	88	43	..
First	390	100	1
Shelbyville Mills	270	154	1
Smyrna, First	246	67	1
Somerville, First	287	173	..
Summertown	138	72	2
Sweetwater, First	353	88	..
Troy, First	131	59	..
Tullahoma, First	457	121	..
Lincoln Heights	83	68	..
Grace	83	38	..
Highland	179	132	..
Union City, First	668	249	..
Samburg	57	35	..
Watertown, Round Lick	155	94	..
Winchester, First	269	85	1
Southside	29

Woman's Missionary Union

Tennessee Women Students Enrolled In SBC Graduate Schools 1959-60

Each year women in Woman's Missionary Societies throughout the states are interested in Tennessee young women enrolled in graduate schools of the Southern Baptist Convention.

As the Christmas season approaches many of these will be returning home for the holidays. Others may be spending the vacation period away from home. It would be thoughtful to assure these women of your prayers and interest by sending a greeting. Check the list for those near you, or those you know already. A greeting or a small remembrance would be suitable on her birthday or at Valentine's. Clip this list of women and birthdays from this paper for future reference.

NAME HOME TOWN SCHOOL ADDRESS BIRTHDAY

Carver School of Missions and Social Work (Louisville, Kentucky)

Esther Fernandez	Cleveland	2801 Lexington Road	May 24
Inez Franks	Cleveland	2801 Lexington Road	February 2
Rachel Milligan	Murfreesboro	2801 Lexington Road	January 27
Dorothy Nelson	Madison	2801 Lexington Road	September 24
Letha Teasley	Knoxville	2801 Lexington Road	July 27

Golden Gate Theological Seminary (Mill Valley, California)

Mrs. Paul Lilly	Johnson City	Strawberry Point	April 22
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New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, Louisiana)

Gwendolyn Cox	Jonesboro	3939 Gentilly Blvd.	April 2
Sarah Crawford	Jefferson City	3939 Gentilly Blvd.	July 2
Mrs. C. Curtis Freeman	Memphis	4451-C Seminary Place	June 16
Mrs. Ray B. McCall	Nashville	4520 Seminary Place	November 26
Margie M. Webb	Elizabethton	3939 Gentilly Blvd.	May 7

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, North Carolina)

Mrs. R. L. Fielden	Jefferson City	Wake Forest	May 28
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No Partiality With God

TEXTS: Acts 9:32 to 11:18 (Larger) — Acts 11:1-18 (Printed).

One of the serious hindrances to human growth and development is that of provincialism. One form of this is geographical. A person, for instance, should come to regard other localities of the earth's surface as having excellent advantages without ceasing to love his own. Another form is racial. A person has progressed in his understanding and appreciation when he realizes that there are no superior or inferior races as such. Another form is religious or theological. It is seen in that person or group that thinks that God loves only certain ones or certain groups of which the thinker is himself a part. One of the dominant ideas found in the book of Acts is the unfolding and development of God's concern and love for all men. If this had not transpired, Christianity must have become merely a sect of Judaism instead of enlarging into a world movement (such as Jesus had envisioned and even commanded in the Great Commission).

A Carping Congregation (vv. 1-3)

The group of Christians were, as we would say, "calling Simon Peter on the carpet". They found fault with him for visiting and eating with the Gentile centurion by the name of Cornelius. It can be inferred that, even more serious, he was being reprov'd for having preached to him the Gospel. A modern counterpoint of the idea would be God's people refusing to carry the message of Christ to people of another color or race solely because of such race or color. Such conduct today is inexcusable, of course. This is not the same thing, however, as a group of Christians yielding to pressure by those who for reasons other than spiritual ones desire to assert their "rights" under the guise of religion or under religious auspices. The controlling motive must ever be that of love. Once the element of force or pressure is introduced, love is neutralized. The congregation then was in error.

An Astonished Apostle (vv. 4-10)

"Excuse me, Lord. I'm a good Jew. I don't eat that kind of meat." Such was the substance of Peter's protest, when confronted with the descending sheet and the

voice from heaven commanding him to rise, slay and eat. His theology was distinctly what could be termed "hardshell". He was exclusive to the point of outright disobedience, at least at first. His astonishment must have been great. The experience was repeated three times. He came to know that what God had cleansed was after all good food. In view of later developments, he came to understand that even the despised Gentiles were entitled to the Gospel and that God's grace could erase racial prejudice.

A Widening Witness (vv. 11-15)

Jesus had commanded, "unto the uttermost parts of the earth". Simon Peter wisely coupled the vision of Joppa with the immediate appearance of the three visitors from Caesarea, requesting his help. In addition, the Holy Spirit commanded him to go with them. He, with six of the brethren, left for the gathering of Cornelius in the distant city "nothing doubting". At last a leader of the Christians recognized that the

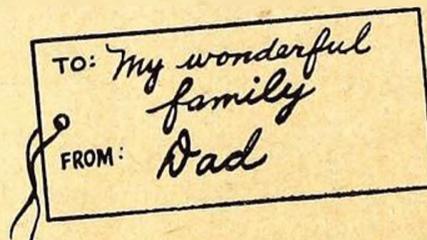
witness that they were to bear should be widened. It was indeed a momentous journey not only for Cornelius and his friends but for succeeding ages as well. The Christian movement definitely assumed its universal characteristic. It had been moving in this direction for some time but at this stage it becomes unwaveringly so. There is much spiritual challenge in the expression "nothing doubting".

A Universal Unction (vv. 16-18)

Peter resumes his narrative to his carping critics by calling attention in these verses to the fact that the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles just as upon them in the beginning. He proceeds to inform them that his memory was refreshed in this regard even from Jesus. "How could I withstand God in all of this?" he earnestly asks. His critics were answered, changed from fault-finding to glorification, and joined in praise. The unction, or anointing, of the Spirit was to be universal. There was no partiality with God.

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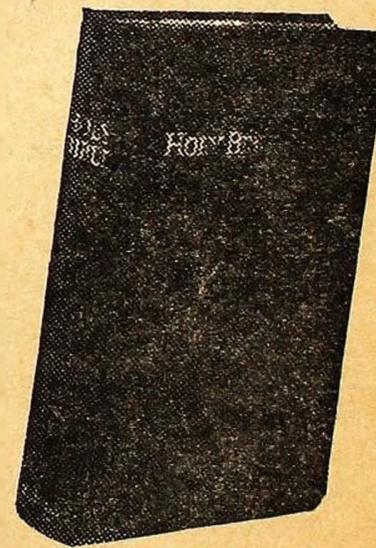


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"READY FOR CHRISTMAS?"

How many times do you imagine that question has been asked this week? By this time there may be a few people who can answer *yes* to the question. Many, many more are busily trying to get "ready". Some are even a bit worried about the work yet to be done and the little time left to do it!

I wish all of us could learn to plan simple, happy Christmas celebrations that require less rush and hard work. Perhaps you have discovered a bit of the fun and relaxation that comes with such planning. What is your secret for making the most of pre-Christmas activities, yet not becoming so tired and fretful that you cannot truly enjoy Christmas? What helps you most to remember the real meaning of Christmas and to help others remember, too?

Of course, there is excitement which increases as Christmas Day comes nearer. Especially is there excitement in sharing Christmas through music, gifts, programs, and special surprises. You will be writing me about some of your own exciting experiences, I hope.

Have you already received some pretty Christmas cards? You will probably get many during the next few days. These are special reminders of friends who love us.

I hope you are *sending* some Christmas cards, too. Can you think of friends who would especially appreciate a Christmas card *from you*? If your family has cards to share with you for this purpose, you may choose to send them. However, you can *make* your own Christmas cards—as simple or as fancy as you wish. Postal cards may be decorated with crayons or lovely stickers. Paper may be decorated (perhaps folded) and made into personal Christmas greetings.

In addition to school and church friends, family friends who do not live near you, I hope you will make a list of people to surprise with a Christmas message! These may be shut-ins, newcomers in your community, elderly people who need a bit of extra cheer, children in a hospital or orphanage. Mail is always important to these people—and you can add to their joy in this easy, simple way, at Christmas time.

Perhaps most of your gifts are ready and even attractively wrapped and tagged! I'd like to know about some of your choices. And if you have discovered some ways to make your packages more attractive, I hope you will share them with me and other Young South friends.

It may be a little too early for your Christmas tree to be placed in your home. No doubt, you have already thought about it. What size tree will you have this year? Where will you put it? Will you help to decorate the tree? When? Do you know some ways to make pretty Christmas trees without using expensive ornaments? How about sharing some of those, too?

Several books and magazines for December include suggestions for do-it-yourself decorations. Have you tried any of those suggestions? Which do you think are prettiest? Which are most difficult to make? Have you changed some of the suggestions to be more suitable for your use?

What about Christmas music? Are you hearing much joyful Christmas music these days? What is your favorite? Which songs help you to think of Jesus, even as you begin to celebrate *His birth*? Your answers to these questions will interest me—they will also help me know better how to help other boys and girls at Christmas time.

What about special pre-Christmas activities at school or at church? Is your church having a program? Would you like to write



me about it—either now or afterwards? Be sure to tell me what *you* did in connection with the program.

Have you attended any Christmas parties? Perhaps your class or Training Union or some other group planned a Christmas sharing project. Tell me about that. Will you be sharing toys, or food, or something else? Are you sharing Christmas carols, visits, Bible stories, pictures—or in some other special way? Perhaps you have helped someone address cards, gone on errands for people who needed your help, wrapped packages—even planned to decorate a tree for the room of a special friend.

One more way you may share Christmas joy—it has been suggested several times in today's Young South column. For the boys and girls who also want to share, will you write me a letter about your happiest experiences in getting ready for Christmas, 1959? Thank you!

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LAUGHS

Two hundreds in Africa were at the bank of a river. Suddenly one got very excited and yelled, "Hip, hip. . . ." "Hurrah!" yelled his companion, trying to enter into the spirit of something or other. "No, hip, hip, hippopotamus," corrected the original hip hipper.

One of my friends has at last decided to clamp down firmly on her 7-yr-old son's TV viewing. She had become inured to his glib references to "stick-up," "double crosses," "heaters" and "payoffs," but when she overheard him refer casually to the cherished family album as the "mug book," she decided that it was high time to lower the boom.

The good judgement of some people will never wear out. They don't use it often enough.

A sixth grader ended his short essay on plans for going to the moon: "After going to the moon, my big ambition is to travel a lot."

Country Boy: "Oh, look at the horseshoe I found."

City Girl: "Do you know what it means?"

Country Boy: "Sure, I do. It means some poor horse is running around with a bare foot."

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows—not good unless pushed.

Some are like canoes—they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites—if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

Some are like a good watch—open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

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Whiz: Yellow or pink?

Quiz: Pink.

Whiz: P-i-n-k.

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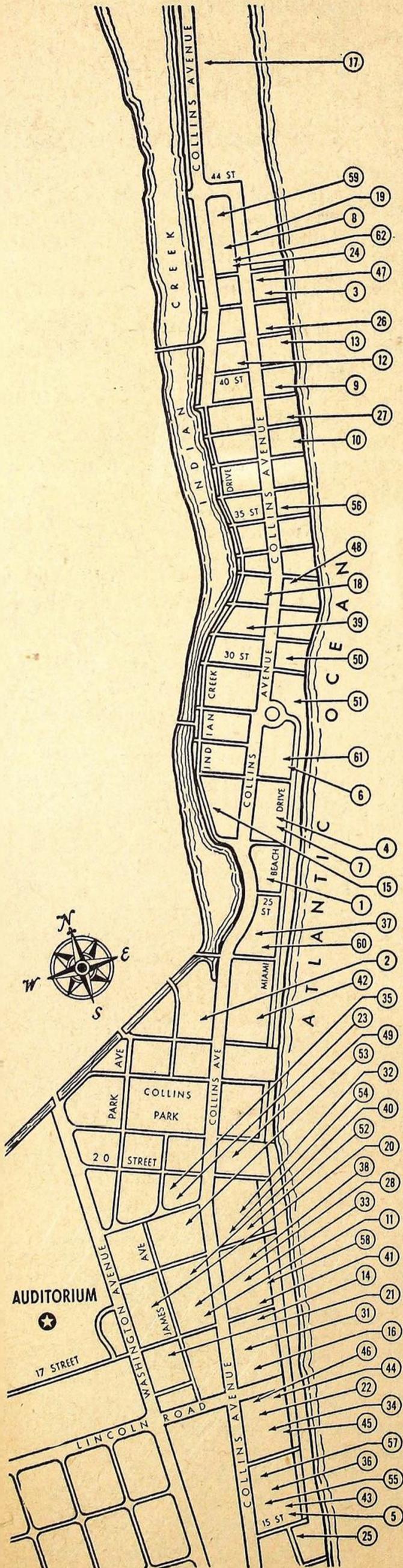
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