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Dr. Lee Resigns Bellevue

Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, for 32 years, resigned Sunday, December 13, to retire from the active pastorate. Dr. Lee, who became pastor of the Memphis church in 1927, led it to be recognized as one of the nation's 12 foremost Protestant churches in recent years. Dr. Lee was four times president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and three times president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has been the author of numerous books and preached his noted sermon "Payday Someday" over 600 times. Dr. Lee was 73 on November 11. Bellevue Church has the largest membership of any church in Tennessee and the membership neared 10,000 last year.

During his three decades with Bellevue Church, it has increased from a membership of 1400 to more than 9300 members. The budget for the year approximates \$650,000. The membership figure places Bellevue second largest of churches affiliated with Southern Baptists. The church plant is valued at \$3¾ million.

Lee attended Furman University, Baptist school at Greenville, S. C., and received his Ph.D. degree from Chicago Law School. Three Baptist colleges—Furman, Union University at Jackson, Tenn., and Stetson University at DeLand, Fla.—have conferred honorary doctor of divinity degrees on him.

Dr. Lee's resignation is effective in February.



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Baptist Colleges Take Part In Loan Program

NASHVILLE—(BP)—With only a few exceptions, colleges and universities related to the Southern Baptist Convention are taking part in the student loan program under the National Defense Education Act passed in 1958 by Congress.

Three colleges, two in Virginia and one in Alabama, announced they will not seek loan funds because of possible church vs. state entanglements. A fourth college, in Virginia, declined to take part but gave no reason.

More than 30 colleges responded to a Baptist Press survey. Those in the program have asked for and received sums varying from \$1500 each to \$250,000. The total requested is nearly \$849,000, of which funds already received are \$657,000.

Baylor University in Waco, Tex., Southern Baptists' largest college, asked for and received \$250,467, the largest amount by far of any of the institutions.

In no case did the loyalty oath required of students getting loans stop a college from entering the student loan program.

Under the Act, the federal government makes \$295 million available in loans over a four-year period. Students may borrow up to \$1000 a year at 3 per cent interest, repayment beginning one year after graduation.

Colleges must match nine-tenths government loan funds with one-tenth of their own.

The vast majority saw no conflict over church and state since (1) the money came in the form of a loan, and (2) it was made to the student, not the institution.

"We see nothing wrong with requiring students who receive loans to sign the oath," one college president after another declared. "The government has every right to restrict the loans to students who are willing to sign the oath."

The loyalty oath issue was given national prominence recently when several New England colleges withdrew from the loan program on its account. Those who opposed the oath said it was not out of disloyalty, but deplored the fact that government loans to students require taking of an oath while federal farm subsidies are doled out without any oath.

The executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission, in an editorial for the magazine *Southern Baptist Educator*, December issue, wrote:

"As much as we admire academic integrity, dignity, and independence, this howl (over the oath) from the Ivy League seems just a bit too much—nothing to emulate or get excited about."

Rabun L. Brantley, who made the above statement, also commented, "There is nothing of church and state involved."

The loan per Baptist college student ranges from \$250 to \$650, with the average running \$300-\$400.

Devotional

"I Love Thy Church, O God"



Ortie E. Bradshaw, Jonesboro, Tenn.

Jesus said, "I will build my church". He loved it and gave Himself for it. We love to sing with Timothy Dwight, "I Love Thy Church, O God".

But there are some things this church is not. It is not a building with stately appointments. It is not traditions—patterns of ease, opiate of respectability, conscience-salve of form, nor numbness to worldliness. It is not the intoxication of personal power to harangue, to thwart, to obstruct, to humiliate, to prevent progress, to crush, to crucify, and to saw asunder. (Cf. Acts 7:51-53).

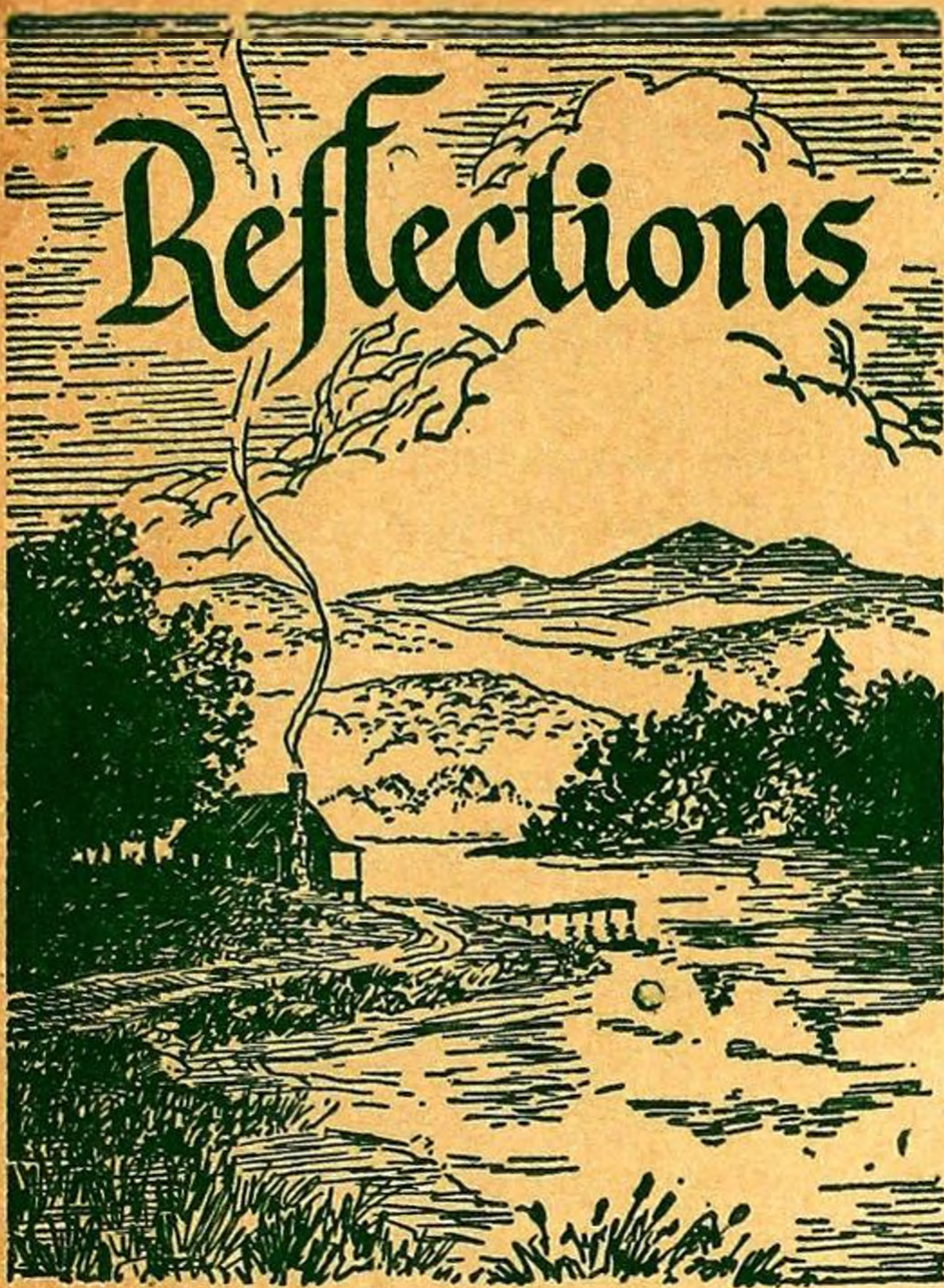
The Lord's church was born in His loving heart and is the most unique institution in the world. It is built on personal faith in Christ as Saviour. It is a brotherly fellowship of love, understanding, sharing, and service. It is baptized believers banded together in death and burial to sin and in a Christ-like, aggressive, adventurous life committed to the work of redemption. It is a stronghold of courageous Christians unafraid to stand for the right and ready to fly into the face of personal danger to make effective their faithful witness for Christ as Stephen did. It is the Bride of Christ, spotless and pure, in constant readiness for the Lord's return.

I am looking for this church in my community. Let us repent. Let us confess. Let us commit our ways to Christ's leadership in His church. I love thy church O God!

One school, Louisiana College, Pineville, La., first entered, then withdrew from the loan program, but not over loyalty oath nor the church vs. state issue.

President G. Earl Guinn explained:

"Upon getting into the program and learning how much administrative red tape was involved . . . we concluded that the benefits



Show me a home in which the parents practice self-discipline and I'll show you a home where a mother and father hold the love and respect of their children. A youngster asks only to be taught the boundaries of acceptable behavior. Disciplined.—J. Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI, "Where Does Discipline Begin?" *This Week*.

A successful pastor has had printed on the backside of his calling card this trenchant question: "What on earth are you doing for heaven's sake?"—Rev. Oliver G. Wilson, editorial, *Wesleyan Methodist*.

The value of time cannot be realized. It is the most precious thing in the world; the only thing of which it is a virtue to be covetous, and yet it is the one thing of which all are wasteful. Time is so precious that there is never but one moment in the world at once, and that is always taken away before another is given.—"Leisure," *Megiddo Message*.

derived would not be equal to administrative overhead."

President Leslie S. Wright of Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., voiced the church-state feeling in saying, "Our board of trustees decided against (it) on the ground that we did not desire any more entangling alliances with the federal government than absolutely necessary." Joining Howard's refusal on this ground were Bluefield (Va.) College and Virginia Intermont College at Bristol, Va.

Wayland College at Plainview, Tex., secured \$2431 in loan funds, then decided not to participate after the first year. Trustees, who recently backed out of a federal loan for student housing because of church vs. state, apparently withdrew from National Defense Education Act loans for the same reason.

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Bible Break

By Ruby Lee Adams

It is only what a man has found and can reveal of the truth that will last and influence other times and peoples. What he thinks and says and does is of no importance to the world unless he has had a vision of truth, whether that vision is of music or art or ethics.

To Christ was given a great vision of far-reaching truth in ethics, and so simple and genuine was his environment that it was possible to live out the vision in his daily existence. And it was this seeing of great truth and living it in lowly fashion that has pierced and held the artistic and poetic imagination of mankind and ethical teachers for centuries.

One of the most wonderful chapters in all the Bible is the second chapter of the Gospel according to Luke. It is the chapter that gives us the most detailed and beautiful account of the birth of Jesus. It is the chapter that tells of the good tidings of great joy brought to the shepherds keeping watch over their flock by night.

The birthday which, together with the first chapter of Matthew, it records is the only birthday the anniversary of which is widely celebrated throughout the civilized world.

Luke tells us that at the age of eight days the Babe was circumcised and formally given the name 'Jesus'—the name ascribed to him by the angel who announced His coming to Mary. The reason given for the name was that He (Jesus) would save His people from their sins.

While the romance of Christ's life is daily celebrated in verse and song, in story and legend, by brush and chisel, the institution of Christmas Day remains, in intention if not in fact, its most human and intimate memorial. To do reverent honor to this life of the greatest seer of truth, the day of His birth has been made into a holy-day, not only of prayer and sacred memories, but of rejoicing, of gift giving, of merry-making for the young, of peace for the old and good-will for all.



BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR coffee urn was a popular spot during the breaks in the three-day sessions of the Associational Missionaries at the Baptist Executive Board Building. Shown here are Horace L. Gennoe, who recently came from service in Bradley Association to Maryville to serve Chilhowee Association; Glenn A. Toomey of Jefferson Association; Robert L. Newman of Lawrence Association; and Bill Atchley of Sevier Association.

Associational Missionaries Conference

Some 50 Tennessee associational missionaries spent three days at the State Baptist Board building in Nashville in an annual conference which was presided over by Executive Secretary W. Fred Kendall, Administrative Assistant Gene Kerr, and L. G. Frey, Superintendent of the Missions Department.

The conference Dec. 9-11 considered all phases of cooperative work, looking toward a more efficient organization and operation of associational programs. The annual meeting this year also heard representatives

of south-wide as well as state-wide Baptist activities in discussion of various phases of Baptist work. The group sought means of better correlation of all work. A discussion of the new Tennessee Baptist organization was led by Dr. Gaye McGlothlen, president of the Convention, who served as chairman of the Convention's Survey Committee. This year's program pointed up the increasing importance of the service of associational missionaries in the overall activities of Tennessee and Southern Baptists.

Editorially.....

Get The Interpretation Right

The interpretation of an event is tremendously important. Life depends upon its interpretation; the way it is construed. An angel of God explained to Joseph the meaning of Jesus' birth. The Son born of Mary would be Emmanuel "which is, being interpreted, God with us." (Matthew 1:23b) Thus 800 years before, Isaiah foretold One coming who would fulfill this mighty place. Matthew makes plain the meaning of this name. Understanding what is foreign or strange depends upon getting someone familiar with it to state it in our own tongue.

We need a true interpretation of Christmas. Many only see in it tinsel, gaudiness and worldly pleasure, a time merely of getting. Yet even social custom bids us to give presents to one on his birthday. Does our interpretation overlook Jesus himself at Christmas.

Doubtless many babies were born near the time Jesus was placed in a manger. Was this new born for whom no room was found in the inn merely another child whose parents were poor? That may have been the interpretation of the innkeeper and of others absorbed with their own affairs. Yet He was Emmanuel.

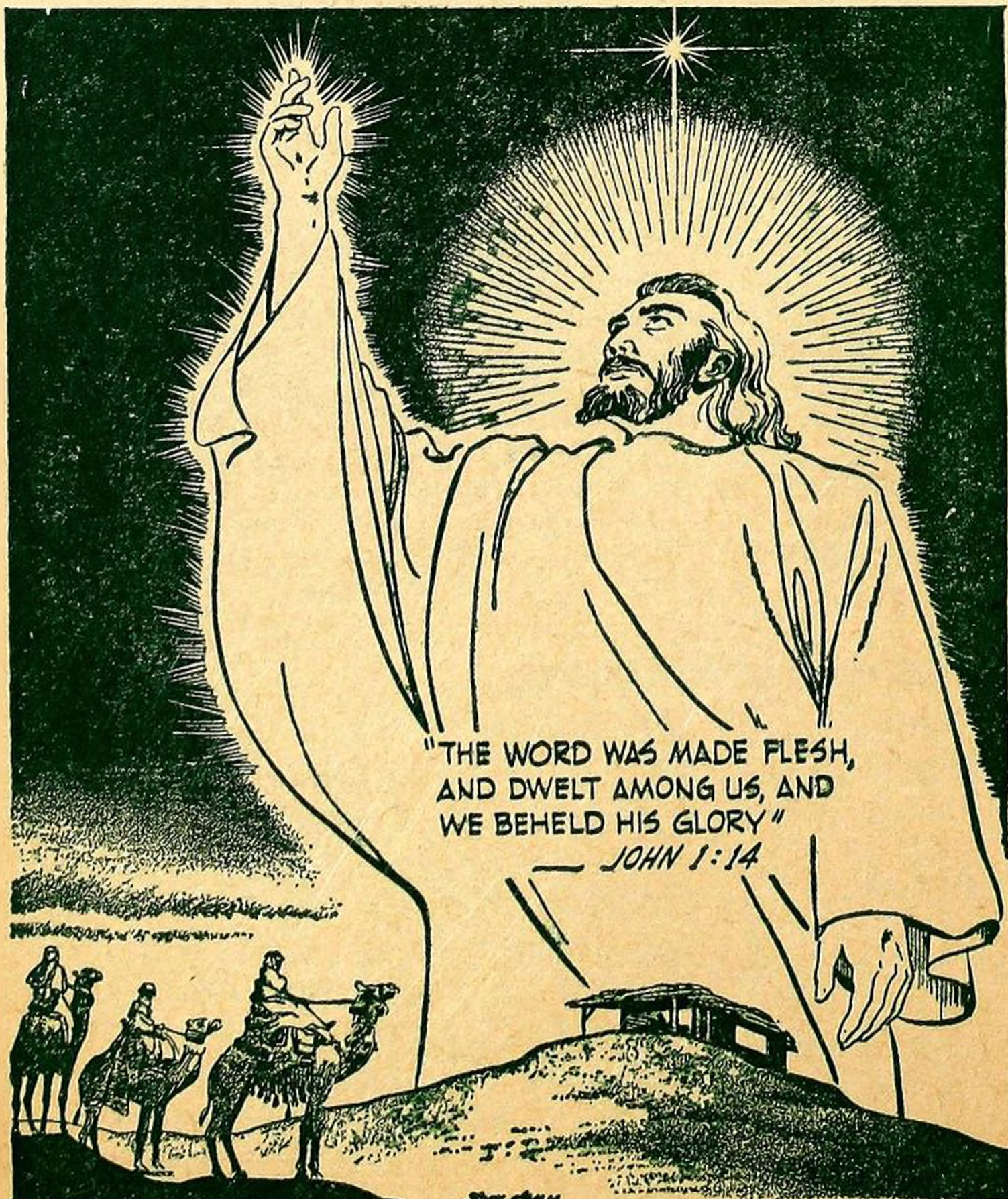
Herod interpreted this birth through a despot's fear. He "sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem and in all the coasts thereof from two years old and under." He made a gruesome attempt to get rid of Jesus. It was dictated by fear. The world into which Jesus was born was

one where human life was cheap. It was gripped by fear. Three-fifths of humankind were enslaved to the other two-fifths. When Jesus was born, Augustus, the Roman emperor, owned 8,000 slaves. His wife owned 600 more. Women themselves were chattel. Childhood had no rights. It was a time of violence. But God sent Jesus to give men release from fears as they turn from evil. The interpretation of this great event leads us to hear heaven's message, "Fear not."

Phillips Brooks, in his hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," has poignantly said, "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." What about our hopes? How shall we look upon them? Are we to interpret these hopes as vain? Were those empty words that fell from the angelic hosts, "Peace on earth, good will to men?" If we look only to men to bring this to pass, our hopes will be an empty mirage. If we have no expectation beyond what governments themselves can do, armaments and alliances, then we will be grievously disappointed.

Let us be sure then we get the proper interpretation of Christmas. Christ is born. God has come in the flesh. God Himself entered into the business of human redemption. His name shall be called Jesus because he saves his people from their sin. He is Emmanuel which put in our words means God with us. Let us say it in reverence, in humility, in wonder, in adoration, in love, in joy! If we interpret Christmas aright we shall yet be led to experience the fulfillment of our hopes. We will never be deceived in Jesus. He is our peace. He is our salvation.

God With Us



Wisdom's Quest

Wisdom's highest attainment is reached as it bows lowest in worship of Him who came as God in the flesh. Wisdom's true quest lies in the question of the eastern pilgrims, "Where is He?"

Human wisdom is in itself incomplete. It raises more questions than it solves. Its highest function is to set men seeking the wisdom of God. Knowledge serves its true purpose in urging us to seek the Lord.

In Matthew's gospel we have the beautiful account of wise men seeking the newborn king. They used the light given them. They found both the star and the scriptures uniting in leading them to the newborn king. And when at length they found him, worshipped him, and presented unto him gifts. Power is revealed in lowliness, in unpretentiousness, in simplicity, in humility.

This is a strange paradox. So often we construe power in other terms. But these wise men did not turn away from Bethlehem in disappointment. At Bethlehem they found no mighty monarch on a splendid throne. They did not find one in regal robes. They discovered the divinest revelation of power in a little child amidst poverty. So God comes, upsetting our worldly wise ideas. God is content to show his greatness in littleness, glory in humility, power in weakness, deity in humanity.



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December 31. The next issue of the
paper comes your way January 7, 1960,
as we omit publication during Christmas
week. Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year meanwhile.

The Curse Of Obscenity

The report recently released from the Subcommittee on Postal Operations in the House of Representatives has some very forthright indictments to pronounce on the curse of obscenity in our nation. "One thing should be clearly kept in mind," it states. "This large scale business has nothing to do with enhancing art or literature, but rather is conducted for the sole purpose of reaping profits without regard to its effect on the welfare of the country."

By actual count, the trash and smut on the newsstands now have the advantage of numbers. More than 1,200 magazines, including comics, are being regularly distributed among retailers who handle periodicals. Of these, approximately 210 are magazines of healthful interest acceptable to discriminating readers. The rest are crime and love comics of a low type trash produced by fly-by-night publishers who usually fold up in failure after a few issues, and the salacious girly magazines. Within two years this traffic has grown from \$500 million a year to a figure close to \$1 billion a year.

In this fight against the dealers in smut and filth, it is not the freedom of the individual publisher that is the issue. Rather, it is the freedom of a few unscrupulous individuals to reap huge profits at the expense of the moral welfare of our youth that is the real issue at stake. This obscene and pornographic material with its loose portrayal of sex has become the "golden calf" of our times, with our youth as the sacrificial lamb.—A. C. Miller

A GIFT TO CHRIST

by Glendon D. Grober

A loud knock awakened me. A bright tropical moon made the clock easy to see. It was 2:00 a.m. I got up quickly and went to the door.

"Boa noite," he said. That is Portuguese for "good evening."

As I replied I noticed the look of concern on the Brazilian's face. "My wife has become very ill," he explained. "Can your wife come and see her? I think she is dying."

I asked him to wait a moment. I went back into the bedroom to talk with my wife, who is a registered nurse. People had often come during the day seeking help. This was our first night caller.

Marge and I talked briefly. She decided to go with him.

A moment later, with a PAA flight bag in her hand, she climbed into the cab of a big orange truck.

Then they were gone.

Back in bed, I prayed for my wife, and then for a sick woman somewhere in that town.

Sometime later I heard a noise out front. I went to the door, opened it, and saw Marge.

I watched the orange truck drive off again, and then followed my wife to the kitchen.

She put the blue flight bag on the table. From it she took a small syringe and placed it on the drainboard of the sink.

"What happened?" I asked.

"A lady had a heart attack. I got there just in time. I gave her an injection. She will be all right now."

I looked at the small syringe and thought.

It was not an expensive syringe—about \$1.25 in cost. It was not in anyway unusual, except for one thing: The syringe had been paid for by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

I could not help but wonder that night, and later, too, as that family came to our church: Who had given \$1.25 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Who had influenced a wife, a husband, and a family for Christ? Whoever it was gave a gift to Christ that Christmas.

Baptist World Alliance Greetings New Year, 1960

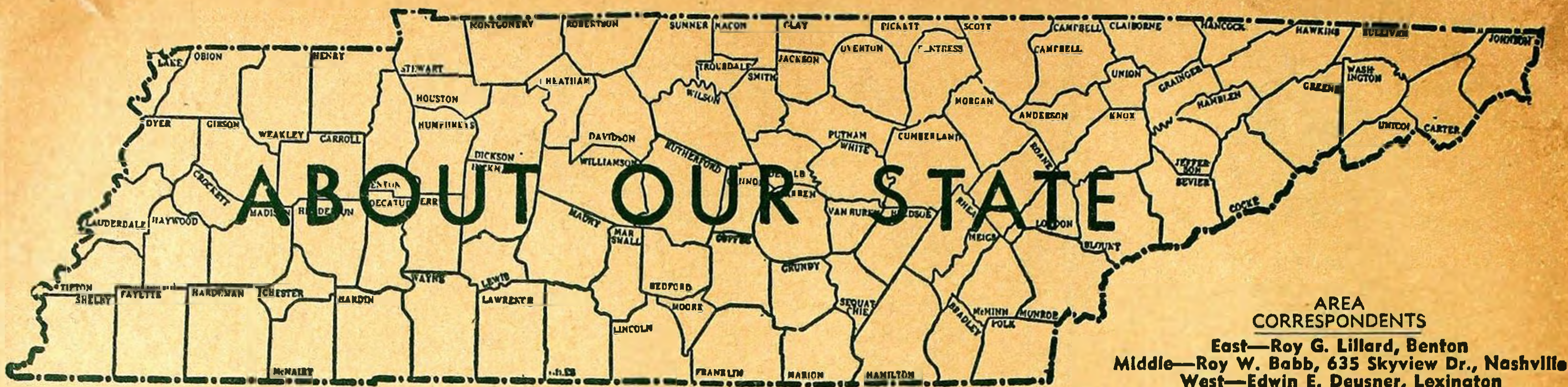
Greetings in the name of Christ to all our Baptist world fellowship and to all who love and serve the Lord Christ in spirit and in truth.

The New Year will be one of special significance to Baptists around the world because next June 26 to July 3 many of us will gather for our Tenth Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Our text for this significant gathering will be "Jesus Christ is Lord." Since this is our first Congress in South America, we covet your prayers that we may bear a worthy witness for Christ on that great continent.

In many lands, this new year will see a special emphasis on Evangelism, Bible Study and Membership Training. We pray God's blessing on these endeavors. In some lands independence will bring to our people new opportunities for leadership and service. In other areas some believers may face persecution and hardship as they witness for Christ. In every land we are face to face with the forces of evil and unrighteousness. May we be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might and ever eager to promote justice and brotherhood, righteousness and peace.

May the grace, mercy and peace of God our Father, Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter, guard and keep our minds and hearts and bless our every effort for Christ our Lord.

THEODORE F. ADAMS, President
Baptist World Alliance



Bill Robinson is the new minister of music at Monte Vista Church, Maryville.

Dr. James A. Pate, a teacher at Union University, Jackson, is serving as interim pastor at First Church, Henderson.

Eight girls, four boys (14-year Training Union at Graceland Church, Memphis) and four adults made a four-day trip to New Orleans. They visited the mission stations under the direction of R. L. Lewis. Also visited New Orleans Seminary and attended chapel there. They sang several hymns and gave testimonies in Men's Rescue Mission. The group is led by Mr. and Mrs. Trent Laundre, 14-year leaders, and Mrs. Scott Respass, Intermediate director.

Pastor Warren G. Banks did his own preaching in revival services at Lucy Church, Shelby County, in which there were 12 additions by baptisms, four by letter and one surrendered to special service. Charles Clark led the singing.

West-Frayer Church, Memphis, ordained Charles Burks, J. L. Shelton and L. David Hudson as deacons. Pastor Joe Acuff of First Church, Millington, preached the ordination sermon. During 1959 with a membership of 440, 303 Study Course Awards were earned. The church has set a goal of 500 Awards for 1960. D. S. Hall is pastor.

L. H. Hatcher began his 10th year as pastor of First Church, McKenzie, December 6. During these years there have been 303 additions by baptism and 295 by letter.

Ray Fowler, formerly at Bernard Chapel near Harrodsburg, Ky., new pastor for North Springfield Church.

George Hodge of Pleasant Grove, near Paducah, new pastor for Flewellyn Church in Robertson County.

Rev. William Edward McGregor, 84-year-old retired minister, died at his home at Bulls Gap, December 11. He had served as pastor of Bulls Gap Church 34 years and had held other pastorates in a number of other East Tennessee churches. He was the father of Rev. John McGregor, pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, Maryville.

Northside Church, Knox County Association on December 5 broke ground for its new church building, with F. M. Harbin, pastor.

Harold Hawkins of Cookeville was ordained to the ministry Sunday, December 6, by Dodson Branch Church, Stone Association, where he will serve as pastor.



SOMERS

Johnny Somers was ordained to the ministry by First Church, Rutherford, Nov. 22. Youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Somers of Rutherford, he has been called by Fairview Church, Obion County, as pastor. A second-year student at Union University, he has served as Young People's president in Gibson Association Training Union and took part in the Young People's Speakers Tournament last June in Nashville. Sharing in the ordination service were the Rev. Paul Isbell, Union City; Rev. Jonas Stewart of Huntingdon; Rev. Wilbur C. Breland, Johnny's pastor; Rev. E. E. Neal of Walnut Grove; and the candidate's father, Deacon W. M. Somers. Deacons of Walnut Grove, the Rutherford church, and First Church, Trenton, together with Rev. Jere Ledsinger, pastor of Northern Church, composed the ordaining council.

New pastor J. L. Ford has arrived at Woodbury Church. He has been at Jackson's Englewood Church for five years, succeeds Ray Mayfield who moved to Chattanooga six weeks ago. Ford is native of Columbus, Ky., but grew up in Jackson, graduated from Northside High, Union U. and New Orleans Seminary. Woodbury Church has 400 members, with 348 in S.S. Already sponsors missions at Plainview and Blue Wing and planning a third. New educational building is already needing expansion, which is being planned.

First Church, Maryville, oversubscribed its budget of \$114,175 by over \$3,000.

Grady Dodd, David Hunter, Fred Martin, W. E. Robinson and R. B. Sanderford new deacons for Glenwood Church, Nashville.

Madison Chester Association — East Laurel, L. M. Mayer, pastor, is adding additional educational space to its building. Maple Springs, Lawson Williamson, pastor, dedicated its pastorium debt free, December 13. This nice modern three bedroom home was built in 1957 at a cost of \$17,500. With 237 resident members this church has carried on a full-time program and paid for the pastorium in two years. Lewis Parrish has resigned as pastor of Meridian Church. Preston Street Church, L. H. Canada, pastor, is building the first floor of a new aducational building.

Miss Helen Kington resigning as Director of Activities and Church Secretary at Grandview Church, Nashville, effective Jan. 15. She is returning to Knoxville.

W. D. Hutton, pastor of Madison Avenue Church, Maryville has resigned, effective December 31, after six and one-half years as pastor. Brother Hutton will retire from the active ministry on that date. He has been serving as pastor for the past fifty years, effective December 13. Brother Hutton says "I am in good health and intend to preach each time there is an opportunity." His address is 639 Wright Road, Alcoa.

Magness Memorial Church at McMinnville moved into newly enlarged sanctuary on Dec. 6. New pews already in for side aisles, but main seating not ready until January. New carpeting, new pulpit furniture included in remodeling. Beautiful carved ceiling which was installed in 1900 has been cleaned and restored, and distinctive stained glass windows are retained. New lighting is furnished by recessed flood lamps. Old chandeliers are being refinished and fitted with ornate bulbs. Church bell has been repaired and is in use. Memorial chimes will be an important part of musical equipment. Coupled with new educational building completed a year ago, Magness Memorial can now accommodate 600 in both Sunday school and worship services. Building committee included E. C. Brock, Sr., C. Grey Elkins, Howard McGee, L. L. Quinn, Jr., and Pastor H. Curtis Erwin. Financing of sanctuary enlargement was led by D. L. Brown, Mitch Powell, Joe Shelton, Ray Spivey and Allan Wood.

First Church, Clifton, Organized

Sunday evening, November 29, the Philadelphia-sponsored mission became the First Baptist Church of Clifton.

Five years ago the Philadelphia Church of Indian Creek started a mission at Clifton. J. L. Robertson was pastor. It began in an old store building and some 2½ years later a lot was given by Rex Cole. With the aid of the State Mission Board an additional lot was purchased on which a nice brick veneered block building was erected.

For almost two years A. L. Bishop has been pastor of the Philadelphia Church and the mission. The mission held preaching services each Sunday morning at 9:15 with the Sunday school following. Weekly prayer meeting was held on Thursday evening.

Plans are in the making to begin a building program in the near future. An offering of \$114.60 was received for the building when the church was organized. Brother Bishop will continue to serve as pastor of Philadelphia and the new Clifton Church.

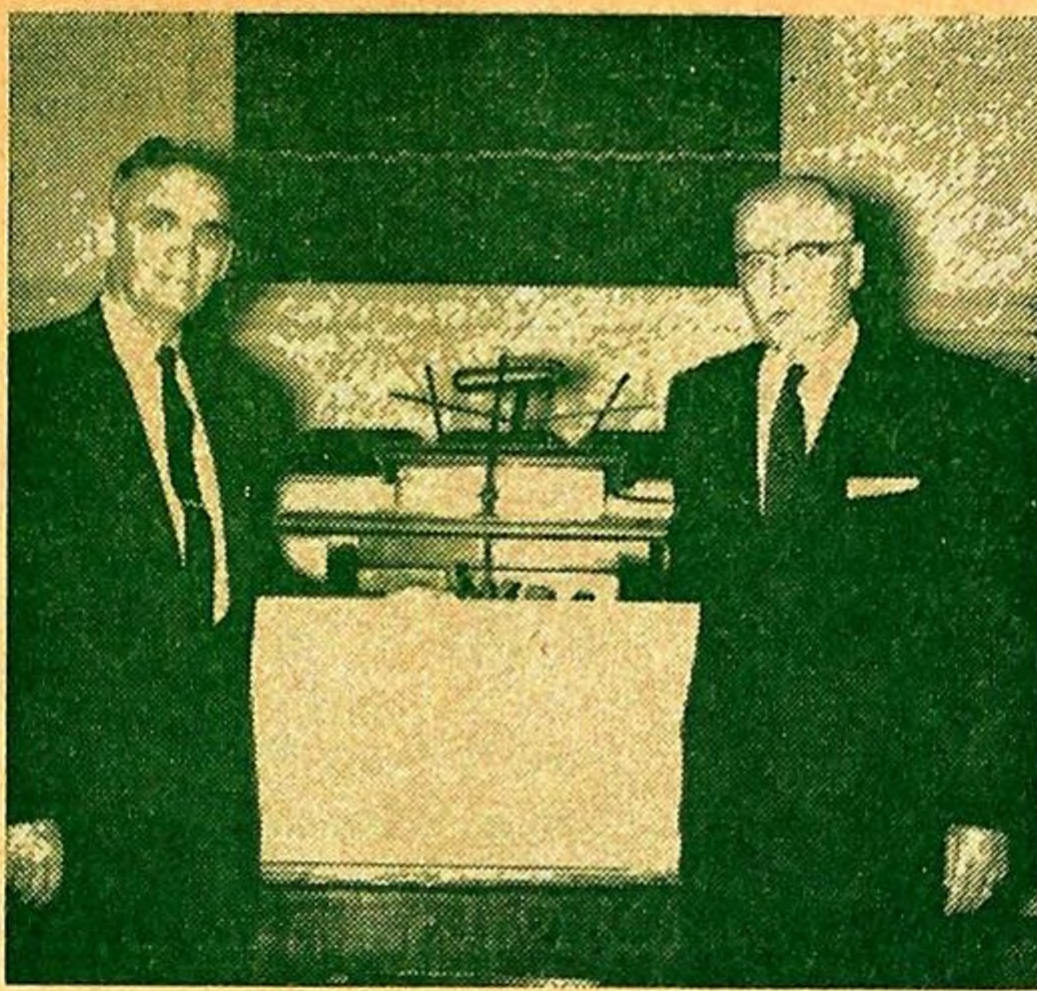
East Maryville Church led the state in music awards (adult) and ranked eleventh in the Southern Baptist Convention. The director, Mr. David L. Spencer, is a student at Carson-Newman College, and for the past two years, has served as a Summer Worker with the State Music Department.

Nashville was the leading association in the state in music awards and ranked fifth in the southwide figures. Mr. D. Neil Darnell, Minister of Music at First Church, Nashville, was the Associational Director, and Mr. Randall Lawless, Minister of Music at First Church, Madison was the Director of Training.

Out of her life-long experience as a teacher and student of the Bible, Mrs. Joe L. Howell, 1537 North Parkway, Memphis, has written "The Red Thread of Redemption." A prospectus of the one theme of the Bible itself, the book is published by the Estate Press and is \$2.95. Mrs. Howell is a member of First Baptist Church. The author appears on the book as Leslie S. Howell.

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, in its annual meeting December 8 named Fred Carter of Lake City, Arkansas, as president of the board of trustees, succeeding the late Dr. Paul A. Wieland of Trenton, Tennessee. Raymond Rogers of Nashville was re-elected executive committee chairman. J. Murphy Thomas, Tupelo, Miss., was elected first vice-president and Dr. A. D. Foreman, Memphis, second vice-president of the board. The Rev. J. S. Riser, Webb, Miss., was re-elected secretary. Hospital administrator, Frank Groner, reported that 37,887 patients had been treated since the last meeting of the trustees, with an average daily patient load of 751.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1959



Pastor W. C. Breland, left, and J. A. Hadley stand beside a white marble plaque to be placed inside the entrance of the Rutherford Church's new educational annex named in memory of Mr. Hadley's son, Bobby.

Rutherford—First Church dedicated its \$40,000 educational annex here November 22. A two-story brick structure, it is centrally heated and air-conditioned. The building is a memorial to Bobby Hadley, son of J. A. Hadley, who died June 19, 1947, at the age of seven and one-half as a result of being struck by a car. The dedication message was given by Rev. Edwin Alexander, Gibson County associational missionary. The dedication pledge was led by Pastor Wilbur C. Breland, and former pastor Lacy Freeman, now of Nashville, offered the dedication prayer. The history was given by James Witherington, chairman of the building committee. Some memories of Bobby Hadley were told by Mrs. Joe

East Tenn. Preachers' Conference Meets Jan. 8

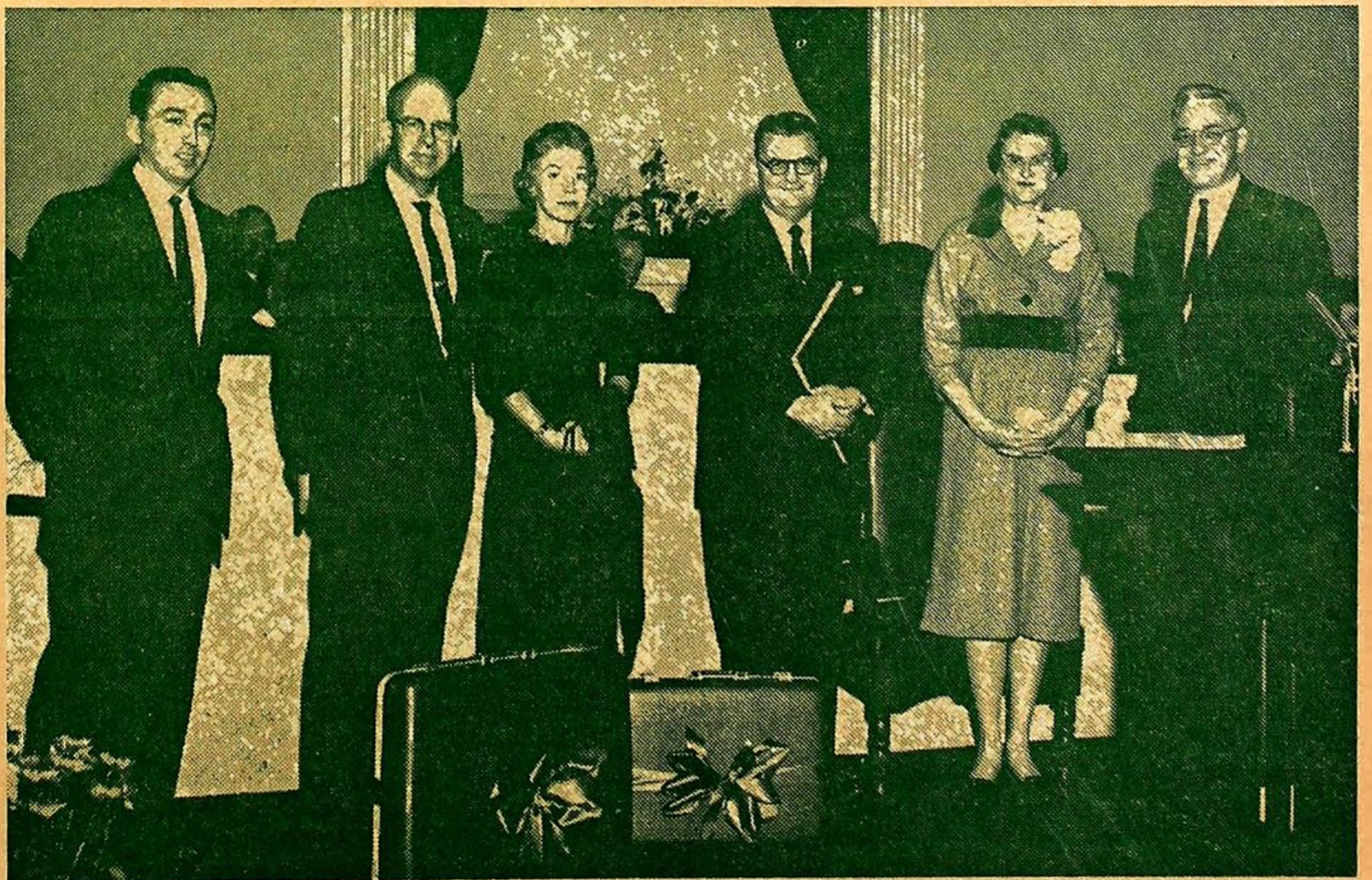
The next quarterly meeting of East Tennessee Baptist Preachers' Conference will be held at Carson-Newman College on Thursday, January 14.

Dr. W. C. Fields, Public Relations Secretary of the SBC, Nashville will deliver two addresses to the pastors entitled "The Pastor and His Public Relations" and "The Church and Its Program of Public Relations." Rev. F. M. Dowell, secretary of Evangelism for the TBC, Nashville, will bring the inspirational message of the day. Another program feature includes a Bible Study period led by Dr. R. B. Jones, head of the Bible Department at Carson-Newman.

New officers of the Conference are Kenneth B. Combs, Oak Ridge, president; Ray Brown, Elizabethton, vice president; Tom V. Wells, Maryville, program vice president; C. H. Watson, Carson-Newman College, secretary; Jim Lindsay, Greeneville, chorister; and Charles Hobbs, Andersonville, pianist.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn with the fellowship luncheon in the cafeteria at 1 p.m. Reservations must be sent to Dr. C. H. Watson of the college by January 8 if you plan to be served in the college cafeteria.

Lumpkin who had been his Sunday school teacher.



NASHVILLE—Lockeland Church here honored Pastor James M. Gregg December 6 on his 10th Anniversary presenting an engraved book of many Sunday school members and matched luggage set. Shown from L. to R.: Frank Evans, Sunday school superintendent; William J. Dahlgren, Training Union director; Mrs. J. G. Kimbrough, WMU president; Rev. James M. Gregg, Mrs. Gregg; and Henry F. Todd, Brotherhood president.

Lockeland has received during the 10 years 1,281 new members, 619 by baptism. The budget has increased from \$26,019 to \$88,800.

Foreign Board Appointed 144 Missionaries In 1959

The Foreign Mission Board appointed 25 missionaries at its December meeting, setting a record of 144 appointments during the year and surpassing its goal by four. The December appointees bring to 1,382 the number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries.

Actions taken by the Board added two new fields to those in which Southern Baptist foreign missionaries will be stationed, bringing the number of countries, or separate political entities, to 44. Six of these have been added in 1959.

Among the new missionaries are nine preachers, two medical doctors, one dentist, and two registered nurses. The doctors are Mrs. Buck Donaldson, Jr., and Winfred L. Medcalf; the dentist is Willie E. Whelan, and the nurses are Joan Collins and Mrs. C. Benton Williams.

Medcalf, the first medical doctor to be appointed for service in Thailand, will help to open medical work in that country. Whelan, the second dentist appointed this year, is the first to serve in Korea. He will be associated with the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack D. Hancock were appointed for English-speaking work in

Europe. Their first assignment will likely be Orleans, France, where a congregation, begun by American service personnel, has asked the Foreign Mission Board for assistance. France is one of the two new fields.

The other is the island of Okinawa, where a developing English-language Baptist church will be assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Alvin E. Spencer, Jr., who were transferred from Japan.

The six new countries added to the list of Southern Baptist mission fields in 1959 are Vietnam, Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia, Guinea, France, and Okinawa.

Money and Missionaries Necessary to Expansion

Calling 1959 the best year in the history of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said:

"We thank God for all the effort that has been put forward in prayer and ministry to make this year possible. We need to remember that the coming of each missionary for appointment represents a profound personal experience which has come into reality through a combination of impressions and influences.

"We are grateful to our Lord for the sustained financial support paralleling the

growth in missionary personnel. We must keep in mind that the appointment of a large number of missionaries means inevitably that the budget for the following year automatically must be greatly enlarged. The missionary section of the 1960 budget is \$671,830.32 larger than was that section for 1959. The total amount appearing in the missionary section of the budget for 1960 is \$5,318,099.35.

"We are firmly convinced that God is leading in a very definite expansion growth both in the number of missionary volunteers and in finances. We have come to a day when the foreign mission operation is very extensive both geographically and in financial responsibility.

"The foreign mission enterprise is being carried forward on a well-structured financial basis calling for approximately one-third of the total income of the Foreign Mission Board being utilized for the support of missionaries, one-third for the operation of programs of work on mission fields, and one-third for capital developments.

"Far more important than numerical and financial strength is the unity of spirit and the depth of spiritual power to be found in missionary ranks. In the final analysis, effectiveness in world service does not depend upon buildings constructed, nor impressive numbers reported, but rather in the vital witness through life and message being borne by God's servants across the world. It is to this quality of missionary service that the world looks as it seeks to draw its appraisal of the Christian message."

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3 Speakers Emphasize Teaching, Training Role

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Three speakers here emphasized the role that teaching and training plays in the educational program of Southern Baptists.

J. M. Price, Sr., of Abilene, Tex., emeritus director of religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, said that the great growth of Southern Baptists during the last third of a century could be attributed to teaching and training.

Chester L. Quarles of Jackson, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention, declared that some "Christian people know chapter and verse in the Bible but don't know how to use them."

He said that teaching and training must be practical, real to life.

James L. Sullivan, Nashville, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, stated that only one generation separates savagery from civilization—or civilization from savagery. He emphasized that teaching and training is a constant task, one that must be repeated with every generation.

The occasion was a joint meeting of executive secretaries and department secretaries from state Baptist conventions and associations co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention. They were in Nash-

ville for group meetings sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Price said that teaching and training is badly needed in a day when there are a large number of "personal evils" in America. These, he described as increased drinking of liquor, immorality, loss of religious tone in education, breakup of the home, absentee church membership, and mounting disregard for personal and public (government) debt.

Quarles said if Christians aren't "projecting themselves into the lives of others, teaching and training them, and standing by them," these Christians "just aren't growing."

He added, "We teach and train in order that we might grow and in order that other people might grow."

The emphasis on teaching and training was due to the forthcoming 1960 year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, being observed by seven Baptist groups in North America. The 1960 emphasis or theme is on "teaching and training."

Sullivan, host to the secretaries, explained that his heart "thrilled" at the "glorious history" of Baptists, their friendship, the depth of world need and the commandment of the Lord to meet it, and the soundness of the program "we're trying to project as a denomination."

Newly Appointed Missionaries Include Nine From Tennessee

Eight young people from Tennessee and another former resident of Tennessee were among the 25 new missionaries commissioned by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its December meeting in Richmond, Va. They are Rev. and Mrs. Jack D. Hancox, of Dayton, appointed for Europe; Rev. and Mrs. C. Benton Williams, of Maryville, for Thailand; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Fitts, of Memphis, for Peru; Rev. and Mrs. Buck Donaldson, Jr., of Townsend, for East Africa; and Mrs. Charles W. Bedenbaugh, the former Betty Marshall, of Kingsport, appointed with her husband for East Africa.

Mr. Hancox is pastor of First Baptist Church, Dayton, where he has served since September, 1956. He and his wife will have special responsibility for developing English-speaking Baptist churches in Europe. Their first assignment will be at Orleans, France, where a congregation, formed by American service personnel, has requested the Foreign Mission Board to assist in the development of a church. France brings to 43 the number of foreign countries in which Southern Baptist missionary personnel will be stationed.

Mr. Hancox is a native of Maryville and a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He served in the U.S. Navy for nearly three years during and immediately following World War II; and, after becoming a minister, he served another three years as a Navy chaplain. He is now a chaplain in the Naval Reserve.

"The death, destruction, and turmoil that I witnessed during the war are a vital part of the total experience which has led me to a commitment to foreign missions," he said, adding that as a chaplain he visited the Mediterranean area and received "a staggering impression of the urgent, overwhelming need for Christ."

"I knew when I returned home that I must personally do something about it, but I did not exactly know how," he said. Last May he and his wife contacted the Foreign Mission Board concerning appointment.

Mrs. Hancox is the former Doris White, native of Columbia. After receiving the bachelor of science degree from Maryville College she worked as a dietitian in hospitals in Maryville, Durham, N. C., and Louisville. She is a member of the American Dietetic Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Hancox have four children: Donna Leslie, six and a half; Bradford Scott, five; Sarah Lacy, four; and Monabeth Hughes, two.

Mr. Williams is pastor of Everett Hills Baptist Church, Maryville, where he has served since July, 1957. A native of Knoxville,

he is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth. He expects to receive the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, in January, 1960.

Formerly he pastored Baptist churches in Fort Worth and in Knoxville, Greenback, New Market, White Pine, and Daysville, Tenn., and taught in Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, Tenn., and in the public schools of Sevierville, Tenn.

Mrs. Williams is the former Elizabeth Rogers, of Seymour. A registered nurse, she received her nursing education at Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis, and Memphis State College (now Memphis State University). She worked as a nurse at Baptist Memorial Hospital, East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville, and Harris Hospital, Fort Worth.

She and her husband have four daughters: Beverly Anne, seven; Deborah Jean, five and a half; Rebecca Susan, four; and Cynthia Annette, two and a half.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams began considering foreign mission service about a year and a half ago, after hearing the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board present a plea for young pastors who were ready and willing to go overseas as missionaries.

Mr. Fitts is pastor's associate and educational worker at Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, where he has served since January, 1958. Formerly he was educational, music, and youth director at First Baptist

Church, West Memphis, Ark., and director of activities at First Church, St. Albans, W. Va. He served in the U.S. Navy for nearly three and a half years. He is a native of Pontotoc, Miss.

Mrs. Fitts is the former Jean Carlisle, native of Lucy. She was a Southern Baptist missionary to Mexico for more than three years, serving as director of the Mae Davis Student Home in Guadalajara. Last March she resigned to marry Mr. Fitts, whom she had known as a college classmate.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fitts are graduates of Union University, Jackson, and of Southwestern Seminary. Mr. Fitts also attended Memphis State College, and Mrs. Fitts studied social casework at Worden School of Social Service of Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, Tex.

Before going to Mexico Mrs. Fitts was a counselor at the Bethesda Home, San Antonio, a teacher in the public schools of Shelby County, Tennessee, and a summer worker in Washington and Oregon for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Mr. Fitts said that as a small child he used to dream of becoming a missionary. "I do not feel capable or worthy of the high calling of a foreign missionary," he said. "However, I strongly believe God has called me to the task, and I offer myself without reservation to the service of Christ."

Mr. Donaldson is pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Townsend, where he has served since November, 1957. Mrs. Donaldson, a medical doctor, is a pediatrician in Townsend and health officer for Blount County.

Mr. Donaldson, a native of New Verda, La., is a graduate of Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. He served in the U.S. Navy for nearly four

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Tennessee was represented among the 25 new missionaries commissioned at the Foreign Mission Board by (L. to R.) Rev. and Mrs. Buck Donaldson, Jr. of Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Fitts of Memphis, Rev. and Mrs. Jack D. Hancox of Dayton, Rev. and Mrs. C. Benton Williams of Maryville, and Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Bedenbaugh of Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Bedenbaugh is the former Betty Marshall of Kingsport.

That You May Find The King

These gifts I wish for you this Christmas day,
These simple gifts the heart may ever hold:

The faith to see the Holy Star's clear ray
Leading to Bethlehem; the treasured gold
Minted from friendship through the changing years;
The frankincense of hope to ease despair—

The myrrh of love that will illumine your tears,
Revealing Heaven through the gate of prayer.
In the garden of your thoughts may there be flowers,
Petaled with all the beauty you have sown
To burgeon for another's perilous hours—
Who walks with beauty never walks alone.

These gifts I wish for you, and may they bring
The chrism of peace that you may find the King.

—Mable Law Atkinson

This is the Christmas Wish to You from each member
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Season's Greetings



Again we express our appreciation to you, our friends and co-laborers,
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May His love guard you and guide you
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Sunday School Department

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Lois Nugent	Mary Brooks
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Newly Appointed Missionaries

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years during and immediately following World War II. Both he and his wife volunteered for foreign mission service while students at New Orleans Seminary.

Before coming to the Townsend church he was associate pastor, educational director, director of activities, and interim pastor of Coliseum Place Baptist Church, New Orleans; youth director of First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La.; and minister of music at South Boulevard Baptist Church, Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Donaldson, the former Barbara Hasty, was born in Onamia, Minn., and lived in a number of places as a girl, graduating from high school in Fountain City, Tenn. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis. She has been associated with East Tennessee Baptist Hospital and University of Tennessee Hospital, both in Knoxville, and John Gaston Hospital, Memphis, as well as with hospitals in Birmingham, Ala., and New Orleans.

The Donaldsons have two daughters, Jo Allen, nearly three years, and Janet Susan, six months.

Mrs. Bedenbaugh was born in Mount Vernon, Ill., but moved with her family to Kingsport as a teen-ager. She is now living in Fort Worth, where her husband, a South Carolinian, is pastor of Sun Valley Baptist Church. They have two sons.

The December appointments bring the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,382.

ABOUT OUR STATE

Sunday, December 6, Buffalo Grove Church, Jefferson County, dedicated its new pastorium. The church, with an annual budget of \$4,000, dedicated the \$15,000 building debt free. The dedication sermon was brought by Rev. Vernon Fielden, a former pastor who began the building fund. Mr. Lloyd Garrett, a member of the building committee, read a history of the building program. Herbert Gibson is pastor.

Corinth Church, McDonald, has recently added three new Sunday school rooms which brings the total to seven now in use. Other improvements include a church office, rest room, new hardwood floors in the auditorium and choir loft and a fountain added to the water system. The improvements cost approximately \$3,300 according to Orlando Roark, church clerk. Members of the building committee are Lloyd Kimsey, chairman; Dennis Goodwin, Lloyd Hampton and Roark. Omar G. Plank is pastor.

Training Union Department

May you, wherever you are in this golden hour, know joy. May your hearthfire be surrounded with those near and dear to you; the happiness of your friends re-echo the gladness Heaven sends forth in this time of the Miracle of Bethlehem.

May the faith the humble shepherds found in the starlit stable be yours in fullest measure; the exultation of Mary and Joseph light your heart with the glow of divine love.

May you gather together in bright bouquet love, charity and tranquillity of spirit, for he who possesses these holds the key to riches beyond measure.

May all your dreams in this splended hour reach fulfillment, and may all the paths you walk be lighted with peace, not only today, but in all the days of the year to come.

Loretta Buckley

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Charles L. Norton

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Johnnie Hall, Jr.

Mrs. Stuart Magee

Helen Jarrett

Denominational College Given Dual Obligation

LOUISVILLE—(BP)—Baptist colleges need to continue to provide Christian education both for the laity and for those preparing for church-related vocations, the executive vice-president of Baylor University said here.

Abner McCall of Waco, Tex., warned that Baptist colleges may return to the point of training only church-related vocational workers unless they can expand.

He called attention to a survey in Texas which showed that only 18 per cent of Baptist students attend Baptist colleges in the state.

Increased financial support from the denomination is the major hope for expansion, McCall added. Government funds must be declined because of ties that may be established. Similarly, he said, funds given by big donors and foundations often have strings attached.

Another alternative to lack of support is

that Baptist colleges will become secularized. McCall said many private institutions today once were related to denominations.

The Baylor official addressed the winter meeting of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools, attended by 107 persons. The association meets in connection with the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Three new college presidents were introduced to the Baptist group—Rufus C. Harris, former Tulane president now at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Robert L. Mills of Georgetown (Ky.) College, and Herbert C. Gabhart of Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.

A fourth newcomer, President E. N. Patterson of Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., did not attend since colleges in Arizona are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Near The Bottom

by R. Paul Caudill

According to reports at the annual Church Pensions Conference held last year, Southern Baptists have 30,100 ministers, but only 10,457 of them, or 34%, participate actively in the denominational retirement program.

Out of the 23 denominations reporting at the conference, 13 of them show 70% or higher of their ministers participating in their respective retirement program. Note the following comparisons which place Baptists near the bottom: American Baptists, 52% participating; Evangelicals and Reforms, 78%; Lutheran American, 92%; Lutheran Missouri, 89%; Methodists, 78%; Presbyterian, U.S.A., 74% Protestant Episcopal, 100%; Southern Baptists 34%.

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention should be complimented on its splendid effort to enlist the almost 20,000 Southern Baptist ministers who still do not belong to our denominational retirement program. Let us pray earnestly that the approximately 67,000 men, women and children who are unprotected (granted that the average American family is made up of 3½ persons) may soon come under the loving care of our Relief and Annuity Board program.

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Attendances and Additions for Sunday, December 13, 1959

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alcoa, First	494	179	
Athens, Central	150	68	3
East	530	177	
First	670	247	
West End Mission	108	78	
North	323	146	
Niota, First	145	36	
Auburntown, Prosperity	131	71	
Bradford, First	105	31	
Brighton	220	99	
Bristol, Tennessee Avenue	630	249	3
Chattanooga, Avondale	671	202	
Brainerd	1018	362	2
Eastdale	496	127	4
East Lake	583	164	2
East Ridge	764	238	
Northside	462	106	
North Market	122	41	
Red Bank	1180	335	2
Ridgeview	284	95	5
Second	153	70	
White Oak	475	130	
Clarksville, First	805	182	2
Little West Fork	156	58	3
Pleasant View	247	110	
Cleveland, First	734	279	3
Macedonia	132	42	
West Cleveland Heights	112	25	
Clinton, First	705	235	1
Second	574	170	2
Collierville, Kirk	78	39	4
Columbia, First	636	266	5
Highland Park	433	186	
Cookeville, First	635	178	3
West View	237	86	
Crossville, First	243	102	
Emmanuel	117	49	
Daisy, First	351	118	
Dandridge, First	143	67	
Decatur, Pisgah	77	53	
Dyersburg, First	661	197	
Elizabethton, First	580	152	1
Reservoir Hill	48		
Immanuel	275	108	
Oak Street	151	68	
Siam	197	84	
Englewood, First	193	54	2
Etowah, First	342	109	
Goodspring	125	57	
North	436	136	
Fountain City, Central	1274	389	4
Smithwood	820	270	
Gladeville	145	66	
Gleason, First	189	60	1
Goodlettsville, First	412	152	1
Greenville, First	445	164	12
Harriman, Trenton Street	514	161	
Walnut Hill	310	132	1
Hendersonville, Rockland	48	45	
Hixson, First	423	317	
Memorial	229	87	
Middle Valley	212	99	
Humboldt, Antioch	252	122	
First	568	170	1
Jackson, Calvary	589	237	

First	1081	284	5
North	319	150	
Parkview	454	153	
Bethany Chapel	50	24	
West	1007	555	
Johnson City, Temple	393	136	
Unaka Avenue	409	141	2
Jonesboro, First	217	64	
Limestone	21	13	
Kenton, First	216	48	
Macedonia	92	76	
Kingsport, First	744	245	1
Glenwood	420	160	
Litz Manor	225	116	
Lynn Garden	473	169	2
Knoxville, Bell Avenue	992	323	9
Broadway	1264	471	11
Fifth Avenue	816	297	
First	1096	270	3
Grace	289	141	2
Inskip	760	200	1
Wallace Memorial	606	256	4
Washington Pike	393	136	
Lawrenceburg, First	299	103	2
Meadow View	85	55	
Highland Park	250	95	
Lebanon, First	593	171	2
Hillcrest	123	86	
Rocky Valley	117	58	
Lenoir City, Calvary	273	85	
First	581	219	2
Kingston Pike	121	46	
Oral	148	76	

LaBelle Place	848	172	
Lamar Heights	706	292	1
LeaClair	335	153	2
Leawood	904	297	4
Levi	288	126	2
Longview Heights	529	210	5
Lucy	97	49	
Malcomb Avenue	207	105	1
Mallory Heights	227	95	4
McLean	521	211	
Millington, First	564	200	8
Mt. Pisgah	144	90	
Oakhaven	283	185	6
Oakville	323	107	1
Park Avenue	657	206	4
Prescott Memorial	603	198	
Raleigh	515	178	2
Richland	308	98	2
Seventh Street	536	161	5
Southland	181	87	1
Southmoor	168	68	1
Speedway Terrace	787	204	3
Temple	1196	362	
Easthaven	64	46	2
Thrifhaven Mission	106	68	2
Union Avenue	1191	371	2
Parkway Village	81	30	
Wells Station	745	320	1
Mission	53	31	
Westhaven	201	90	1
Whitehaven	732	137	3
Winchester	114	45	6
Woodstock	120	55	
Milan, First	461	180	
Morristown, Bethel	208	159	
Beulah	83	16	2
Buffalo Trail	290	155	
Calvary	331	149	
Cherokee Hill	78	35	1
First	827	213	
Hillcrest	175	81	
Montvue	200	56	2
Morning Side	54	23	
Westview	166	60	
Whitesburg	95	37	
Witt	86	26	
Murfreesboro, First	672	159	1
Calvary	105		
Southeast	95	29	1
Third	343	112	1
Woodbury Road	263	92	1
Nashville, Belmont Heights	1206	408	2
Madison Mission	131	65	
Westview	36	35	
Bethany	45	19	
Brook Hollow	394	152	6
Donelson	764	182	2
Fairview	209	79	
Jordonia	14	30	
Freeland	129	55	
Gallatin Road	454	157	4
Glendale	194	51	1
Grace	1106	393	
Immanuel	375	127	
West End Chapel	76	39	
Inglewood	1015	352	
Cross Keys	32	35	
Dayton	52		
State School	71		
Trinity Chapel	185	108	
Ivy Memorial	414	161	
Mission	45		
Joelton	235	141	
Lincaya Hills	415	83	2
Lockeland	560	174	
Hermitage Hills	66	50	4
Madison, First	715	219	1
Neelys Bend	126	66	
River Road	71	62	3
Shelby Avenue	394	136	1
Woodbine	379	131	4
Woodmont	737	241	2
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	773	272	
Old Hickory, First	536	199	
Rayon City	175	77	
Temple	182	101	
Oliver Springs, First	256	74	
First	163	65	
Pigeon Forge	250	139	
Portland, First	343	124	1
Rockwood, Eureka	94	60	
First	558	169	
White's Creek	98	73	4
Sevierville, Alder Branch	94	52	
Antioch	119	59	
Beech Springs	204	76	
Dupont	126	61	
First	575	197	2
Knob Creek	107	46	
Mount Zion	46	29	
Wears Valley	113	71	
Zion Hill	131	59	
Shelbyville, First	380	89	
South Pittsburg	224	71	2
Summertown	141	71	
Sweetwater, First	484	85	
Troy, First	137	78	
Tullahoma, First	560	134	
Lincoln Heights	109	52	
Grace	91	56	
Highland	220	115	2
Union City, First	720	188	
Samburg	58	38	
Watertown, Round Lick	190	87	
Winchester, First	318	79	1
Southside	53		

REPORTER

This week we received many cards listing the attendances but the name of the church was not given. Please make sure that you list the church, the city, and mail early so it will reach us by early Wednesday morning. Mail your report to *Baptist and Reflector*, 1812 Belmont Blvd., Nashville 5, Tenn.

We will not carry the attendances for Sunday, December 20.

Lewisburg, First	495	120	
Loudon, Blairland	257	82	
Madisonville, First	838	144	
Mission	54	35	
Malesus	237	108	
Martin, First	346	63	1
Southside	88	50	
Maryville, Broadway	734	349	
Everett Hills	570	237	1
First	1000	304	
Madison Avenue	153	74	
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	444	117	2
Forest Park	56	28	
Northside	142	74	
Shellsford	227	150	
Memphis, Ardmore	679	291	2
Bellevue	2623	1011	43
Belwood Heights	130	61	
Berclair	1130	440	3
Big Creek	56	35	
Boulevard	667	221	
Havenview	135	49	6
Broadmoor	162	124	4
Brooks Road	252	124	3
Brunswick	181	64	
Central Avenue	912	262	
Cherokee	1002	413	9
Lamar Terrace	75	48	1
Mt. Terrace	38	8	
Collierville	307	95	6
DeSota Heights	157	105	3
Egypt	218	69	
Elliston Avenue	238	164	6
Eudora	877	291	3
First	1343	273	5
Forest Hill	100	43	
Frayser, First	882	367	9
Georgian Hills	177	67	4
Glen Park	218	108	2
Graceland	689	231	
Graham Heights	275	112	
Highland Heights	1386	631	3
Hollywood	457	190	1
Kennedy	465	127	1
Kensington	263	68	3
LaBelle Haven	524	214	5

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Many people seem to think that statistics are dry and uninteresting, but when these figures reveal the proportion of people who have been saved and those who are lost they take on spiritual importance. When these same figures take on a reflection of the rate of progress in growth of church membership over population they become much more interesting.

Shifting Population

In a study released by the Department of Survey and Research of the Sunday School Board entitled, "Population Shifts and their Effect Upon Southern Baptist Convention, 1950-55" some very startling facts are revealed particularly regarding rural population and rural church membership growth and decline.

A large number of the original Southern Baptist Convention states lost rural population from 1950-55. Apparently the states along the Atlantic seaboard gained in rural population but most of the other states of the old south lost, such as Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

A quite shocking fact though comes from these statistics which indicate that the states which lost in rural population gained in rural church membership. We have known that rural churches were growing. This, however, indicates that rural churches are growing inspite of a declining population.

Let's look at a few illustrations of this. Alabama rural population lost 2.9 per cent but the Southern Baptist rural church membership gained 5.7 per cent. Arkansas rural population lost 5.9 per cent but its rural church membership gained 8.7 per cent.

Georgia lost only slightly a .3 per cent in rural population but its rural membership gained 4.8 per cent. Illinois rural population lost 1.9 per cent but its rural church membership gained 11.6 per cent. Kentucky rural population lost 2.7 per cent but its rural church membership gained 3.4 per cent.

Mississippi lost 3.6 per cent but its rural church membership gained 4.7 per cent. Missouri lost only slight .5 per cent but its membership gained 3.1 per cent. Oklahoma showed the most striking contrast. Whereas its rural population lost 6.2 per cent, its rural church membership gained 16 per cent.

Tennessee lost 1.9 per cent in rural population but gained 2.0 per cent in rural church membership. Whereas Texas lost 2.7 per cent in rural population but gained

4.4 per cent in rural church membership.

Taking the Southern Baptist Convention territory as a whole, the total rural population gained 1.4 per cent but Southern Baptist rural church membership gained 6.0 per cent. This seems to indicate that rural churches are becoming more vigorous in evangelism and are doing an effective service in winning the people of its community to Christ. Even though the total population may be decreasing, perhaps other statistics of rural church growth will show this even more significantly. For the same five years the Sunday school enrollment gained 15.1 per cent. The Training Union enrollment gained 32.1 per cent. The WMU enrollment gained 19.1 and Brotherhood 65.3 per cent. The value of church property gained 62.0 per cent; total gifts increased 42 per cent and mission gifts gained 49.4 per cent. It is revealing also that we even gained in total number of rural churches by 2 per cent in spite of the fact that there are fewer rural people.

It still remains true, however, that there are approximately 35 million people living in open country, villages, and small towns classified as rural in the areas of the Southern Baptist Convention. These people are the task and challenge of rural churches. Out of these approximately 35 million rural people, we have slightly more than 4 million Southern Baptist church membership. Quite naturally, many of these other 30 million people belong to churches of other denominations. It still remains, however, that a large number, untold millions, still are without Christ. It is the task of these churches in town and country to win these untold millions to faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Population Per Church

In the early part of this century, a very famous statistical study indicated that in a community with declining population, the total church membership declined more rapidly than the population. On the other hand, in the community with a growing population, the church membership increased less rapidly. The above statistics on Southern Baptists seem to indicate that the earlier study does not hold true, at least for us at the present time.

Another revealing statistic at this point shows that in the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole we have one rural Southern Baptist church for every 1,454 rural people. On the other hand, we have one urban church for every 9,056 population. The states of the old south have an even better

proportion here. For example, Alabama has one rural Southern Baptist church for every 717 rural people.

This contrasts quite noticeably with the fact that the state that has the best record for its urban population is Arkansas with one urban church for every 3,280 population. These statistics indicate that rural churches have done a very splendid task in reaching rural people, but there remains much to be done. They indicate also that Southern Baptists are becoming an urban people, but have a much greater task to accomplish at this point.

Increasing Turnover

The above facts plus observation and experience indicate that Southern Baptist churches are having increasing problems caused by the mobility of the population. The more people move the more problem the church has in maintaining its membership and maintaining a healthy program of growth.

For example, one large city church reports that it must have at least 12 per cent as many as it has members joining the church each year or else, it loses ground. If it is to grow it must have more than a 12 per cent addition. Another church in another city reports loss by death and transfer of membership equal to 27.1 per cent of its resident church membership. If this one year's report is typical then this church must have 25 per cent or more new additions each year.

The shifting population is more acute for urban churches than for the rural churches. However, many rural churches in oil field towns, lumber mill towns, and in the towns which have more industrialization, are experiencing a rapid turn over of membership. The more stable agricultural communities are experiencing less of this, though they may be losing population. Perhaps most rural churches lose a great many members by migration but receive very few new members from people who move into the community. Most of the church additions must come from the baptism of the young people growing up in the community.

Rural churches along with urban have a huge backlog of responsibility for winning people to Christ. It remains for us to see each of these churches meeting the challenge of its own community.

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By Oscar Lee Rives

God Is Our Help

TEXTS: Acts 12 (Larger)—Acts 12:1-12 (Printed).

What should a group of Christians, such as a church, do when it is in trouble? The first nineteen verses of Acts 12 tell what the church at Jerusalem did in the long ago. Their example is a worthy one, for the most part, and we consider it with the pattern of "a pod of p's". This is done without reference to particular verses. The church there and then found help in God through the channel of prayer. It can be characterized in the following manner.

Prostrated in Persecution

It was overwhelmed with grief because of the recent death of James. It was overawed at the prospect of death because of the arrest and imprisonment of Simon Peter. Herod, it would seem, would stop at nothing so long as he saw that his actions pleased the enemies of the Christians. The hour was a dark one for the frightened disciples. The fires of persecution were raging. The future must have looked, from the human point of view, very disheartening. But, as is often the case, the darkness and gloom grow just before dawn. The Lord was watching carefully over them.

Painful in Perplexity

The group was perplexed, painfully so. What could they do? In reality, there was

nothing else to do but to pray. They had done other things before, such as witnessing and teaching, but now they were confined to prayer alone. It seems evident, however, that they had in no sense neglected prayer all along. They were thoroughly familiar with the pathway of prayer already, and now they would travel it with anguish of spirit. God often permits His people to come into similar situations in order that they may learn, or relearn, the true secret of intercessory prayer. One thinks, for instance, of Israel at the Red Sea and the Jews in the days of Esther and Mordecai.

Personal in Pleading

Simon Peter, their leader, was locked and securely guarded behind prison walls. But the factor that made the difference, all of the difference, is seen in: "But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." All too often the Lord's people are vague, even indefinite, in their corporate prayers—but not this time. Their pleadings were personal. A study of the recorded prayers of the Bible shows that they are usually short and specific. They remind us that true prayer is from a person, or a group of persons, addressed to the Person. Frequently they are centered upon the welfare of another person. The prayer of Elijah on Mount Carmel is illuminating in this regard.

Persistent in Petition

This is not to suggest that we, because we are persistent, can change the plans and purposes of Almighty God. He is not capricious and subject to change upon the basis of persistency as such. We are to remember to pray always within the sphere of His will, recognizing His sovereignty and goodness. But it is to suggest that intercessory prayer often becomes a strenuous, if not exhausting, experience. What happens, frequently, is that in prayer we change ourselves and not God. This amounts to a terrific struggle indeed. This concept is glimpsed in Jacob's wrestling with the angel (Gen. 32:24-32). Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane is likewise illuminating. Many of us are the recipients of God's mercy and grace as a result of the right kind of persistent, intercessory prayer of His people.

Pitiable in Prophecy

The Apostle, upon miraculous deliverance, came to the assembled group that had been praying in his behalf at the home of the mother of John Mark. But they refused to believe that their prayers had been answered. Their attitude, at first, was one of pitiable prophecy. They insisted that Rhoda was unbalanced. Then they said that she had been his angel. "But Peter continued knocking". Weren't they glad he did? Too, aren't we glad he did?

Louisville Seminary Retains Its Standing

LOUISVILLE—(BP)—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here closes its centennial year on a note of joy—its accreditation with the American Association of Theological Schools remains intact.

The seminary went through a period of crisis between June, 1958, and June, 1959, climaxed by the dismissal of 12 professors. The seminary's trustees later rescinded the dismissals and accepted the professors' resignations instead.

The American Association of Theological Schools expressed concern over the dismissals and reviewed the seminary's accredited standing. Its report, issued in December, continued this accredited standing.

A committee of Southern Baptist Convention presidents and former presidents was appointed at one time during the crisis to assist the seminary. This committee ended its work during the summer of 1959.

The accreditation 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 accrediting 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 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the American Association of Theological Schools which has been unbroken since 1938," Lamar Jackson of Birmingham, Ala., chairman, board of trustees of Southern Seminary said.

Jackson's statement was echoed by President Duke K. McCall, and by Penrose St. Amant, chairman of the faculty-trustee committee on accreditation. St. Amant, one of Southern Baptists' leading authorities on church history, joined the faculty this year after leaving the faculty of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Charles H. Taylor, executive director of the American Association of Theological Schools, said the agency's accrediting commission wasn't satisfied with Southern Seminary in four respects:

(1) The seminary has not taken fully adequate steps to repair the injustice of the dismissed professors.

(2) There is grave doubt that new regulations governing academic freedom and tenure are sufficient to guarantee proper exercise of administrative authority and faculty responsibility in the future.

(3) The seminary has an unfavorable faculty-student ratio.

(4) The faculty and library are inadequate for the ambitious program of the school—this is especially true in work leading to the master's and doctor's degrees in theology.



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Did you have a simple Christmas service in your home? I hope so. Perhaps it was only a Christmas carol, part of Luke's story of the first Christmas story, and a thank-you prayer for Christmas joys. In your family is such a service held around the Christmas tree, in a favorite room, at the table, or even outdoors? It will be very interesting to learn of different kinds of Christmas services in BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR homes. Please share yours.

As soon as possible, you will be writing thank-you notes for some of the gifts you received. How many people can you list among those who made Christmas happier for you in any way? Some of these people



might be surprised to have a thank-you (spoken or written) from you.

How long has it been since you wrote to a pen pal? Have you shared any Christmas news? Be sure to write a letter before you go back to school. (You will be busier then—and Christmas memories will be less vivid.) Write a friendly account of your Christmas surprises and fun.

After you've written to the pen pal or pals you already have, perhaps you'd like to choose a new friend—a Christmas friend. This might be the last new pen pal you will choose in 1959. So read each letter carefully.

From Rozzella West, Route 1, Belfast, Tenn.:

I am 14 years old and in the first year of high school at Marshall County High School. My hobbies are skating, swimming, and giving parties. I would like to have pen pals any age, and I promise to answer every letter I get. If possible, I hope to get a picture of each one.

From Sherry Hubbard, 699 Bingham, Memphis, Tenn.:

I am 9 years of age and have one sister and one brother. I attend Emmanuel Bap-

tist Church and am a Christian. I would like to have pen pals any age. If possible, I would like to get small snapshots.

From Janet Ridley, RFD 2, Pinson, Tenn.:

I am 11 years old and in the sixth grade. I go to Wilson Grade School. I am a member of Antioch Baptist Church. I take piano lessons and have two sisters—one is 7 and the other is 19 months old. I like to read and help with work around the farm.

I would like to get pen pals ages 11-13 and will try to answer all letters I receive.

From Marilyn Viar, Route 3, Halls, Tenn.:

I am 12 years old. I go to Halls Junior High School and am in the seventh grade. I go to Halls First Baptist Church where I am a member.

My hobbies are horseback riding, reading, and swimming. I also play the piano and sing.

I would like to have pen pals ages 12-14 and will answer every letter. Thank you.



From Brenda Gates, Dayton, Tenn.:

I am 10 years old and in the sixth grade at the Morgantown School.

I am a member of Washington Church where my father is pastor.

I would like to have pen pals ages 10-13 and hope to get a picture of each one.

From Judy Carter, Route 3, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.:

I am 9 years old. I have no sisters. My birthday is January 14. My hobby is reading. I have already read seven books since school. I would like to have some pen pals ages 9-12. I would also like to get snapshots of all my pen pals. I promise to answer all letters, if possible.

Did you find a letter to answer? Perhaps you will write a newsy Christmas note to one of these nice new friends. That will be an excellent way to get acquainted.

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LAUGHS

Overhearing his three-year-old daughter, Rebecca, talking about what she will do when the family arrives in the States for furlough, Missionary Billy B. Tisdale said to her: "Becky, why are you talking about the States? You were born here in the Philippines and do not even know where the United States is located." She quickly replied, "Oh, yes, I do. The United States is in Texas."

A traveler was marooned in a tiny town because of a landslide caused by heavy rain, which was still falling in torrents after three days. Looking out of the window of the restaurant, he remarked to the waitress:

"This is like the flood."

"The what?"

"The flood. Surely you have heard about the great flood and Noah and the Ark."

"Mister," she replied, "I haven't seen a paper for four days."

A farmer lived on the same farm all his life. Now he wanted to change and decided to sell his farm.

The real estate agent who listed the property prepared a highly flattering newspaper advertisement, but before inserting the ad, he read it to the farmer.

"Hold on a mite, son," interrupted the farmer, "and read that again slowly."

Again the realtor read the ad.

"Changed my mind. I'm not gonna' sell," declared the old fellow. "All my life I've been looking for a place just like this."

"Glad to see you getting to school on time these mornings," said the teacher.

"Yes, sir, I've got a parrot now."

"A parrot, young man. I told you to get an alarm clock."

"I never seem to hear alarm clocks," explained the student.

"But, now I've got this parrot. And what the parrot says when the alarm wakes him up is enough to wake up anybody!"

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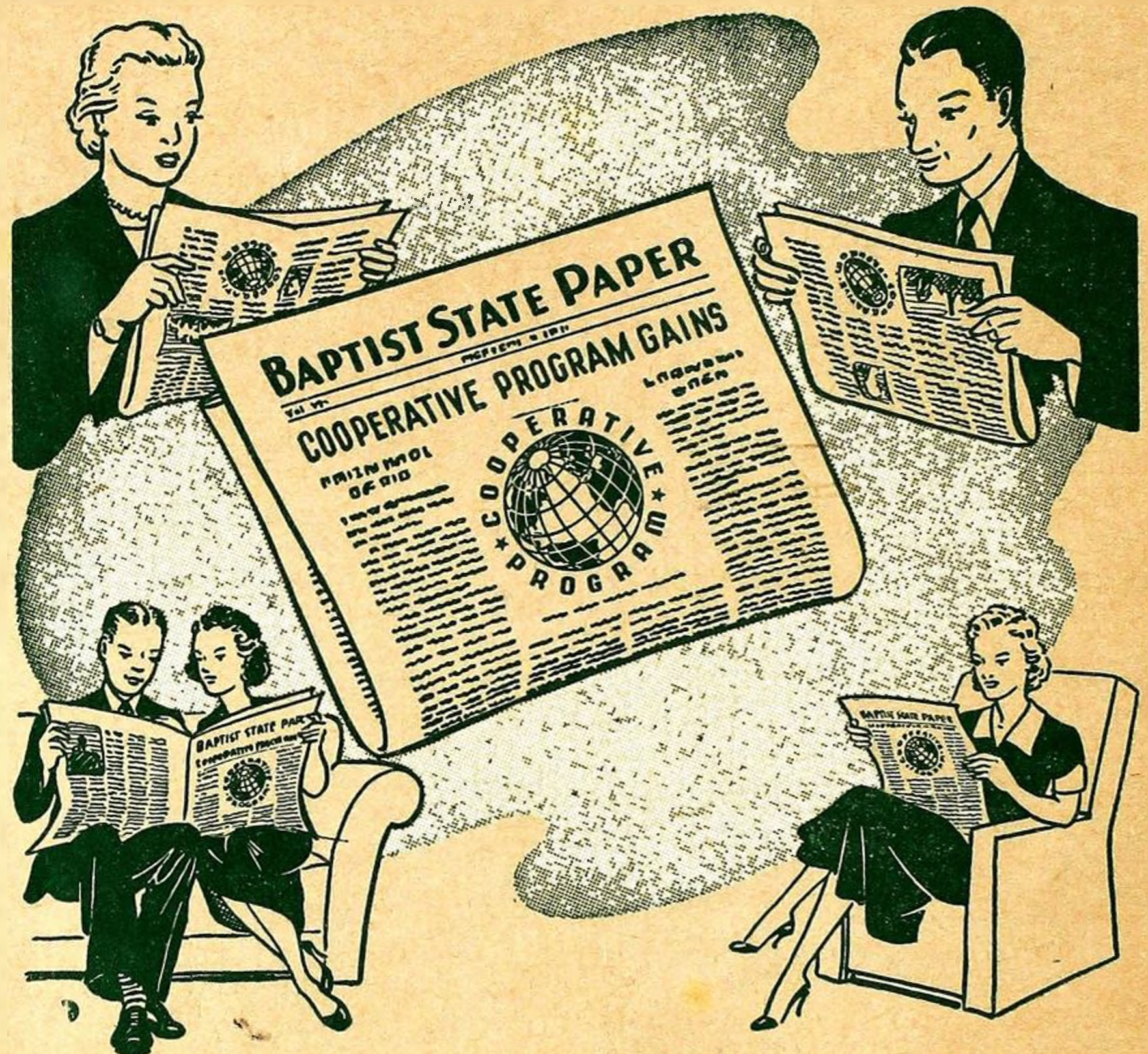
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