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Missionary Carlos R. Owens, general conference leader for the associational Sunday school clinic in Tanganyika, presents a Bible to each participant who does not already own one. The Bibles were given by the Junior department of First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn.

Observance Of Lent 'Not For Baptists'

NASHVILLE —(BP)—It's all right for other religious groups to observe Lent, but Southern Baptists do not need to begin this special 40-day practice. Southern Baptists should make Christian self-denials every day of the year.

This is the consensus of opinion of Baptist pastors and workers responding to a question raised by the Baptist Program, monthly Southern Baptist leadership magazine published here.

"To observe Lent for a short period of time and then forget it until next year is far from a Christian virtue (it is mockery as practiced by many)," replied Glenn R. McCollum, pastor at Fremont, Tex.

John C. Fox, Kirksville, Mo., pastor, answered that there "is no scriptural teaching for the idea of Lent. However, there is much scriptural teaching for daily and constant self-denial."

Fox and several other Southern Baptist ministers urged a church revival service instead during the period of the year immediately preceding Easter.

A majority noted that Southern Baptist churches call attention to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ throughout the year rather than during a 40-day period just before Easter Sunday.

"Our people do not need this seasonal observance (Lent) so long as we maintain the picture of the resurrection by frequent Baptisms," according to Hal D. Bennett, Director of Public Relations at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla.



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"I have observed that the biggest night of the year in the night clubs is Saturday night just before Easter, because Lent ends on Saturday at noon," reported Dan R. White, pastor at Breau Bridge, La. "After 40 days of self-denial, indulgence is the practice of the day."

Lent is a 40-day period of fasting, penitence, and self-denial observed by many denominations, including Roman Catholic Church and Protestant Churches. While it may be observed by some few Southern Baptist Churches, no attention is called to it by the denomination.

Mail Bag

... Christians Need To Be Christlike

Competition is sharp on the international level at present, especially among the Olympic athletes and the missile-launching scientists. Because of what science is unleashing today, tremors of anxiety and fear are unnerving the world.

In this driving competition with muscles and missiles we must be careful not to overlook some other areas where serious efforts are needed. Sending men into outerspace, though very sensational, is no more necessary than sending them into community life to explore the possibility of improved social relationships.

Explorations leading to better relations with the 50,000 overseas students now in America, experiments toward improved relationships involving ethnic minorities and racial groups within our own population—these are priority needs.

Few of us can compete as athletes and scientists. Specialists and subsidies are required for that. But all of us can enter the race for promoting brotherhood. Christianity has its social impact on the world—making bad people good and good people better—and making a better world in which all people may live together in peace and happiness. Christ works through us to accomplish his purposes of transformation in mankind. His power is sufficient, but he needs our cooperation.

If our athletes fail to win first place in the Olympics, people will understand; for they will know that we did our best. If our scientists do not place us out ahead of all other peoples, the world will still respect us; for it will know that we tried very hard.

My deep concern right now is that we speed up our efforts to improve people-to-people, race-to-race relationships within our own country. If we will do better in this matter, we will be more respected and appreciated by all the world—and we will turn back the brimstone flow of damaging criticism from so many quarters of the world, especially the Asian and African nations. Unless we do this, well . . .

America is making progress in better domestic relations and civil rights, of course, but all too slow. Too few people are working actively at the job, I fear. The good deeds seldom, if ever, make the newspapers these days. But ugly incidents claim the headlines. As soon as one incident blows over, another pops up and takes its place in the news. Tonight the international newscast mentioned ugly incidents in restaurants in two states, indicating

Non-Public Schools Voted Out Of Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—By an 18 to 6 vote, the House Education and Labor Committee rejected a proposal to let Roman Catholic and other private schools share in a \$975,000,000 school aid bill.

Under a proposal offered by Rep. Roman C. Pucinski (D.-Ill.), a Catholic, the money would have been spread over a three-year period, with the states getting outright grants for classroom construction in the first year and division among the states on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis for construction or school bonds in the second and third years.

continuing racial tension and conflict. I can guess what will be the big news in tomorrow's local papers.

I do not recommend being good simply for reputation's sake, though goodness does have its utility value. To act a part in the guise of goodness is sham and shame. Only good qualities can produce genuinely good conduct. But the respect and good will of the peoples of the world are big factors in determining the destiny of any nation. No country is invincible or invulnerable in this atomic age.

The thing required at this hour can be done by every American. It involves definite commitment and serious purpose in both attitude and act, primarily on the individual's treatment of all, good will and unselfish motives, brotherly kindness, Christian love. In short, improving the quality of our Christian lives will lead us to the solution of the social tensions and problems within our country. I believe this with all my heart. Moreover, if we live Christ in the homeland, we can proclaim his message more effectively among the peoples abroad—a fact which I have observed from 24 years of missionary ministry in the Orient. Our foreign aid programs will be more effective also.

This thing that is needed—the "one thing thou lackest," as Christ would repeat to us today—lies within reach of every one. It lies within the Christian heart. External pressure and organizational machinery are not essential in this matter. The internal persuasion of the Christian conscience, if allowed to operate freely, will impel us to right action in these things.

Of course the difficulties have angles that are more apparent to those living in the midst of the local situations. From my overseas perspective, however, I can see the international aspects which are perhaps as important for our nation. Of these aspects I write.

My letter is an appeal for Christians to be Christlike. It is an appeal to Southern Baptists, especially for they live in the areas where most of the bad-news incidents occur. We as Christians are not especially to be blamed for the slow rate of progress, and for the incidents that still arise, but we must try more earnestly to create a better situation. What we do, individually, will help create a better world. Kindness, consideration of others, and love will make their impact throughout the world.—BUFORD L. NICHOLS, Box 205, Semarang, Djawa, Indonesia

Baptist Theological Students Meet March 30-31

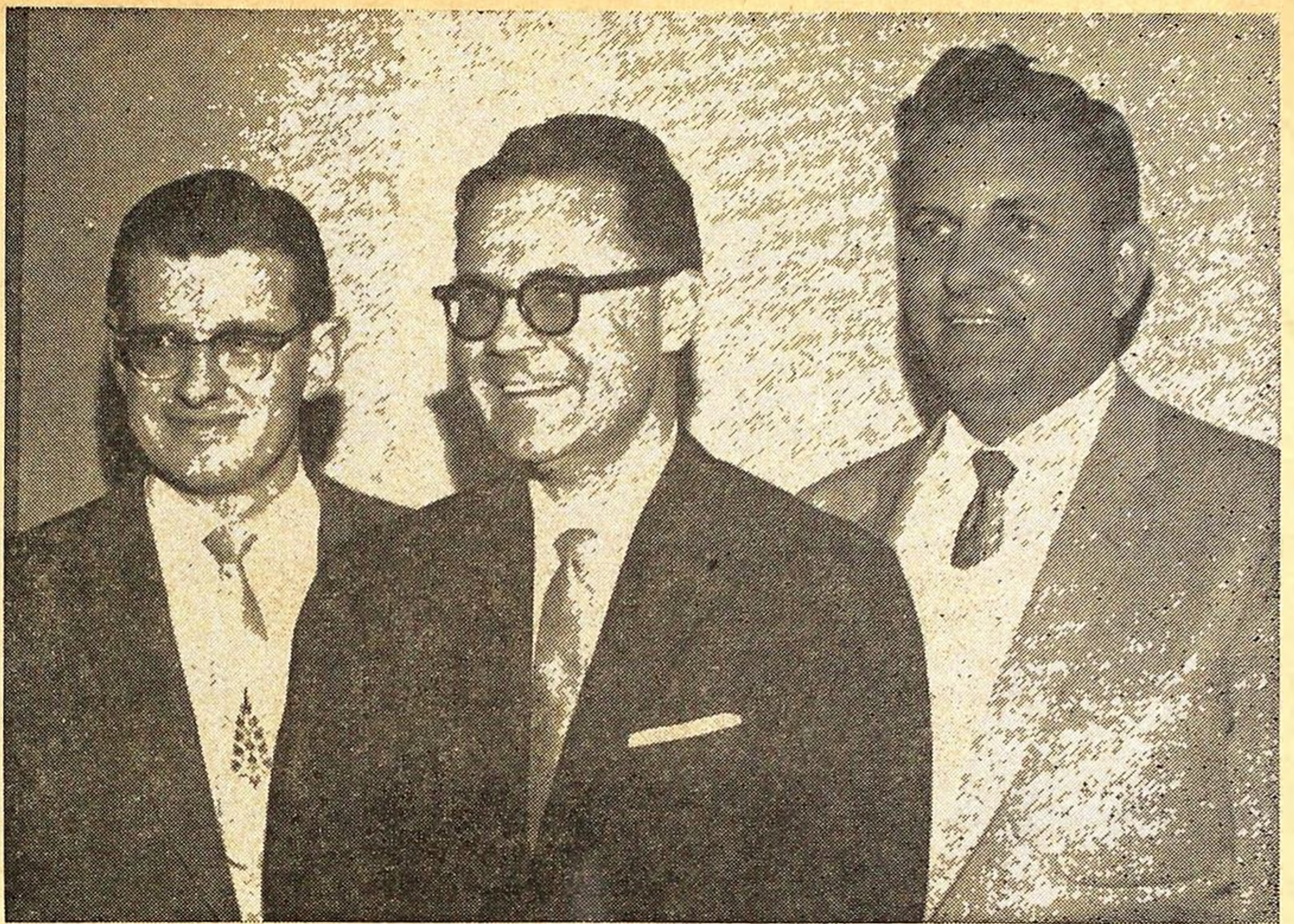
The fourteenth annual conference of the Fellowship of Baptist Theological Students will meet at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, March 30-31, 1960. This movement is a fellowship of Baptist theological students and faculty members who hold an annual institute to discuss theological questions and other subjects related to the life of the Baptist ministers, churches, and conventions.

The theme of the annual meeting will be "The Task of the Baptist Church." The theme will be discussed before the general assembly by Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, President, Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania. Then the assembly will dissolve into workshops dealing with the following specific topics: "The Task of Baptists as They Face the Ecumenical Movement," "The Task of Baptists as They Face Communism," and "The Task of Baptists as They Face Inter-Group Relations in Education, Denominational Cooperation, and Community Living."

The resource members for the workshops include: Rev. J. C. Herrin, Southern Area Consultant, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Dr. Grady D. Davis, Shaw University, Raleigh North Carolina; Prof. David S. Shannon, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia; Dr. H. Clayton Waddell, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana; Rev. J. Martin England, M. and M. Benefit Board, A.B.C., New York, N. Y.; Dr. G. Willis Bennett, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. Charles L. Dinkins, Owen College, Memphis, Tennessee; Rev. Will D. Campbell, Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, Nashville, Tennessee. Presiding chairmen of the workshops will be: Prof. C. H. Fitzgerald, American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee; Mr. Michael L. Speer, Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Kentucky and Dr. Victor T. Glass, Home Mission Board, S.B.C., Atlanta, Georgia.

Chapel messages will be brought by: Dr. Douglas J. Harris, Jefferson City, Tennessee and Rev. Kelly Miller Smith, Nashville, Tennessee.

During the period covered by the previous thirteen annual meetings of the Fellowships, students and faculty members have attended from an area extending from Texas to Georgia to New York to Kansas. Over eleven hundred ministers have been members of the fellowship during these years. Theological students, faculty members, and a number of denominational officials from the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the Southern Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention of America



CHRISTIAN LIFE OFFICERS—G. Avery Lee (center), pastor of First Baptist Church, Ruston, La., is new chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. At left is Daniel R. Grant, professor of political science at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, new vice-chairman, and at right is R. B. Culbreth, pastor Miami Springs Baptist Church, Miami Springs, Fla., new recording secretary. (BP) Photo.

and the American Baptist Convention have cooperated in this movement. Since those participating have believed so sincerely in inter-Baptist and Christian inter-group work, the students, faculty members and denominational leaders have paid their own expenses and received no honorariums, except in a few cases where schools have had funds set aside for transportation to such a meeting.

The administration of each participating school recognizes and supports the Fellowship by (1) placing the annual meeting date on its calendar of activities (permitting students to attend), and (2) appointing at least one faculty member as a delegate to attend the annual meetings.

Between annual meetings of the Fellowship, the business of the Fellowship of Baptist Theological Students is carried on by an executive committee. The executive director is responsible for the general direction and promotion of the Fellowship.

Housing is free, meals will be at very reasonable dining hall rates. The \$1.00 membership fee, the main source of financing the movement must be received in the office of the executive Director, Joe M. Conley, at the American Baptist Theological Seminary, by March 20. This will serve as a reservation fee. Any Baptist theological

Baptist Relief, Annuity Board Reports Record Gain

DALLAS, Tex. (RNS)—A record gain of \$8,750,000 brought total assets of the Southern Baptist Convention's Relief and Annuity Board to about \$72,250,000 last year, it was reported at the board's 42nd annual trustees meeting here.

Dr. R. Alton Reed, the board's executive secretary, said the agency's annuity reserves have increased from almost \$31,000,000 in 1953 to \$64,500,000.

"Our gain in assets last year topped the next highest gain, which was recorded in 1958, by about one million dollars," said Dr. Reed. "If we increase in the same proportion for the next three years as in the past three, the board will pass the 100 million-dollar mark in assets by mid-year of 1962."

Total income from premiums and dues, he added, has jumped from almost \$3,500,000 in 1952 to \$9,329,626 in 1959, while total income and receipts have pushed from \$9,500,000 in 1955 to almost \$13,000,000 last year.

student or faculty member is eligible for membership in the Fellowship.

Editorially

Needed, A Clear-Cut Witness

In today's confused world where the forces of paganism and godlessness are striving to dominate the whole realm of life nothing is so much needed as a clear-cut Christian witness. As Southern Baptists seek to bear witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ the Christian Life Commission is giving needed guidance. It seeks to develop Christian character that shows up in honesty, integrity, personal purity and moral uprightness. This is the idea of Dr. Foy Valentine who has just been elected its executive secretary. Dr. Valentine succeeds Dr. A. C. Miller who has given seven years of outstanding leadership. The Commission has honored him for his service.

During these years of critical issues in our country, Dr. Miller has brought prestige and honor to the Commission and to its cause.

It is very fitting that he should be succeeded by Dr. Valentine. It will be his second time to do so. Seven years ago, when Valentine was elected Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission director, he followed Miller

in that post, when Miller came to Nashville to become executive secretary for the S.B.C. Christian Life Commission. Both men have been deeply concerned for the practical application of Christian truth in the areas of family life, race relations, moral issues, daily work, and Christian citizenship. The practical application of the Christian gospel has been their deepest interest.

We salute Dr. A. C. Miller who, though he has retired, will continue active in service as he will pastor a young Baptist church at Sedona, Arizona. This is one of the churches established during the current 30,000 Movement. He has rendered distinguished service in the leadership of the Christian Life Commission. We are encouraged that the work of the Commission will now be guided by one who summed up his philosophy: "Christianity is not just an outward expression, but an inner reality which expressed itself in all practical areas of life." Valentine believes the time is right for Southern Baptists to make great new strides in the application of the gospel of Christ. Looking upon our troubled country, we are sure that he is right in this conviction.

An Encouraging Sign

"One of the most encouraging signs of today is the new allegiance to the Bible." This is the conclusion of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference. In the keynote address to the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committees recently in session at Washington, Woyke said the new trend is from science, reason, and experience as approaches to theology and instead to look to the Bible as the revealed Word of God. In his own experience as a theological student in Germany during the rise of Hitler's Nazism, Woyke saw the foundations of German national stability undermined by the then prevailing liberalism. That liberalism rejected the Bible as the revelation of God and made man the measure of all things.

But that attitude is now rapidly changing. There is widespread interest in the Bible. Woyke cited the controversy and publicity on the occasion of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible as evidence. He also pointed out the publicity given to

the claim of the Knights of Columbus that the Bible is a Catholic book and also to the movements in various parts of the world for Bible-reading crusades. As an outcome of this new attitude toward the Bible old themes are being resurrected and new meaning is being given to such expressions as the Word of God, Revelation, Faith, Sin, and Love. Renewed emphasis is being given to the ideas that there is such a thing as faith above reason, that man is an exceedingly sinful creature in the sight of God, and that the atonement of Jesus Christ is essential for the redemption of sinful men.

In this new interest in the Bible, Baptists have more to gain than others. As Woyke has pointed out, Catholics, although a rising appreciation for the Bible is seen among them, look to the Church, the Pope, and the Hierarchy as their authority. Many Protestant groups have their authoritarian creeds. But for Baptists, the Bible is the sole authority for faith and practice. Indeed it is a most encouraging sign that there is a new allegiance to the Bible.

The Urgent Need For Good-Will

Some progress is being made in relations between the races here in our state. For this we are thankful. For the good will existing and for the efforts being made by Christians of both races toward better understanding we are thankful.

Recent events however point up the urgent need for those of good will to do more to counteract the race baiters and extremists. As Christians we deplore the beating up of Negro students by hoodlums in the sit-in strikes at lunch counters in Nashville. We do not approve of the organized efforts of the Negroes to take over the lunch counters through their sit-ins. But we approve even less the insults, violence and brutality vented upon these Negro students by white ruffians. It is a shame that they were not apprehended by the police.

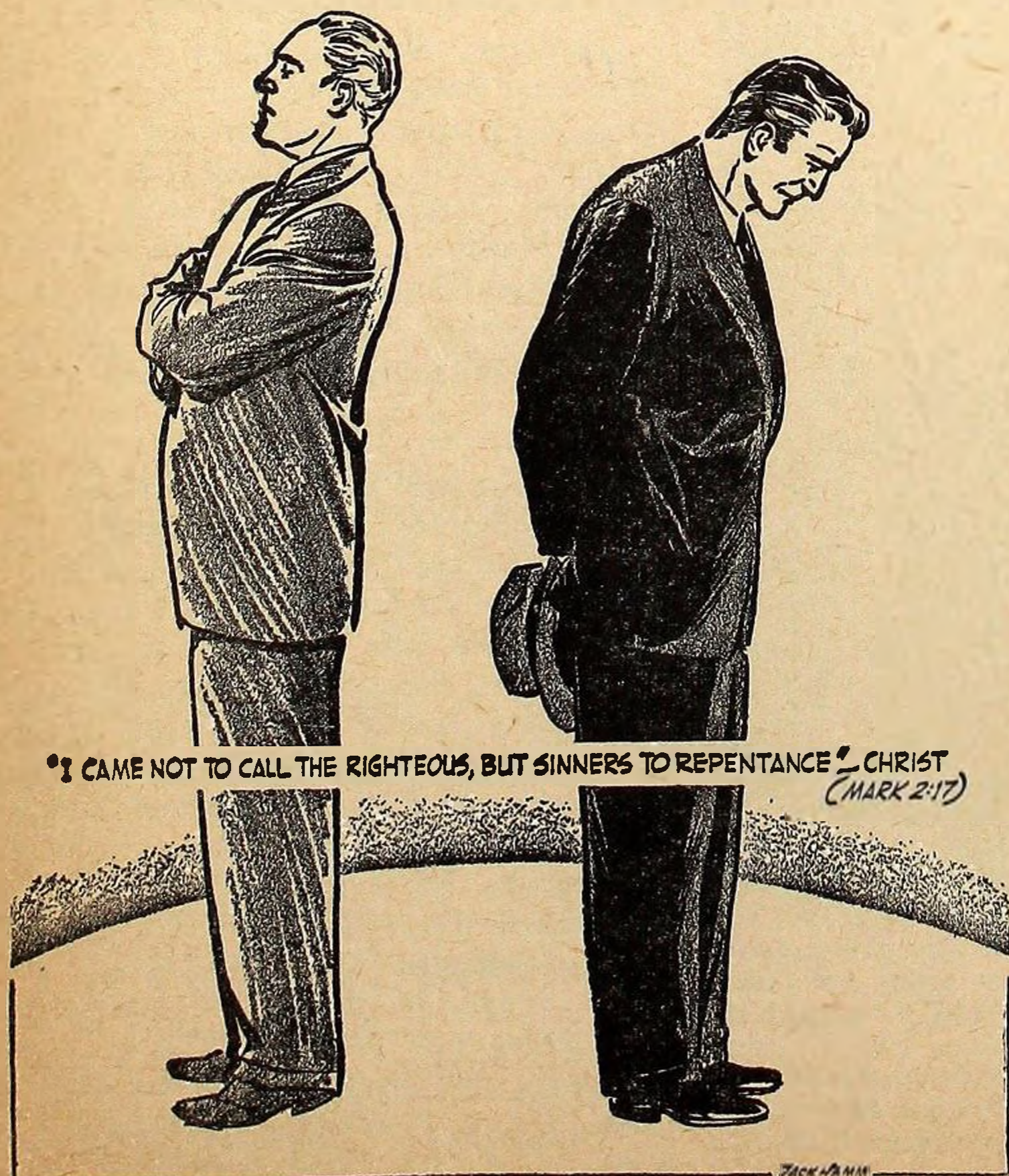
All of these flare ups were over lunch counters being closed to Negroes. There should be a lot of searching of heart. What is the just and right thing for us to do

as we consider the burning issue of race relations in our country? We are going to have to make a choice in our own lives as to what shall be our personal attitudes toward peoples of other color. We must choose between holding on to some of our white Southern customs and holding on to Christ as our only example in how to deal with other people. It may be that some of our customs are at variance with His spirit. They are if they permit us to be unjust, arrogant and selfish.

The Devil's Argument

Rep. Paul A. Fino is the Devil's advocate. He is running an intense campaign in Congress to foist a National Lottery on the USA. As such he is a dangerous man in trying to induce the United States to turn down the gambling road that other countries have gone in the hope of getting painless revenue. Fino also makes brief speeches to keep the issue before his colleagues. He has introduced a bill to create a lottery. His argument is "know the fiscal facts of life and tie the gambling spirit of the inhabitants to the need for revenue. This combination brings in revenue to the treasury and pleasure to the people." This is the devil's argument and should be recognized as such.

God Resisteth the Proud --1 Pet. 5:5



Learn How To Evaluate

Our Baptist World Fellowship is one inclusive of many peoples. They have different cultures, tongues, and colors. Here in our own country, Southern Baptists are numerically strong. In many instances they are prominent in the communities in which they reside. Our fellow Baptists in some other countries are few and, in some instances, suffering persecution.

Dr. Arnold Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, reminded us the other day of what none of us should ever forget: "We must learn to evaluate our Baptist peoples in how close they are to New Testament principles, not in their prestige and wealth." Speaking before the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ohrn reported that in many Russian slave camps, there are illegal Baptist churches. The strength of New Testament Christianity is witnessed to in these small groups existing under great difficulties.



Prosperity Church near Auburntown has purchased a new Hammond organ.

Leaclair Church, Memphis, E. Gordon Crocker, pastor, fulfilled the requirements in February to become a Standard Sunday school. The average attendance for the month was 353.4 which broke the monthly average attendance record.

Rev. B. Stanley Prescott who was ordained July 12, 1959 by Bellevue Church, Memphis, Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor, is available for supply and revival work. His address is 1920 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. At present he is a member of West End Baptist Chapel, David Stone, pastor.

Truman Graves has moved near Charity Church in New Duck River Association and begun his work as the pastor of that church.

Clark W. McMurray, pastor, Northside Church has returned to his church following a preaching mission, Bridgeville, California.

Madison Heights Church, Madison has voted to issue and sell bonds in the amount of \$65,000 to finance the building of its auditorium.

Saturn Drive Church, Nashville, has called Jerry Rankin, formerly at Centerville, as minister of music. The church is also selling a \$100,000 bond issue to retire present debt and erect new educational building at rear of present unit. Birney Tucker is designer and Building Committee includes S. T. Bartlett, Claude Tankley, Walter Jenkins, Joe Anderton, Clayton Fitts, John Kelly, Mrs. A. L. Bargatze, Mrs. Buford McKee, Mrs. Zona Jones, Sam Piper.

Roy Cooksey and Gomer Lesch were recently elected deacons at Crieviewood Church, Nashville.

Fred D. Wright of Immanuel Baptist Church left March 6 for 8-week tour of Philippines and Far East as member of U. S. Dept. of Commerce trade mission. And another Immanuel member, Miss Mary Christian is on a long-planned vacation tour around world from NYC.

Thirty-two Shelby County men have made application for Royal Ambassador Basic Leadership Course certificates.

The men were among 102 from 31 churches who attended the Association-wide Royal Ambassador leadership course sponsored by the Shelby Association Brotherhood.

The event was held February 29 and March 1 at Speedway Terrace Church, Memphis. The Royal Ambassador Advanced Leadership Course also was taught.

Instructors included Keith Wilson, Associational Royal Ambassador leader; James Pace, Associational Brotherhood president; Gordon Vestil, educational director at Speedway Terrace; Edward Hurt, Jr. and David Mashburn, Sr., associate secretaries of the Brotherhood Commission, and Frank Black, assistant secretary of the Brotherhood Commission.

James Kenneth Sparkman, currently serving First Church, Celina, has accepted a call to First Church, Centerville, to become pastor effective Sunday, March 27, succeeding Joe B. Goode, who accepted a call to First Church, Mt. Pleasant. Howard Colson of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, has been serving as interim pastor. Sparkman is a native of Richard City and attended Southern Seminary where he received the BD degree. He is married to the former Kathleen Dones, of Boston, Ky. They have one son, Marshall David, age 6.

Smyrna Church at Chapel Hill let contract for new pastorium for Pastor Clay Boss.



BELLS—First Baptist Church here retired the debt on its sanctuary and held the above ceremony in which the note was burned representing the last of the indebtedness which was paid in December, 1959. The sanctuary was completed in the early spring of 1954 at a cost of \$72,000, including the equipment and fixtures.

Shown standing in the background are Mark H. Luttrell, chairman of the deacons, and Owen Castellaw; in the foreground, left to right are the members of the building finance committee, Doyle Rust, Joe Reams, H. A. Taylor, Dorsey Castellaw and S. S. Andrews, chairman. J. E. Sharp is pastor of the church.

Broadway Church, Maryville To Build New Auditorium

Broadway Church broke ground for a new auditorium, Sunday, February 21. The new sanctuary will be adjacent to the present auditorium and educational building. It will have a seating capacity of 1100, with a full basement housing six new departments. The new structure will be air-conditioned. The building program also includes remodeling present building into educational space.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Ramsey Pollard, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Pollard spoke of the new structure as a monument to God and was the great cause of evangelism.

Broadway Church is located on the old Knoxville Highway in Maryville. The church was organized in 1942 with 17 charter members. Present membership is 1138 with 1135 enrolled in Sunday school and 616 enrolled in Training Union. The present pastor, Rev. David R. Walker, was called as pastor in August, 1957.

The A Capella Choir of Carson-Newman College under the direction of Professor Charles Jones, began its Spring Tour February 25 by singing at Augusta Road Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C. Following a stop at Charleston, the choir traveled to Jacksonville, Fla. Other points in Florida that the choir visited were Orlando, Miami and Tampa, St. Petersburg and Palatka. On March 4 the group presented two programs at Atlanta, Ga. A concert at the Broadway Church in Knoxville will conclude the Spring Tour.

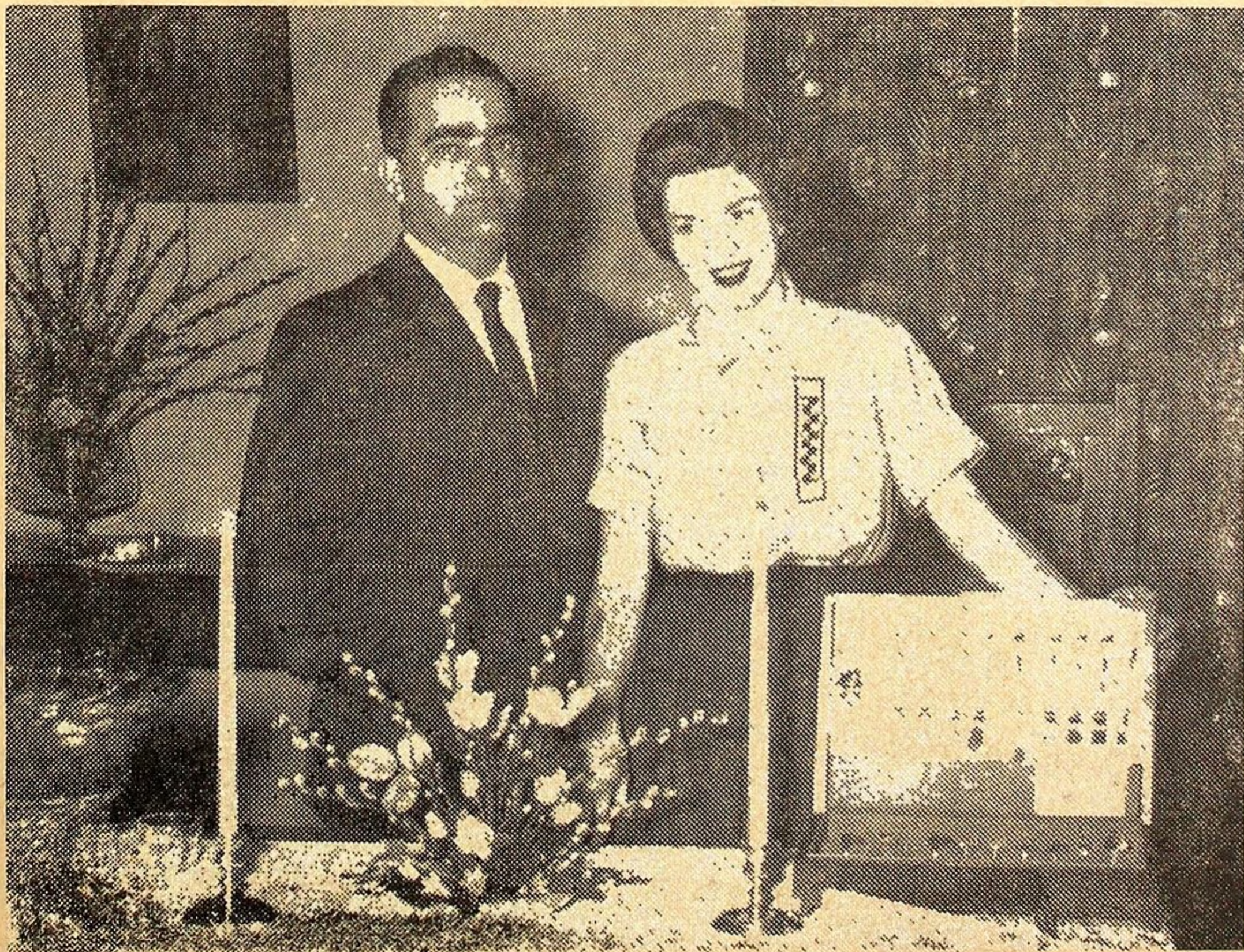
On Sunday evening, Feb. 28, the world-famous Westminster Choir presented a sacred concert at First Church, Knoxville, with Charles A. Trentham, pastor. Woodrow W. Wall, minister of music at the Knoxville Church sang with this group while a student at Westminster Choir College.

Charles Kirby has accepted the position of minister of music at First Church, Rockwood, R. Raymond Lloyd, pastor.

Wallace Carrier, pastor of the First Church, Harrodsburg, Ky., will serve as evangelist for Smithwood Church, Fountain City, March 20-27.



MARYVILLE—Broadway Church here broke ground on Sunday, February 21, for a new auditorium. Shown in the picture are Rev. David R. Walker, pastor, and left to right by him, Mrs. H. Cupp, eldest charter member, Alfred Barham, chairman of Building Committee, Marion Richardson, chairman of Finance Committee, John Howard, chairman of Deacons, Dr. Ramsey Pollard, guest speaker, Mrs. Ramsey Pollard, and Roger Rule, chairman of Planning and Survey Committee.



RIDGELY—In recognition of their services, Rev. and Mrs. Bill F. Riley, Jr., of Ridgely, First Church, were honored recently at a tea at the church. A chest of silver, at right, was one of numerous gifts presented to them. The tea climaxed 4½ years of service to the congregation. Riley has resigned as pastor of the church to serve as pastor of Englewood Church in Jackson.

During his pastorate the church had 84 additions by baptism and 65 by letter. Three other major events at First Church during that period were air-conditioning the entire church plant, installing a new heating system, and adopting a rotation plan for deacons.

On a denominational level, Co-operative Program gifts were more than doubled and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering increased by almost 700 per cent—from \$53.85 in 1954 to \$362 in 1959.

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I Wonder Where The Money Went . . .

An amazing thing about the writing of Paul to the New Testament churches is the attention he gave to incidental matters. Things we would tend to consider too trivial for the concern of one writing under Divine inspiration came in for detailed treatment and specific instruction by the great apostle. One of these was church collections and how they were to be conducted and handled.

What would Paul say about some of our present practices connected with church offerings? I would be interested to know what he would think about one practice somewhat common in Baptist churches. This is the practice of counting the collection during the morning service.

Following the offertory a couple of the ushers slip out of the back with the harvest to join a counting committee waiting in some remote place of the church. In some cases the ushers bring the offering back

down front to be blessed and then they proceed to transport it out of the sanctuary in plain sight of everybody. The latter plan is more honorable because the congregation doesn't have to wonder where the money went as is the case when it disappears from the rear.

At the same time the preacher stands up to sound forth the gospel, the counters sit down to calculate the day's take. While the pastor exhorts the congregation about treasures in heaven (or the need of the building fund), the money counters give attention to that which moth and rust doth corrupt. Sometimes their consciences are less condemning because a public address system pipes the pastor's sermon in to the tune of rustling bills and jingling silver.

By the time the service is over, all the collection is counted, sacked, deposit slips made out, and all. All that's left to do is to meet the wife and children at the car to make the head of the cafeteria line. What a good feeling to realize you have been to church and also rendered a great service to your church. It might be the only worship service of the week for the money counter, but at least he co-operated beautifully and did his part.

There are better ways to count the offering. Recently I saw a half-dozen ladies waiting in the rear of the sanctuary twenty minutes after the morning service. They were patiently waiting for their husbands who were counting the morning offering. In these homes lunch was a little late and thirty minutes were deducted from the afternoon snooze or ride, but the counters were in the worship service.

Most churches have a number of retired men who have no special week-day commitments. Why not let a half-dozen of them come to the church on Monday morning and count the Sunday offerings with the help of a staff member? It would give these men a job in the church and permit them to make a responsible contribution to their church.

Other churches have bankers or bank employees who would give expert help. The counters could come early Sunday evening and count the morning offering and count the evening collection in a few moments after the night service.

All in all, it would appear there are too many hours in a week to count the collection at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. About the only thing worse would be to send the uncounted offering home with the treasurer.—
DR. C. R. DALEY in *The Western Recorder*

New Editor For Rocky Mountain Baptist

DENVER, Colo.—(BP)—J. Kelly Simmons, editor of the Baptist Beacon at Phoenix, Ariz., will become full-time editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist here April 1.

The Rocky Mountain Baptist will assume weekly publication at the time Simmons reports as editor. He will also be an assistant executive secretary to W. J. Ray of Denver.

Ray has been editing the Rocky Mountain Baptist in addition to holding the post of executive secretary of Colorado Baptist General Convention. The Rocky Mountain Baptist is convention newspaper serving Southern Baptists in Colorado, North and South Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, and western Nebraska.

Before becoming executive secretary in Colorado, Ray was executive secretary in Arizona.

The Baptist Beacon, a weekly, is the publication of the Baptist Convention of Arizona.

Brazil Institute Begins Fifth Year

A 45-year-old preacher, with no teeth but a happy smile, arrived two weeks early for the fifth session of the Equatorial Baptist Theological Institute, Belem, Para, Brazil. Setting down his dilapidated, strapped-up suitcase and a flour sack stuffed with clothes, he said, "I've been waiting 13 years for this opportunity, trying to preach with so little learning."

This man was one of 28 students expected for the new term just begun, a 75 per cent increase in enrolment over last year. "Pray that after four years of study in the institute he will return to his church to accomplish more in one year than he did in the 13 that have gone by," President Thomas E. Halsell urges Southern Baptists.

Eight former students of the institute, six graduates and two wives, are now working in five states served by the Equatorial Brazil Mission. For the 10,000,000 people in the area there are only 45 Baptists churches, with 25 pastors and 4,000 members.

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POAU Hits Catholic Handbook

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—A handbook being distributed to Roman Catholic delegates to the White House Conference on Children and Youth was criticized here by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State as an attempt at "clerical dictation."

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of POAU, charged that "it attempts to regiment voting at the conference by telling the

400 Catholic delegates in advance what they should stand for and why."

"The content of the instructions will be offensive to many Catholic delegates and to nearly all Protestant and Jewish delegates, especially to those who prize their intellectual independence," he asserted.

"On the whole," he contended, "the Catholic handbook constitutes an unblushing attempt to commit the conference to a reactionary sectarian program. Non-Catholic delegates at the conference should be warned by this document that Catholic delegates may not act as free agents and that their supposedly individual opinions may be colored by clerical dictation."

The POAU leader particularly deplored the attack which the Catholic handbook makes on the YMCA and its marriage education program and on the public schools as lacking in moral atmosphere.

Most delegates to the White House conference, he argued, will "resent the effort to exploit the conference on behalf of a single denomination by such external controls."

Miss Student Nurse Of Tennessee



Miss Joanne Dudley, a native of Dickson, and a senior in the School of Nursing at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, has been named "Miss Student Nurse of Tennessee". She was selected in the judging in Memphis March 5.

Earlier Miss Dudley had won the title "Miss Student Nurse of Memphis" and the honor of representing West Tennessee in the competition for the state title.

To be eligible for the contest students must have a superior average both in class-work and nursing skills and have demonstrated leadership and concern for their profession. The judges make their selection after individual interviews with the contestants and after hearing an address by each on "What Nursing Means to Me".

Miss Dudley has compiled an outstanding record in the Baptist School of Nursing. She is currently city-wide Publicity Chairman for the Baptist Student Union in Memphis.

Honest Tax Returns Seen Beginning Of Spiritual Revolution

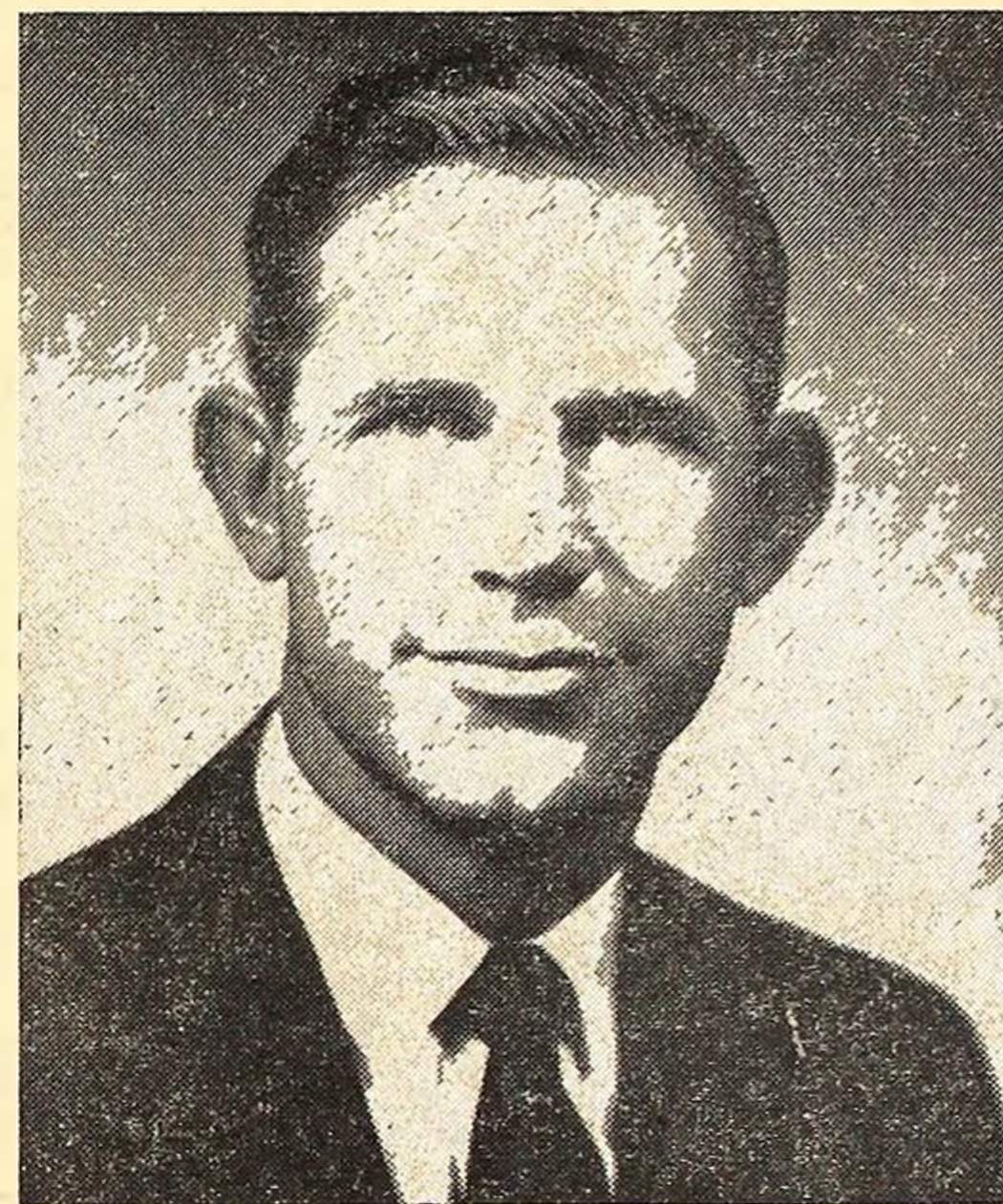
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (RNS)—Americans were urged here by the president of the North Carolina Baptist Convention to launch a spiritual revolution in the U.S. by filing "absolutely honest" income tax returns.

C. B. Deane of Rockingham, an attorney and former U.S. Congressman, speaking at Wake Forest College, said unless Americans "face up to our own personal problems and decide to change, there will be either no freedom or no world."

"We will stop gagging at the word 'spiritual' when every American corporation and business firm and every individual fills out an absolutely honest tax return," he said.

"If every American would prepare an accurate return for five years" he said, "we would completely pay the national debt of \$290 billion."

McCan To Leave Clarksville For Virginia Pastorate



Robert L. McCan resigned the pastorate of First Church, Clarksville, March 6, to accept the call of First Church, Danville, Va. Dr. McCan has been pastor of the Clarksville church since Sept. 1955. He is moderator of Cumberland Association and is recording secretary of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and a member of its Administrative Committee. He has also served as recording secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the SBC. Dr. McCan is expected to take up his duties with the Virginia church June 1.

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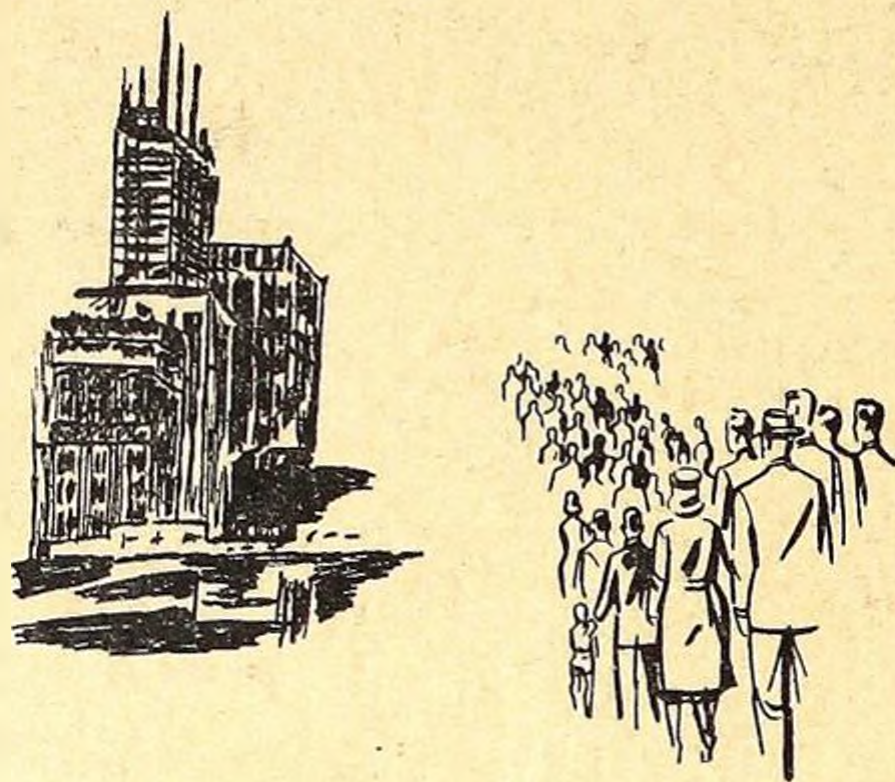


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Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Section will meet at the Broadway Baptist Church. The opening feature will be a dramatic presentation on the history of children's work. The majority of time will be spent in specialized conferences.

Junior Section will meet at Evans Avenue Baptist Church. The opening feature will be a dramatic presentation on "Meeting the needs of Our Juniors" directed by James H. Daniel.

Intermediate Section will meet at the Travis Avenue Baptist Church. The emphasis will be on "Understanding Intermediates" and will be presented in dramatic form.

Young People's—Adult Section will also be held at Travis Avenue Baptist Church. James Lackey will discuss "The Ministry to Young People Away" and John T. Sisemore will feature the past, present and future in Adult work.

Administration Section will meet at Southwestern Seminary and Gambrell Street Baptist Church. The featured message for the opening session at each meeting will be "Unto a Full-Grown Christian." Speakers

include Robert E. Naylor, James L. Sullivan, and W. L. Howse. The period will be concluded with sixteen simultaneous conferences. Evening sessions will be held at the huge Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum.

"Go . . . Teach" the theme for the Convention will be carried out through outstanding speakers, dramatic presentations, and personal testimony, ending Thursday evening with a message from Dr. Chester Swor, "God's Word and My Life".

You will not want to miss this Convention. It has been designed for you, to meet your needs and to supply the inspiration you have possibly been needing to carry on your work where you are.

Announcements Concerning WMU Annual Meeting — April 11-13

Opening Session, Monday—7:00 p.m. Closing session adjourns Wednesday noon.

Monday Feature: Woman's Missionary Union plans presented in Pageant.

Speakers:

Mrs. William McMurry, Promotion Division Director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Alabama. Presentation of the New Book, "Educating Youth in Missions," by Mrs. McMurry in an *autograph party*.

Tuesday Speakers include:

Mrs. Fred L. Hawkins, Jr., Missionary to Brazil
Miss Frances Tsou of Hong Kong
Miss Georgette Jeries of Nazareth
Dr. W. Fred Kendall, Executive Secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville
Mrs. W. D. Frazier, Missionary to Nigeria

Tuesday Evening Features the YWA Banquet and introduction of "The Three YWAs of the Year"—Miss West, Miss Central, and Miss East Tennessee YWA

Wednesday morning speakers include:

Dr. L. D. Wood, Co-ordinator of Spanish Missions in Texas, Dallas, Texas
Dr. Ramsey Pollard, President of Southern Baptist Convention and pastor-elect of Bellevue Church, Memphis.

Transportation

Those women attending the Annual Meeting and who are not in a car will be wise to make reservations at one of the following places, since chartered City Bus service will be available at these places:

Headquarters—Hotel Peabody, 149 Union Avenue
Hotel Chisca—272 South Main Street
Downtown Motel, 172 Linden

Pastor-Led Enlargement Campaign

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"It is, in my judgment, the best way yet used to successfully enlarge."—RAYMOND T. DEARMOND, Pastor, Sevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Obituary Chairman

If any member of your society has died since last March 1, please send her *name, church, and association* to the 1960 State Obituary Chairman, Mrs. O. M. Laughlin, 1014 Maury, Memphis, Tennessee. Do this by March 15 if you want your member listed in the Memorial Service at the Annual Meeting in Memphis. If the deceased was an officer in your association, please indicate.

Elect and Send Delegates To the Annual Meeting

The By-laws of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Tennessee Baptist Convention provide: "Each Woman's Missionary Society and Young Woman's Auxiliary of each local Baptist church cooperating with the Tennessee Baptist Convention shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Session for every ten members or fraction thereof, and each of the other organizations for Youth in such local church shall be entitled to one adult delegate."

Please see that your society has delegates elected to go to the Memphis meeting, and if possible, have your full quota. Let's have a great meeting!

Carver School Alumni Luncheon

Alumni will meet Tuesday, April 12, at 12:30 p.m. at Keathley-Magnet Cafe on Young Street three blocks from the Temple Church. Price of the meal is \$1.30 plus tip. Make reservations Monday night at Evening Session.

CORRECTION: The dates of the BWC Federation Meeting in Memphis were omitted in the March 10 issue. The dates are April 9-10, 1960. Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler is the BWC Banquet speaker Saturday, April 9.

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Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alcoa, Central	103	56	
First	472	175	7
Athens, East	391	140	1
First	622	205	2
West End Mission	39	41	
North	252	111	
Auburntown, Prosperity	119	74	
Bemis, First	338	94	
Bolivar, First	355	98	
Mission	29		
Bradford, First	102	32	
Brownsville	517	90	
Brunswick	167	64	1
Chattanooga, Avondale	642	196	4
Concord	396	186	1
East Lake	471	140	
East Ridge	779	275	27
Northside	355	116	2
Red Bank	1104	305	3
Ridgedale	504	184	2
Ridgeview	273	115	
St. Elmo	330	100	8
Spring Creek	465	166	2
White Oak	456	201	
Woodland Park	353	159	1
Clarksdale, First	723	178	
Little West Fork	141	82	1
Pleasant View	225	95	1

Memorial	225	86	
Humbolt, Antioch	226	100	1
First	504	145	4
Jackson, Calvary	586	239	1
First	963	261	
North	310	158	
Parkview	386	157	2
Bethany Chapel	53	39	2
West	999	509	1
Jellico, First	183	58	1
Johnson City, Central	641	135	
Clark Street	192	71	
Northside	39	19	
Temple	292	128	
Jonesboro, First	150	61	
Limestone	16	16	
Kenton, First	180	60	
Macedonia	79	57	
Kingsport, Fordtown	123	56	1
Litz Manor	204	104	
Knoxville, Bell Avenue	990	382	6
Broadway	1022	464	1
Fifth Avenue	736	280	5
First	1084	308	1
Grace	322	136	1
Inskip	626	215	
Lincoln Park	955	320	
Lonsdale	269	113	
Meridian	503	132	1
Washington Pike	345	105	4

Reservations Pouring Into Ridgecrest

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—Almost 18,000 persons had made reservations for conferences at Ridgecrest (NC) Baptist assembly for this summer by the end of February. If the pattern of former years continues, and every indication points in that direction, about 14,000 more reservations will come in by the time the season begins June 6, manager Willard K. Weeks said.

"As usual, the Music, Training Union, and Sunday school Weeks will have the overflow attendance. Some of these weeks have already filled our accommodations. We are grateful for the privately owned and church-owned cottages on the grounds that help in housing guests during the larger weeks," he said.

For reservations write to Mr. Weeks at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C.

Attendances and Additions For Sunday, March 6, 1960

Cleveland, Big Spring	293	149	
First	669	278	1
Maple Street	90	46	4
Clinton, Second	476	111	
Columbia, First	646	258	3
Highland Park	414	182	8
Cookeville, First	546	167	1
Steven Street	135	86	1
West View	185	57	
Decatur, Pisgah	59	39	
Dyer, First	211	77	1
Dyersburg, First	609	195	
Elizabethton, First	417	168	
Immanuel	225	104	
Elk Mills	27	32	
Oak Street	126	81	
Siam	125	56	
Englewood, First	149	46	
Etowah, North	386	133	
West	48	15	
Fayetteville, First	124	39	2
Fountain City, Central	1104	341	2
Smithwood	728	256	1
Gladeville	171	71	1
Gleason, First	190	78	
Goodlettsville, First	423	148	
Harriman, Caney Fork	115	43	
Trenton Street	410	125	
Walnut Hill	238	102	
Henderson, First	140	44	
Hendersonville, First	191	52	4
Hixson, First	377	155	

Lawrenceburg, Deerfield	130	87	
First	278	104	1
Meadow View	79	43	
Highland Park	238	120	1
Lebanon, Fairview	287	117	2
First	515	210	5
Hillcrest	143	103	
Rocky Valley	98	37	2
Trinity	81	22	
Lenoir City, Calvary	238	73	
First	507	183	
Oral	111	70	
Lewisburg, First	419	103	
Loudon, Blairland	215	94	1
Madisonville, First	303	145	1
Mission	47	26	
Malesus	220	86	
Martin, Central	72	31	
First	379	100	
Maryville, Broadway	676	400	
Everett Hills	534	232	3
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	439	102	
Forest Park	56	33	
Shellsford	193	125	
Mt. Pleasant, First	186	85	
Mission	72	35	
Memphis, Bellevue	2447	955	19
Beverly Hills	521	217	4
Calvary	307	135	7
East Park	155		2
Fairlawn	513	263	8
First	1549	393	2
Georgian Hills	205	83	2
Glen Park	250	132	10
Highland Heights	1174	585	3
Kensington	284	102	2
LaBelle	318	148	
LeaClair	330	167	2
Levi	269	127	3
Longview Heights	485	202	1
Macon Road	142	54	2
Oaklawn	168	116	2
Rosemark	51	54	
Southland	188	85	
Temple	1041	343	1
Vanuys	180	61	1
West Frayser	380	168	1
Winchester	94	57	
Milan, First	433	166	2
Morristown, Alpha	108	65	3
Bible's Chapel	35	25	
Buffalo Trail	271	138	1
Bulls Gap	100	42	
Calvary	321	147	1
Cherokee Hill	110	51	1
First	754	214	5
Montvue	171	46	
Morning Side	33	21	1
Russellville	97	30	
Westview	123	70	
White Oak	145	80	
Whitesburg	61	104	
Murfreesboro, First	592	146	2
Calvary	86		
Southeast	91	48	3
Mt. View	156	44	3
Third	336	88	5
Nashville, Antioch	114	56	3

Belmont Heights	1106	417	7
Madison Street	111	42	1
Westview	53	20	
Brook Hollow	419	129	1
Charlotte Road	97	57	
Crievewood	327	127	
Dickerson Road	365	142	
Donelson	760	189	
Eastland	618	105	
Fairview	181	53	
Jordonia	36	41	
First	1272	518	7
Carroll Street	179	64	
Cora Tibbs	81	32	
T.P.S.	395		
Gallatin Road	439	166	4
Glendale	192	66	
Grace	1063	412	3
Grandview	539	77	
College Grove	17	9	
Harsh Chapel	145	67	
Inglewood	1089	359	
Beaver Creek	79		
Cross Keys	32	24	
State School	86		
Trinity Chapel	189	98	
Ivy Memorial	386	140	
Lockeland	625	178	2
Hermitage Hills	52	48	1
Madison, First	706	217	2
Neelys Bend	120	61	
Radnor	571	184	1
Haywood Hills	104	52	
Saturn Drive	366	157	
Tusculum Hills	338	126	4
Una	305	125	
Woodbine	402	145	1
Woodmont	791	264	7
Oak Ridge, Central	815	258	1
Robertsville	715	235	1
Old Hickory, First	604	234	3
Rayon City	174	85	
Temple	203	114	1
Parsons, First	168	68	
Portland, First	361	126	1
Rockwood, Eureka	86	72	
First	501	153	1
Sevierville, Alder Branch	83	67	
Antioch	93	51	
Beech Springs	162	67	
Boyd's Creek	79	49	
Dupont	87	50	
First	512	200	2
Knob Creek	86	51	
Mount Zion	32	28	
Wears Valley	98	50	
Zion Hill	117	40	
Shelbyville, First	395	100	
Shelbyville Mills	316	128	1
Smyrna, First	232	86	
Somerville, First	253	134	
Summertown	128	70	
Sweetwater, First	351	84	
Troy, First	122	57	
Union City, First	589	169	
Samburg	45		
Second	228	121	
Watertown, Round Lick	157	70	
Winchester, First	277	75	2
Southside	13		

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Signs For The Deaf Help Hearers, Too

NASHVILLE—(BP)—Hasn't your pastor at some time reached back into Hebrew or Greek to shed new light and understanding on important words used in Bible passages? It made the scripture have a richer meaning.

Just so, signs for the deaf, not generally understood by hearing folk, can be a source of enrichment to the hearers when they know them. The signs explain key doctrinal and Bible words. The reason for certain motions of the hands and arms is most interesting.

Signs for the deaf are becoming more commonplace in Southern Baptist churches these days. The ministry to the deaf is expanding and more churches have "silent" classes and an interpreter to follow the preacher's sermon on Sunday mornings.

It's estimated 250,000 deaf persons live in areas served by Southern Baptists, according to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which stimulates the increasing ministry to the deaf.

Many of these deaf are Baptists. Already conferences for them are being scheduled at Southern Baptist summer assemblies in Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., each year.

Roy L. Cissna, missionary to the deaf for Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City, Mo., prepared a typical list of signs and their origins and meanings for Baptist Press.

Take the word "forgive" as an example. To sign it for the deaf, the interpreter holds the left palm of his hand up and draws the right palm over the left palm. Next, the interpreter reverses the order and draws the left palm over the right palm which is now facing up. This represents the act of wiping off both sides of a slate when God forgives sin, He wipes clean both sides (palm up, palm down) of the slate.

The symbol for love is to press the chest with both hands and arms which are crossed at the wrists. This is the natural sign for love and embracing.

For the word "confess", the interpreter puts both hands on his heart with his fingers pointed toward the floor. He slides his fingers upwards a few inches, then holds his hands out before him, palms up, as if holding something in them. Meaning: when we confess sins, we take them out of our heart (the sliding motion indicates removal) and present it (hands out) to the view of God.

A pecking motion at the elbow indicates "temptation", which keeps pecking away at a person trying to get him to yield.

For "saved" the interpreter's arms are bound together, then freed, as a symbol of the freedom from sin's slavery which salvation brings to the believer.

When the interpreter punches the palm of his left hand with fingers of his right hand, he is indicating the name of Jesus. The punching effect symbolizes the nail prints Jesus received in being hung on the Cross.

The Bible is the "Jesus Book". The interpreter makes the sign for Jesus. Then he makes the sign for book by putting his hands together, palm to palm, then opening the hands as if opening a book.

The verb "preach" requires the interpreter to touch the thumb and forefinger of his right hand together about at the level of his head. The other fingers are extended. He moves his hand forward and down a few inches. This can represent the preacher taking a word from the gospel and giving it to the people.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1960

Training Union Department



MRS. MEEK

Suggested Equipment And Furnishings For Nursery

Departments

	BABIES	TODDLERS	TWO- YEAR-OLDS	THREE- YEAR-OLDS	RECEPTION AREA OR HALL
Baby's Schedule (card).....	x				
Babee-Tenda Safety Chair.....	x				
Ball (7" or 9" in diameter).....	x	x	optional	optional	
Beds (hospital cribs, 27" x 42")	x				
Bible (No. 1450BP).....	x	x	x	x	
Blockbusters (set of 12).....		x	x	supple- mentary	
Blocks (set No. 0).....			supple- mentary optional	x	
Blocks (large, wooden, hollow).....			optional	optional	
Block accessories.....			x	x	
Books (as recommended).....	x	x	x	x	x
Bookrack (28" long and 27" high)...		x	x	x	
Bulletin board.....					x
Cabinet on wall for supplies (50" from floor).....	x	x	x	x	
Chairs (seat 10" from floor).....			x	x	
Chair (adult rocker, all wood).....	x	optional			
Chair (child's, blunt rockers).....		optional	x	x	
Changing diapers, provision for	in bed	x			
Diaper-bag holders (pigeonholes on wall).....	x	x			
Dishes (soft plastic).....		optional	x	x	
Doll (rubber, molded head).....	x	x	x	x	
Doll bed (16" by 26", and 10" high)...		x	x	x	
Drinking fountain (child-sized).....					x
Easel (for painting).....			optional	x	
Finger pain(s).....				x	
First-aid kit.....					x
Modeling dough (Fundo, water clay, or homemade dough).....			x	x	
Nature materials.....	x	x	x	x	
Newsprint paper.....			optional	x	
Open shelves (two sets, 10" deep, 30" long, and 27" high, movable; closed back).....		x	x	x	
Paints and brushes.....			optional	x	
Pictures (selected and mounted)...	x	x	x	x	
Playpen.....	x	x			
Pull toys.....		x	x		
Puzzle rack.....			x	x	
Puzzles (wooden).....			x	x	
Record albums (Broadman).....	x	x	x	x	
Record player (Voice of Music).....	x	x	x	x	
Resting cots or mats (for extended session).....		x	x	x	
Rocking boat and steps combination		x	optional		
Shoo fly.....	optional	x			
Smocks or uniforms for workers (pastel).....	x	optional			
Sterilizing solution (Zephiran Chloride concentrate, or others)...	x	x	x	x	
Stove and sink combination (24" high).....			x	x	
Stove, sink, and refrigerator combination (28" by 30", and 40" high).....	x				
Swing (Casco).....	x				
Table (24" by 36", and 20" high; usually two).....			x	x	
Table (utility, Casco).....	x				
Thermometer (fever).....					x
Thermometer (room).....	x	x	x	x	x
Toilet (adult fixtures).....					x or near
Toilet (flush bowl, Sani-set, or others).....	x				
Toilet (nuvenile fixtures).....		x	x	x	
Transportation toys (interlocking trains, boats, cars, trucks).....		x	x	x	
Wastepaper basket (plastic).....	x	x	x	x	x

Nursery Departments, Baptist Sunday School Board, 1959

This list was furnished by Nursery Departments, Baptist Sunday School Board. This list and additional help for your Nursery Departments can be furnished free for the asking. Write me c/o Training Union Department, 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Jesse Meek

Director, Nursery-Beginner-Primary Work

By Oscar Lee Rives

Paul's Voyage To Rome

TEXTS: Acts 27:1 to 28:15 (Larger)—Acts 27:1, 21-26; 28:1-2, 11-14 (Printed).

For those who love to read of the sea, and many people do, the larger lesson furnishes a fascinating account. The story is of course fact and not fiction; written by one who knew not only medicine but was also gifted in the art of writing. Luke tells his story with remarkable skill, but does so to highlight the labors of Paul; showing his fidelity to Christ and His work of spreading the Gospel, with Rome as the goal of his activities. The printed text illustrates his hardships and victories, his influence upon those who were guarding him as he made his journey, and his calm poise in the midst of the dangers that often confronted the group.

Heading Towards Rome (27:1)

At long last, Paul's dream of going to the Imperial City was about to come true. It had been revealed to him some time previously that he would be permitted to carry the message of Christ to the center of the Roman empire. He was now embarking but under guard for he was going as a prisoner. But he was going, and that was what mattered to him. The fulfillment of his dream must have seemed long and tedious, even strange and mysterious, but the Lord was bringing it to pass and through human agents. Paul's heart must have leaped up as the ship upon which he was to travel finally headed towards Rome, and in so doing would give him an opportunity to witness.

Buffeted By Storm (27:21-26)

Against the advice of Paul, the ship pro-

ceeded on the voyage and soon found herself in dire danger. The sailors gave up hope, expecting to be destroyed by the violence of the raging storm. But Paul was divinely encouraged and thus preserved his calm in the midst of panic followed by despair. The Lord spoke to him in the night by means of an angel, reassuring him that he would be permitted to reach Rome and that his ship-mates would also be spared. God was watching over His faithful servant and was still in control of the storms of the sea. We may be absolutely free from anxiety if we are within the center of His will, even when the storms of adversity rage about us. We must not permit such storms to rage within our hearts.

Comforted in Distress (28:1-2)

The storm finally subsided, the ship was destroyed, but the persons on board were able to reach the island of what is now known as Malta in safety. The natives treated them kindly, although the chronicler calls them a "barbarous people". The weather was cold and the rain was falling but the survivors were warmed and comforted, perhaps amply fed. Their distress was severe but they were being cared for even by the strangers who were probably rough in appearance and manners. Paul, as told in the larger text, was given power to heal the sick during the stay of three months on the island. Previous to this he had shaken off a viper without harm to himself and was regarded as being an unusual person by the astonished natives who had expected him to fall down dead by its

United Tennessee League Employs Mrs. McKinney

According to an announcement by James C. Furman, executive secretary of United Tennessee League, Inc., Nashville, Mrs. Aubrey R. McKinney of Elizabethton has been employed by the state-wide, church-related organization. Mrs. McKinney has already started speaking before junior and senior high school assemblies and to some elementary schools in the Tri-cities area.

In connection with the lectures she is showing films such as "Split Second", about drinking and driving, and "Far From Alone", which demonstrates the pressures on college students, often making it difficult for them not to drink.

However, the film shows the solution to the problems.

In addition to her Master's Degree in Education and Sociology from East Tennessee State College, Mrs. McKinney has taken courses of study in the field of alcohol and narcotics, at Lake Junaluska, N. C., at Loma Linda, Calif., and at Ohio Wesleyan. Mrs. McKinney's work in the schools will continue until late May, 1960.

bite. It is safe to assume that Paul brought the message of the Gospel to them.

Strengthened Through Fellowship (28:11-14)

The journey had been trying and hazardous, but Rome now was not far away. Landing was made at Syracuse where they remained three days. They then reached Rhegium and then proceeded to Puteoli. Here they experienced the good fortune of finding some brethren with whom they tarried for seven days. Their bodies were tired, their nerves were frayed, and their spirits were in need of human fellowship. Solace and strength would be given to them as they waited and rested with the brethren in Puteoli. The Lord was providing for the faithful missionaries even in this fellowship. It was by no means accidental that a meeting with these other Christians was made. All of us can be of spiritual help to those about us who need us.

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IN GOD WE TRUST*

By Laura Alice Boyd

Billy was helping his father count some money. Billy was counting the one-dollar bills. All at once he stopped.

"Look, Daddy, these bills are not all alike."

"Let's see," said his father. "Are they all one-dollar bills?"

"Yes," said Billy, "but this one has 'In God We Trust' above the word 'one' and this one doesn't."

"Look at the dates on the bills," said his father.

After a moment Billy said, "The one with the motto on it was printed in 1957 and the other one in 1950. Why should that make a difference?"

"Well," said his father, "1957 was the first year that those words were printed on our paper money. In 1955 a congressman from Florida, named Charles E. Bennett, introduced a bill in the Congress of the United States which said that from that time on all new issues of money, either coins or paper, should have that motto printed on them. The bill was passed and was signed by the President to become a law.

"While working on this bill, Mr. Bennett discovered that the United States had no official motto. He drafted another bill to make the words, 'In God We Trust,' the national motto."

"I thought that had been our motto for a long time," said Billy. "It says in 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' 'And this be our motto: In God is our trust!'"

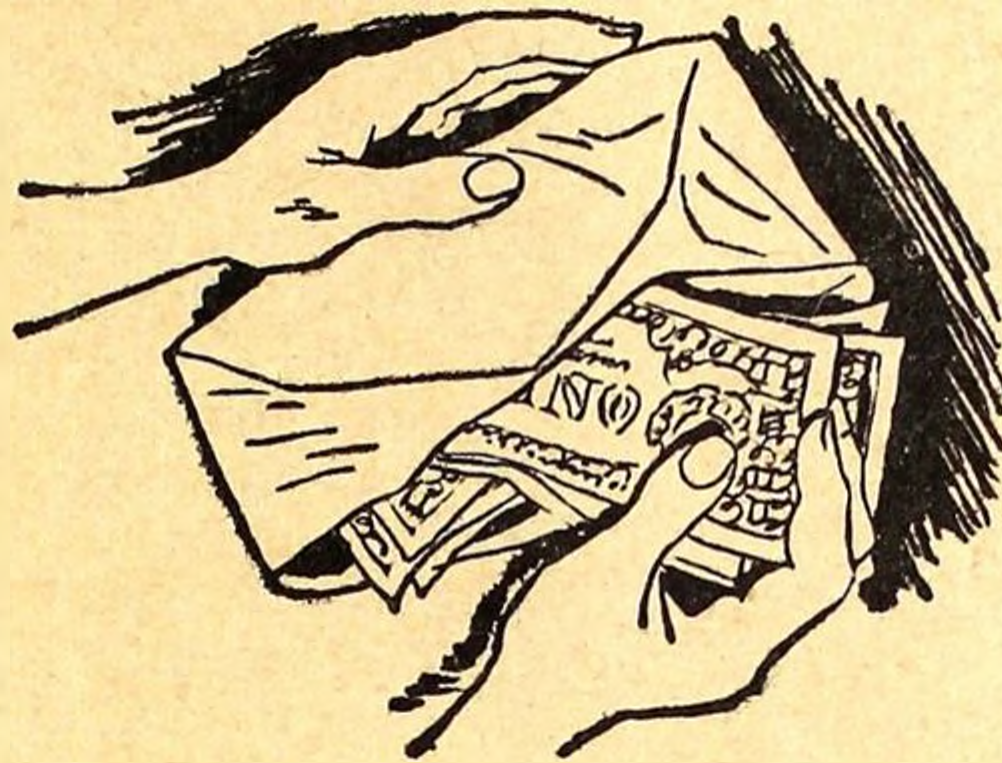
"I suppose lots of people have thought the same thing," said his father, "but nothing was ever done about it until a law was passed in 1931 making that song our national anthem. Those words make a good motto for a nation and for every citizen in that nation because it is God's help that has brought us to the place we have in the world today."

Billy picked up a half dollar from among the coins.

"Look, Daddy, here are the words, 'In God We Trust', on this coin, and here they are on this quarter and here on a dime. The motto is on every one of the coins," said Billy as he looked at the different coins. "Have these words always been on our silver money?"

"Not always," said his father, "but for a long time. It was in 1814 that Francis Scott Key wrote 'The Star-Spangled Banner' and made the suggestion in his poem, but nothing was done about it then.

"In 1861 a minister from Ridleyville, Pennsylvania, wrote to Salmon P. Chase,



who was Secretary of the Treasury under President Lincoln. The minister urged 'the recognition of Almighty God in some form on our coins.' Mr. Chase was an earnest Christian gentleman and was in favor of the idea. It was almost two years, however, before all the necessary arrangements could be made.

"The words first appeared on a two-cent piece in 1864. There were a number of other forms suggested such as, 'Our God, Our Trust' and 'Our God, Our Country.' It is believed that Mr. Chase himself made the final choice. Did you know that Mr. Chase's picture is on a bill?"

Billy looked at a one-dollar bill and then at a five-dollar bill.

"It isn't on either of these," he said.

His father laughed. "No," he said, "I don't suppose you or I are likely to see his picture on any money we ever have. Mr. Chase's picture is on the ten-thousand-dollar bill."

"I guess you are right," laughed Billy. "We are not very likely to find that picture on any of the money we handle."

ARE YOU LETTER PERFECT?*

By Ida M. Pardue

1. Added one letter, if you can;
Spell a well-known Bible man: *set*
2. Change one letter (easy thing!);
Spell a cruel Bible king: *heron*
3. Drop one letter, then another,
For the name of Abel's mother: *seven*
4. Change these letters one by one
Into the name of Bilhah's son: *and*
5. Put a letter in the space
That makes this word a Bible place: *den*
6. Fit one letter in between;
Change this word into a queen. *ether*

ANSWERS

1. add *h*—Seth (Genesis 4:25)
2. change *n* to *d*—Herod (Acts 12:1)
3. drop *s* and *n*—Eve (Genesis 4:1-2)
4. Dan (Genesis 30:5-6)
5. add *e*—Eden (Genesis 2:8)
6. add *s*—Esther (Esther 2:17)

GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD* OUR CAMERA EYES By Thelma C. Carter

Our eyes have been compared to cameras because they have many of the features of a camera: shutters, lenses, filters, focusing, and even darkroom equipment.

We look at the world about us to learn. We read a printed page to learn. Our eyes take these learning pictures and send them to our brain. We learn to know about, understand, and enjoy our wonderful world through our eyes.

Strangely true is the fact that our Creator saw to it that our most important senses, such as our eyes, are placed on our head. Some animals, fish, and insects have their eyes on their feet or some other part of their body other than the head.

Think for a moment of the miracle of our eyes. The human eye is shaped like a ball about one inch in diameter. The eyeball is moved to and fro in its socket by six small muscles.

A tiny yellow spot in our eyes, not as large as a pinhead, picks up certain images we especially want to see. There is a "blind spot" on the back of the eyeball where a nerve runs from this spot to the brain. This nerve carries the messages of eye images to the brain.

Tiny blood vessels in our eyes bring food and oxygen to the eyes to help them keep at their important work. The whites of our eyes protect the fine camera parts of our eyes.

How wonderful are our eyes, wouldn't you agree? With this fine camera we have color pictures of our beautiful world of flowers, blue skies, golden sunshine, rainbows, of our friends and our families—all gifts of God. "The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them" (Proverbs 20:12).

Laughs

A diplomat is one who can tell a man he's open-minded when he means he has a hole in the head.

It wouldn't be so bad if your take home pay stayed there.

Bishop Charles Gore of the Church of England several years ago caused an audience to smile quite audibly in the midst of a very serious address. In a deep, sepulchral voice he told an audience how all his life he had been profoundly convinced that—and then he forgot what he had been profoundly convinced about, and had to peer down ignominiously at his notes!

These days you'd better think twice before promising a girl the moon.

Public Apathy Blamed In Church-State Issue

DALLAS (BP)—The executive director of a nondenominational Protestant organization blamed an unconcerned public for failing to plug up the holes in the traditional American wall that separates church and state.

"The wall that separates the church and state has been crumbling in recent years because of public apathy and a vigorous Roman Catholic campaign to obtain public funds to support their programs."

Glen Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU), made the statements in a Dallas press conference.

Archer arrived in Texas to speak at a conference on Christianity and Political Action in Waco, Feb. 29-March 1. He will question, "Should A Roman Catholic Be Elected To Public Office?" during the conference, sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Archer explained the nature and purpose of the organization he directs, refuting a recent accusation in *Look* magazine by John A. O'Brien. The article compared POAU to the "Know Nothing" party which attacked Roman Catholicism in the 1850's.

"Either Father O'Brien knows nothing about the Know Nothing Party, or he knows nothing about our organization," said Archer.

"POAU is not a secret society, but an organization of men with open and above board reputations from different faiths and political parties, all united to maintain the historic American tradition of separation of church and state.

"Father O'Brien although probably very sincere in his statements, gave entirely the wrong image of the Roman Catholic stand on separation of church and state when he said that a priest never tells his parish how to vote in public elections.

"In the Feb. 8 issue of *Time* magazine, Pope John XXIII said that Roman Catholics will never give up their right or duty to advise laymen how to vote in public elections."

Archer added that *Look* editors had granted POAU equal space in a forthcoming issue in rebuttal to O'Brien's accusations.

The POAU director said that his organization would not participate in a political campaign where a Roman Catholic was running for office. "We are not against any individual because of his religious affiliation but will fight strongly for the principle of separation of church and state when it becomes involved.

"Many people believe that POAU is in a personal feud with Roman Catholics. This is not true," said Archer. POAU very



King Jesus

Christ was not His name. Rather was His name simply Jesus.

They didn't have last names in those days. (Or was it first names they didn't have?) In view of His father's occupation, in which He Himself probably served an apprenticeship, His name could well have been *Jesus Carpenter*.

Christ was a title. It was early associated with Jesus. Peter said a Caesarea Philippi, "Thou art *the Christ*" (Mt. 16:16). And as early as the day of Pentecost, Peter preached "in the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 2:38). Hence, at an early date the title Jesus the *Christ* was reduced to *Jesus Christ*. The result had every appearance of a first and last name.

Christ means "anointed." The Greek noun *christos* is related to the verb *chrío*. The latter means to anoint by rubbing the hands over (the head of) the one being anointed. This translated the Hebrew *mashah* which means the same thing. The Greek *messias* is but a transliteration (not translation) of the Hebrew. The English *messiah* is in turn a transliteration of the Greek *messias*, and the English *christ* is but a transliteration of the Greek *christos*.

All of which is to say that the title *christ* has a complex history and abounds with significance. But this significance is often obscured. Anointing was commonly employed in connection with the coronation of a king. So, the great king of the Jews foreseen by the prophets was referred to as "the anointed one."

The sum of it all is that Jesus Christ means Jesus the King—King of the Jews, indeed, but also your king and mine.

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Bible Break

By Ruby Lee Adams

The Twelve By Twos. James and John were two hardy Galilean fishermen, and were as inseparable as twins. They constitute the second group of the apostles. They were the sons of Zebedee and Salome and apparently well-to-do in this world's goods.

These two brothers worked together in perfect harmony. We catch glimpses of them again and again, but never a ripple of disturbance mars the ideal comradeship of James and John. Nor was this due to any lack of force in their characters, for their hardy seafaring life demanded and developed robust and pronounced personalities.

A name which was given them was 'Boanerges,' 'sons of thunder,' which was indicative of their temperaments. They were men of fiery and passionate energies. Once, when the Samaritans refused to receive Jesus, they wanted to bring down fire from heaven and consume them. Again they wished to exact a promise in advance that they should sit at Jesus' right and left in His kingdom.

James stands for age in the college of the apostles; and he was probably the oldest of the twelve. He was the apostle of contemplation. His character and career must be interpreted entirely from his presence on important occasions. He was one of that chosen inner circle of three that was most closely associated with Jesus. Apparently Peter, James and John were the executive committee of the twelve disciples.

James was present at the raising of Jairus' daughter; he was present on the mount of Transfiguration; he was present at the agony in Gethsemane. The last scene in which James takes a notable part is in the prayer-meeting which succeeded Christ's ascension. Acts 1:13.

nearly filed suit against a Presbyterian college which accepted a gift of land in St. Petersburg, Fla., from the city. The college paid the full appraisal price of the land, \$500,000 rather than be involved in the suit.

Archer, a licensed Methodist minister, said "It was real hard for a Methodist to take that money away from a Scotts Presbyterian group, and some people called me a bigot for it. But I've been called names before."