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I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. — Psalm 122:1



## Baptist World Alliance Sunday February 5, 1961

More than ever before the Baptist World Alliance is a *world* fellowship. Representatives of 70 nations participated in the Tenth Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro last June-July. The new president is a Brazilian, and the nine vice-presidents come from all six continents.

The more than 23-million Baptists in 110 countries of today's world are united in one great fellowship recognizing, as Paul said, "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all" (Ephesians 4:6-6).

Baptists of the world are called to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to minister to human need, and to create better understanding among the peoples of the earth. While clouds are gathering over the world, we must stand together in the task of making Christ known to lost men. We know that the powers of darkness cannot put out the light which shines in Jesus Christ. "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

It may well be that the difficult and dangerous hour in which we live precedes the dawn of a new day. The gospel does not fluctuate with changing conditions. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he will not be deflected from his redemptive purpose.

Let us ask God's forgiveness for our inadequacy in half-hearted commitment. Let us acknowledge our helplessness before him, and pray that he may use our Baptist world fellowship for his glory.

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### Cuban Mission Policy Same

ATLANTA—(BP)—The break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba has left the policy of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board unchanged.

"We have had no communication from Cuba," said Loyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the language groups ministries department of the Board. "However, this action does not change the policy of the Board."

Missionaries have been asked to use their best judgement in regard to leaving or staying in Cuba. Only Mr. and Mrs. Tom Law, who had worked with the English-speaking residents of Havana, have returned.

Corder indicated that recent requests from leadership in Cuba have been for more missionaries, not fewer. There are now eight missionaries working with 85 churches and more than 200 missions. More than 150 Cubans are employed by the churches and the board.

"It is unknown what effect this action will have on transmitting salaries and other funds to our workers," Corder added. He expected some action on Cuban work by the executive committee of the Board on January 12.

### Readers Write

#### ... About the Reflections Column

● I enjoy reading your paper and particularly the column "Reflections." Several weeks ago I missed this and thought you had discontinued these paragraph editorials. However, in last week's issue I found it again, but not with the attractive heading in the form of the picture. This had become a part of the paper for me, and this peaceful rural scene caught my eye immediately. How about again using this picture in the future? In fact, I even cut out one of the pictures and pasted it in my Bible as a marker for daily meditation.—Miss Nelson Hatchett, 1734 Forrest Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

*Editor's Reply:* Many of our readers enjoy the Reflections column along with you. The new heading saves us about two inches of space each week. This is important. We hope that you will continue to find Reflections each week on Page 3.

#### ... "Retaliation By Taxation"

● In September Mr. Charles P. Taft, Chairman of the Fair Campaign Practices Committee, strongly urged that churches and other religious groups who opposed a Roman Catholic for president be deprived of their tax exemption status.

Such an attempt on the part of Mr. Taft to use a threat of loss of tax exemption as a club of retaliation against churches and other religious groups who opposed a man of divided allegiance for president is little short of outright blackmail.

If Mr. Taft and his clerical friends are so touchy about the misuse of tax exemption they should raise a cry against the Roman Catholic church which is waging a relentless campaign to pressure Congress, state legislatures, tax boards and courts for public tax subsidies and other forms of favoritism.

As long as the Roman Catholic church continues its semi-political campaign to make the Catholic view on birth control and divorce the law of the land and to get tax support for its segregated schools, hospitals and other institutions other churches should be free to oppose the schemes and plots of the Roman Catholic Church to align American policy with that of the Vatican.—Jack Odom, Box 833, Fort Bragg, Calif.

#### ... Sacrifice Prejudices for Sake of World Missions

● Can we bring ourselves to the point of placing our racial prejudices on the altar of "Love thy neighbor as thyself?" Otherwise, do we think that we as Christians can successfully conduct foreign missions among colored peoples in Africa and Asia while we encourage segregation here in America? We must practice at home what we preach abroad or else quit preaching and bring our missionaries home.

Peoples abroad are not fooled. They know just exactly how we treat colored people in America. The Communists just gladly keep them well informed of our "Little Rocks" and "New Orleans" rabid, un-Christian activities. Some Christians resent these things in their hearts, but fail to register protests. It is no small wonder then that Moslems in Africa are winning seven converts to Christian's one convert. They treat them like brothers at home and abroad, while we treat colored people resentfully at home and as brothers abroad.

This double standard practice of ours must stop—and soon, or else we will absolutely lose our witness, among colored peoples, for our Lord Jesus Christ.—John Wisdom Gonce, 2810 Woodlawn Drive, Nashville 12, Tennessee



To mature fully, we must never stop growing. It is a *perpetual* process, through which we constantly keep renewing and refreshing ourselves. The truly mature person never seems, never is old. For youth—scientifically as well as philosophically speaking—does not belong to any particular age group, but to all those who carry it in their minds and hearts. Many young people don't have it—for example, those who stop their education after school; who have no curiosity beyond what they're going to have for the next meal, beyond what lies in the next block; who have no wonder at nature or their fellow man, no desire to enjoy life in its fullest by developing themselves in the fullest. These unfortunates may have fresh glowing skins and shining hair, yet inside they are as dried up and wrinkled as a prune.—Dr. Richard H. Hoffmann and William Cole, "Marriage Is for Grown-ups," *Everywoman's Family Circle*.

Never trifle with one sin. It is like a little cloud which, as the poet has said, may hold a hurricane in its grasp. The next sin you commit may have a mighty effect in the blighting of your life. You do not know the streams that may flow from that fountain; for sin is a fountain—not a mere act, but a fountain of evil.—Andrew A. Bonar, *Alliance Witness*.

One trouble with the world is that so many people who stand up vigorously for their rights fall down miserably on their duties.—*Grit*.

The supervisor's prayer: Lord, when I am wrong, make me willing to change; when I am right, make me easy to live with. So strengthen me that the power of my example will far exceed the authority of my rank.—Pauline H. Peters, "Supervisory Work of the Secretary," *Secretary*.

More things can be got from the printed page than can be got from the loudspeaker or the video tube, and unless the ability and willingness to use the printed page are to be lost entirely, then it should remain, somewhere, the principal instrument of communication.—Joseph Wood Krutch, author, educator and critic, quoted in *Highways of Happiness*.

An old Scottish woman who was alone for the greater part of the day was asked, "What do you do during the day?" "Well," she said, "I get my hymn book, and I have a little hymn of praise to the Lord." Then she added, "I get my Bible and let the Lord speak to me. When I am tired of reading, and I cannot sing any more, I just sit still and let the Lord love me."—*Christian Cynosure*.

Since the recent presidential campaign a question has come to my mind over and over again. Many Southern Baptists spoke out vigorously on the church-state issue during the campaign. We have stood for the separation of church and state as consistently as any group, although we have by our inconsistent practices frequently compromised our position.

While the church and state issue is and will continue to be of major importance, there is another problem that is just as significant which challenges us just as persistently. It is a southern, a national, and an international problem. It is a moral and spiritual problem of major proportions. The failure of churches and church leaders,

to such a large degree, to face up to it in a courageous and constructive way is hurting our Christian witness at home and around the world. From the perspective of our denomination and particularly from the viewpoint of our missionaries there is no one issue that more seriously challenges our genuineness and sincerity. The cry of our missionaries around the world is: "Unchain our hands to do our task." The chains that they speak of are our racial prejudice, our failure to apply consistently the Christian spirit to race relations, and our failure to such a large degree as individuals and churches even to face up to the problem and to attempt to do anything constructively Christian regarding it.

The pressing question that has plagued me in recent weeks has been: What if Southern Baptist pastors and others would take as vigorous and as courageous a position on race as many of them did on church and state during the election campaign? Furthermore, what if church members

## Baptist And Reflector Reaches New High In Subscriptions

A new high in circulation was reached by the BAPTIST & REFLECTOR in 1960 as year-end figures reveal 501 churches with the paper in the budget and a mailing list totaling 65,722. This is an increase of 3,925 over last year.

Percentage wise, the paper is now going into the homes of 34% of Baptist families in Tennessee. Madison-Chester leads the way among associations with the paper going to 93% of Baptist families in the area.

Other associations high in per cent of coverage are Nashville with 76%, Beulah with 66%, Bledsoe with 65%, and Truett with 71%.

Churches without the paper in their budgets are again reminded of the one month free trial plan offered by the BAPTIST & REFLECTOR. By sending in a mailing list and agreeing to consider placing the paper in the budget after the trial ends, any church can enjoy the state paper free for four issues.

All newly organized churches are presented a similar offer, except the trial is for two months. This is the BAPTIST & REFLECTOR's way of helping a new church get acquainted with the denominational program.

Pastors and other leaders of budget churches are reminded to check their current mailing lists and be sure the paper is going to all the church families. People often get left off accidentally.

Interest in your state paper is increasing steadily and a circulation goal of 70,000 has been set for 1961.

**T. B. Maston**

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would permit and defend their pastor's right to speak as freely on race as on church and state? (And incidentally there are as many basic principles in the Scriptures that are relevant to race and race relations as there are those that are applicable to the relation of church and state.)

There are certainly many pastors and others who have spoken prophetically concerning the race problem, but there are entirely too many who are a part of the "silent assent" and hence a part of the problem rather than a contributor to the solution of the problem.

Let me repeat the question: What would happen if all of us spoke as clearly on race as we have on church and state? Would it not take us a long ways toward the solution of the problem, which is in many ways the number one problem of our denomination, our nation, and our world?

May the Lord help each of us to have the wisdom to know what we can and should say and the faith and courage to do His will in the difficult area of race relations. May we see the relevance and significance—for our lives, for our churches, and for our church-related institutions—of the fact that men are created in the image of God, that Christ died for all men, and that God is no respecter of persons or shows no partiality.



# Editorially .....

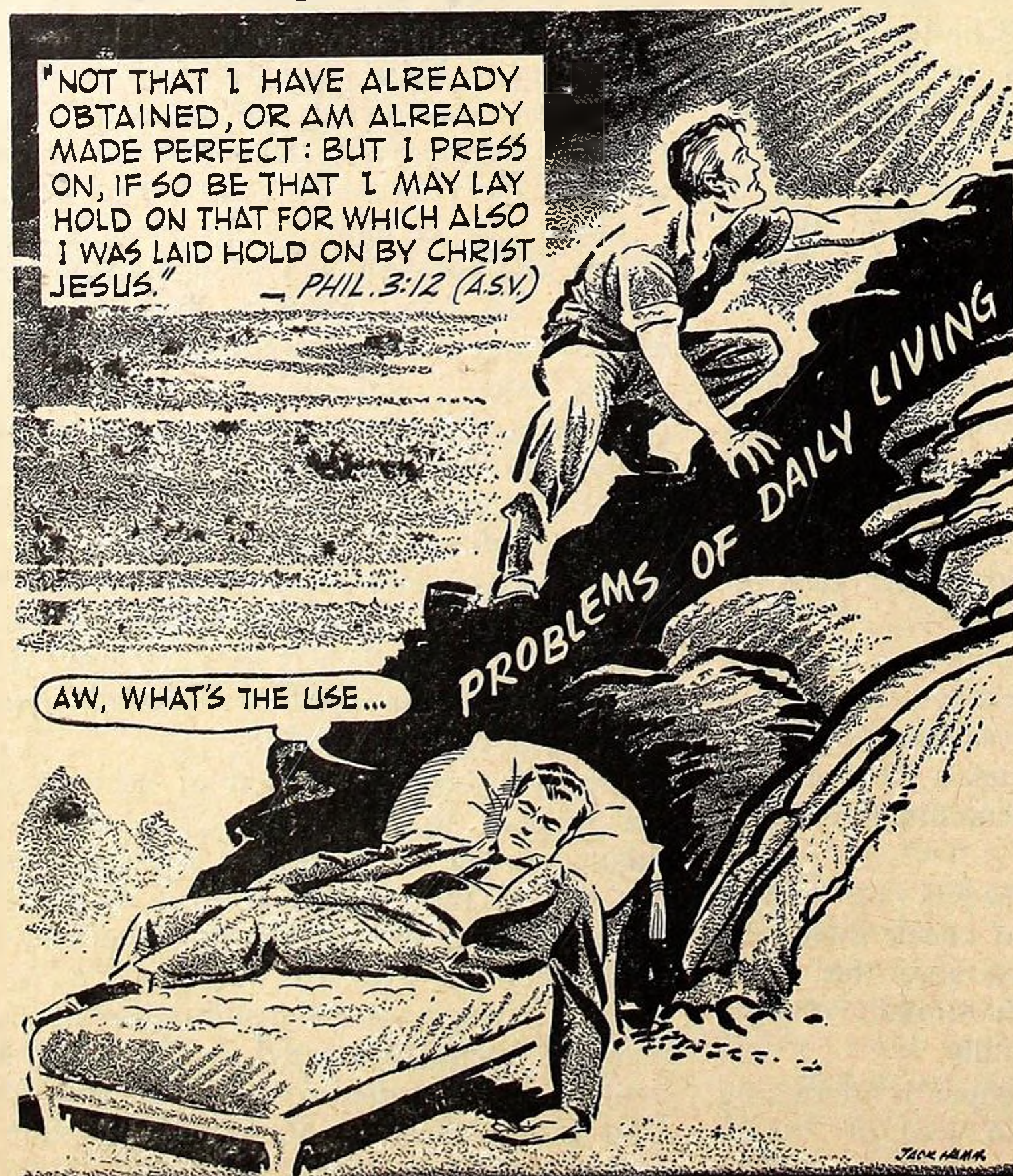
## The Other Side Of The Baptistry

Are we neglecting the other side of the baptistry in our churches? Much has been spent in soulwinning effort on the front side. What about the effort equally needed on the other side? One of our denominational leaders confronted a group of Baptists from over the South with this question the other day. We have dramatized the pre-baptistry work. Why have we failed to dramatize the post-baptistry work?

To be sure we need to evangelize and baptize more than we do. But we also need to do a far better job of training and enlisting the baptized. Yet, we are condemned by vast waste on the far side of the baptistry. Witness the four million we carry on our church rolls who might as well be called dead weight—uninformed, unenlisted, unaccounted for.

The educational program in our churches needs

### Challenge Declined Or Accepted



twin rails if it gets anywhere—not only Sunday school, but also Training Union. While we now have Sunday schools in 99% of our churches, we still have Training Unions in only 77% of them. This second rail is too short to do the job. Furthermore we must come to see that the Training Union job is far more than mere training of Training Union members. It means effective training so that in Sunday school, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood—in all phases of church activity and in Christian citizenship workmen abound who need not to be ashamed. Each Training Union really finds itself by losing itself in serving the whole life of the church and the homes of its membership.

## Put First Things First

What are we trying to do? What ought to be our objectives? In seeking to promote different phases of our program additional organizations have been set up for each new facet of the work. Herein we have acted like those so intent on putting their own message through they ignore existing trunk lines, insisting on stringing their own private telephone wires into the office of the pastor whose attention they seek. While the distracted pastor is on one phone answering its call two or three other phones are constantly ringing—all determined to be heard.

Churches and associations find themselves arenas for rival organizations clamoring for attention, time, interest, work. Looking at the resulting competition a wise man observed, "We are killing ourselves, yet not getting our job done."

This comes from the folly of equating programs. We must sensibly determine what is of paramount importance. This is not to accuse any facet of our Baptist work of being useless. It is to insist along with one wise observer, that we sensibly determine priority among the competing programs. Only so can we begin to make an effective impact where we ought to make it in our church life.

Let's have the wisdom to put first things first.



# Tennessee Baptists Report Gains

"Tennessee Baptists show a net membership gain of 23,563 during the past year," announced Gene Kerr, statistical secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, "Total membership of the 2,672 cooperating churches in the state convention now stands at 758,829."

Training Union enrolment shows a gain of about 7,500 bringing its total enrolment in the state to over 192,000. This marks an increase of about 4% over the 1959 membership. Royal Ambassadors reported

the largest percentage increase, with a gain of 1,168 members or almost 11%.

Kerr said, "A summary of the year's work also shows increases in the total value of church property and gifts, as well as increased enrolments."

Purchase of new church property and improvements on existing buildings brought the total value of property belonging to Baptist churches across the state to \$154,039,656, an increase in value of over \$12 million.

Cooperative Program gifts from the churches reached \$3,303,400 and other income channeled through the Cooperative Program was almost \$17,000. Grand total of the amount given through the Cooperative Program was \$3,320,250. Total gifts to all causes reported by the churches was \$32,532,246, or about \$2 million more than the previous year. Tennessee Baptists gave \$42.87 per capita to all causes during 1960.

Sunday School and Brotherhood also chalked up gains over 1959 enrolments. Their total enrolments at the end of the year were 542,420 and 20,866 respectively.

## Peak Month Brightens 1960 Receipts Picture

NASHVILLE—(BP)—A peak month's receipts for the Southern Baptist Convention's share of the Cooperative Program ended the 1960 budget on a happy key.

Receipts to the S B C treasurer here for December amounted to \$1,907,826. This surpassed the previous high of \$1,680,000 received in November, 1959.

It brought the 1960 year's total receipts to \$17,479,428. While this was under the hoped-for amount, it still provided \$1,092,500 extra income for the convention's foreign and home mission boards.

The basic budget for operating and

capital needs of the Convention's 20 agencies was \$16,386,900. This was met in early December. After that time, all receipts were shared exclusively by the missionary boards.

The Foreign Mission Board received an "advance"—as this over and above is called—of \$819,375. The Home Mission Board got \$273,125. Foreign mission leaders who all along had expected their share to top \$800,000 were proven right.

Convention treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville reminded Southern Baptists that this was an increase of only 2.2 per cent over Cooperative Program receipts for

1959. Even a revised (downward) estimate of 2.75 per cent set by the S B C Executive Committee was not reached, he pointed out.

"We are gratified that more than \$1 million has been made available through the advance section of the Cooperative Program for Home and Foreign Missions," Routh said. "We hope and earnestly pray that the percentage of increase in 1961 (over 1960) will be sufficient to meet the basic budget provided through the Cooperative Program for operating and capital needs of the agencies."

There must be an increase over 1960 of more than 4 per cent to reach the basic needs and enter an advance stage this year, the treasurer noted.

## Historian Says Present Age Christianity's Best

ATLANTA—(BP)—The present revolutionary age is the greatest in which Christianity has existed, a prominent church historian told Baptist leaders in Atlanta.

Kenneth Scott Latourette of New Haven, Conn., emeritus professor of church history at Yale University and author of numerous books, including a seven volume History of the Expansion of Christianity, gave four reasons why he considered the present age Christianity's greatest.

1) Christianity is more widely spread than any other religion has even been.

2) Churches are more deeply rooted among more people than at any previous time.

3) Christians are feeling the way of coming together as never before, and "it is more than just the ecumenical movement."

4) The influence of Christ is spreading outside the Christian community.

Latourette was speaking to state mission superintendents in their annual meeting at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Latourette's three lectures to the mission leaders were in the setting that Christianity is in a revolutionary age.

"Never before has all of mankind passed through as drastic a revolution as it is

## Summer Missions Seeks Ministerial Students

ATLANTA—(BP)—More than 300 ministerial students are needed for the 1961 summer mission program of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

This announcement was made by Nathan Porter, of Atlanta, associate secretary of the Personnel Department of the Board. He said, "This is the greatest opportunity that ministerial students have ever had to render missionary service to the denomination."

These 300 will increase the total student mission force to 800. The highest number of students on the field in any previous year has been 525.

"The reason for the emphasis on ministerial students," Porter said, "is that they will become a part of the 30,000 movement

passing through today," he said. He pointed to the ways it touches all of life: political, communism, economic, knowledge, social, and religious.

He credited western Christianity with giving birth to most of the revolutionary forces, and that much of the revolution has had its beginnings among Protestant people.

Latourette also discussed the revival of Roman Catholicism and Protestantism during the past century.

in establishing and strengthening missions and churches in pioneer areas."

Funds have been appropriated by the Mission Board to care for the enlarged number of students, and requests from the field for such workers have been submitted to the director of the summer mission program.

Applications, many of which have already been received at the Mission Board, must be in Atlanta by the first of February, Porter announced.

Students must be at least 18 years of age and have completed their Sophomore year of college in order to qualify. Application forms can be secured from local Baptist Student Union directors or directly from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St. N.W., Atlanta, Ga.

The summer missionaries will serve from June 12 to August 18 in every state except Hawaii. They are directed by State and Home Mission personnel. The work they do is comparable to that of regular mission personnel.

Travel expenses to and from the field, plus \$25 a week salary, are cared for by the Mission Board. Local forces provide living expenses.



# Tennessee Topics

Ira Thomas Kimbrough, 83, deacon of Shiloh Church for 37 years passed away in a Cleveland hospital on December 23. He is a descendent of the late Duke Kimbrough, who resided in Jefferson County during the early days of Tennessee and was an outstanding minister.

Calvary Church, Kingsport, received a Special Recognition Award for training during the past year, with 100 awards earned in category No. 17.

Gail Brown, Walton West and Tucker Gibson have taken top honors as Carson-Newman College won second place in the 20th annual Appalachian State College Debate Tournament December 3 at Boone, N. C.

Don Newberry was presented the *Orange and Blue Outstanding Player* award at C-N's annual football banquet, December 3. Some 115 players and their wives or dates, coaches and guests were present for the affair.

Broadway Church, Knoxville, extended a call to Kenneth Yeakey of Kansas City, Mo., to become educational director. Yeakey, a native of Moberly, Mo., is married and has four children. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He has worked in the Religious field for several years, the last four being with Bethany Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Yeakey is the author of an article in the December 1960 *Training Union Magazine*.

Arthur Burcham is the new pastor of First Church, Harrogate. He began his ministry there December 25. Burcham, a senior at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, came to Harrogate from Oakland Church in Rutledge. He is residing in Harrogate with his wife and three children.

The First Southern Baptist Church of Mill Valley, Calif., was organized December 4, 1960, with 58 members. Services were started July 19, 1959 with four members. R. Y. Gerrard, a former pastor of Liberty Church, Covington, Tenn., has served as mission pastor and was called to serve as pastor of the new church. Gerrard is a native of Yazoo City, Miss., and a graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. His address is 300 Shoreline, Mill Valley, Calif.

Miss Velma Rhea Torbett, drama director, Bellevue Church, Memphis, will participate in a church recreation workshop January 17-19 in Nashville. Sponsored by the Church Recreation Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board, the meetings will consist of a study of religious drama and its place in the educational program of the church.

Clay Boss has resigned as pastor of Smyrna Church, New Duck River Association, to accept the pastorate of New Hope Church near Alexandria. During the ministry of Brother Boss the Smyrna Church constructed a home for the pastor at Chapel Hill and purchased a lot in Chapel Hill for future expansion.

## Roland C. Hudlow Accepts BSSB Position



Roland C. Hudlow of Jefferson City, Tenn., has accepted a newly-created position with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, as office supervisor in the Sunday school department.

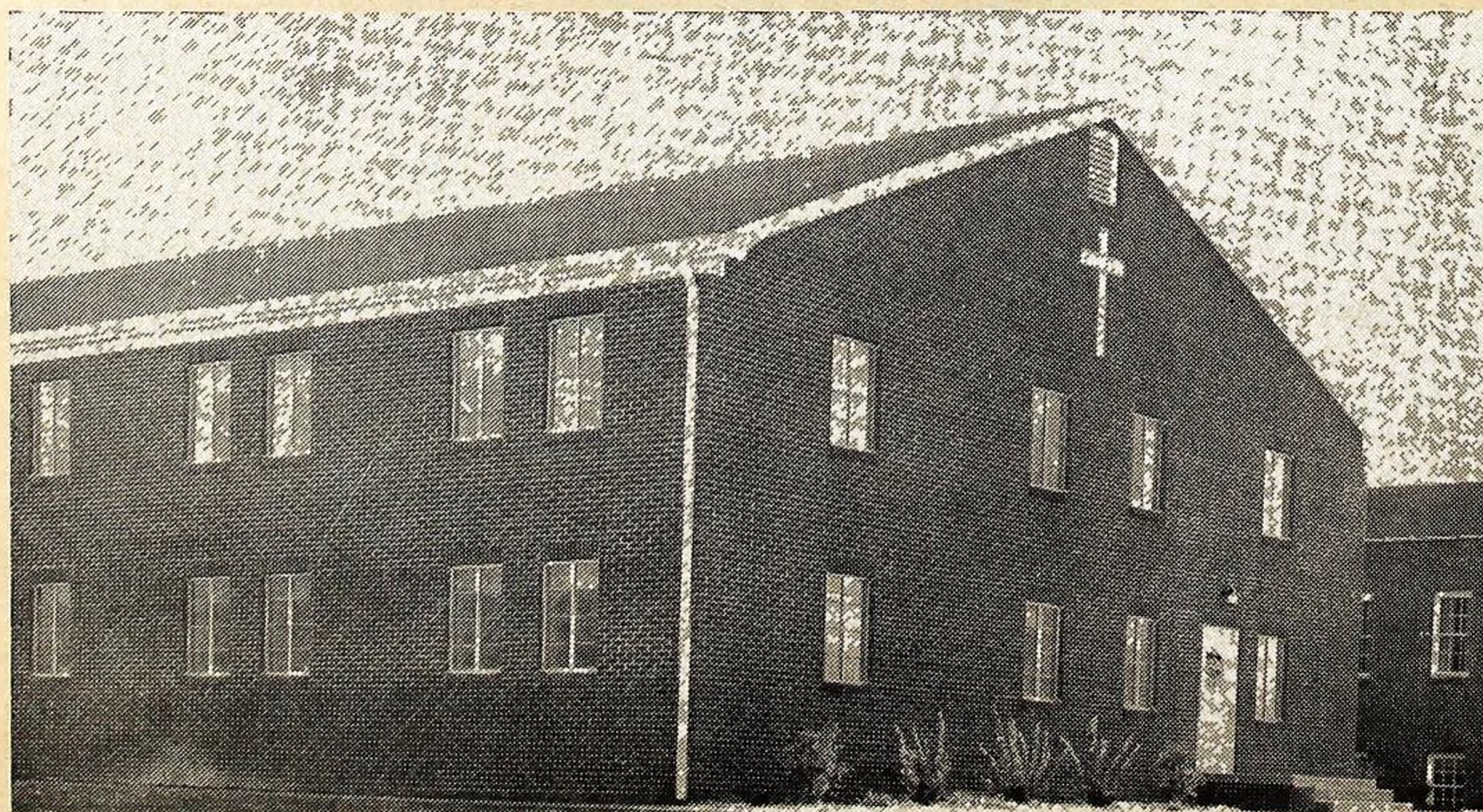
Hudlow, presently an associate in the State Sunday school department, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, since 1957, is a graduate of Southern Seminary. He has served as pastor of churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Florida, and as associational Sunday school superintendent of the Miami Baptist Association, clerk of the Jefferson County (Tenn.) Baptist Association, and as minister of music in Weaver Memorial Church, Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Hudlow, the former Rusada Wilkerson, is from Smith County, Tenn. They have two sons and one daughter.

Rev. James E. Harris who has served as pastor of Grandview Church, Nashville, the past six and one half years has been called by Woodstock Park Church, Jacksonville, Fla. He has accepted the call to begin his ministry there January 29. Harris' last service at Grandview will be on January 22 where he has served since August, 1954. He was previously pastor of Deaderick Avenue Church, Knoxville, for two years before coming to the Nashville Church. He is a member of the Board of Managers of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc. and has served as secretary the past two years.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray E. Shelton, missionaries to Uruguay, have returned to the States for furlough and may be addressed, Rte. 4, Box 275, Griffin, Ga. He is a native of Cowan, Tenn.; she is the former Mary McKee, of Decatur, Ga.

Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain has extended a call to A. B. Coyle as pastor. At present he is serving Westover Church, Jackson.



ATHENS—Open House was held at the new educational plant of East Athens Church here December 4. The new plant provides for nine departments including five nurseries, two juniors, one young peoples, and one married young peoples. J. L. Stafford is pastor.



## Howard J. Jones Goes To Maury Association

Rev. Howard J. Jones has been named Superintendent of Missions of Maury County Baptist Association. He comes from a pastorate at Pleasant Hill Church in Madison-Chester Association. Assuming his new duties January 1, Rev. Jones has made his office in his home on Woodmont Drive in Columbia, Tenn.

Formerly a pastor in Maury County for seven years, Rev. Jones is already familiar with the association. He will direct the promotional program and co-ordinate the work in the area.

During a 3½-year stay at Viola Church in Maury County, Rev. Jones saw 80 persons added to the church including 50 by baptism. During this period, Viola also built a parsonage valued at \$15,000.

Rev. Jones graduated from Harrison-Chilhowee Academy in 1949 where he was president of his Junior class. His education includes extension work from Carson-Newman College and Howard College.

He was born and reared in Ardmore, Ala. He has pastored churches in Tennessee since 1946.

Rev. Jones is married and has two children.

At Carson-Newman College Norman Whisnant and Fran Buhler have been elected to head the Revival Team for 1960-61.



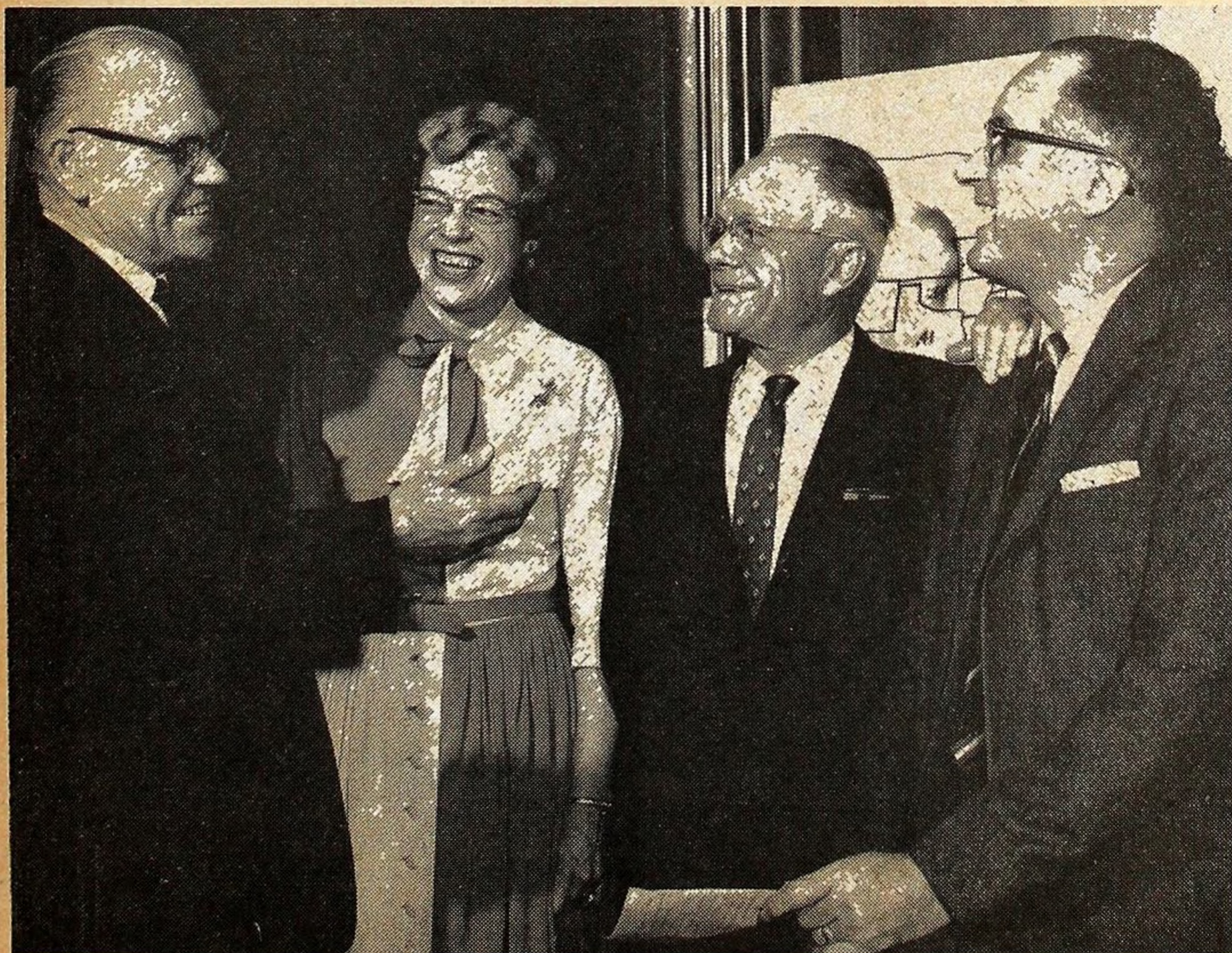
LOUISVILLE, KY.—The choir of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in its tour of several southern states will appear in the following Tennessee communities: First Church, Chattanooga, January 21, 22; First Church, Rockwood, January 28, 29; Woodmont Church, Nashville, January 29; and Belmont College Chapel, Nashville, January 30.

The choir consists of young men and women who have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service as ministers, missionaries, musicians, and educators.

First Church, Tishomingo, Miss., welcomed its new pastor, Ormond Barnes, and Mrs. Barnes with a church supper and pantry shower, December 3. Barnes is a graduate of Union University and New Orleans Seminary. He went to the Mississippi pastorate from Mt. Pisgah Church in Shelby County Association. He had also served Tennessee pastorates at Bethel

Springs, Newbern and Yorkville. Mrs. Barnes is a graduate of the School of Religious Education at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. J. T. Bradfield, 84, a retired Baptist minister, died December 28 at his home in the Mt. Aarat community near Darden, Tenn. He was born and reared in Henderson County and had served as pastor of churches in Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri. He retired 15 years ago.

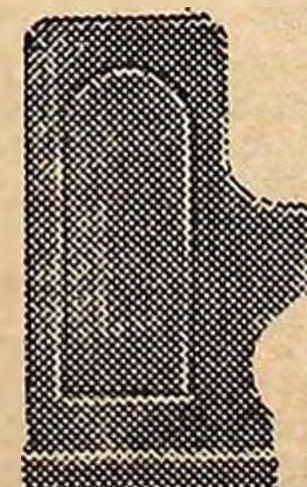


NASHVILLE—These "old pros" represent a total of 94 years of Training Union work at the state and convention levels. Pictured at the annual Training Union state secretaries' meeting, Dec. 13-16, at the Baptist Sunday School Board, are (L to R) Charles Norton, Tennessee state secretary for 19 years; Miss Frances Whitworth, director of Junior Training Union work, Sunday School Board, 22 years; Gainer E. Bryan, Georgia state secretary, 23 years; and C. Aubrey Hearn, director of church study course, Training Union department, Sunday School Board, 30 years.—(BSSB Photo).



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My beneficiary is \_\_\_\_\_

I also hereby apply for coverage for the members of my family listed below:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	BENEFICIARY
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

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	Each child age 18 and under pays	3.	
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		\$40.	
		60.	
		30.	

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# Three Hundred And Thirty-Seven Attend International Retreat At Gatlinburg

Two hundred and eight International students attended the sixth International Retreat at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, November 24-26, 1960. These represented forty-two countries and thirteen different religions.

There were one-hundred and fifty Internationals and eighty-four American students and adults from Tennessee. From Kentucky there were fifty-eight Internationals and thirty-six American students and adults. The meeting was sponsored by the Student Departments of Tennessee, Kentucky, and the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The leaders for the Retreat were Mr. Charles Roselle, Secretary of the Depart-

ment of Student Work, Tennessee Baptist Convention; Mr. Chester Durham, Secretary of the Department of Student Work, Kentucky General Baptist Association; Mr. Bob Boyd, Recreation Leadership Consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board; Mr. William Lawson, Baptist Student Union Director at Texas Southern University; Dr. George Schweitzer, professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee and research radiochemist with the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Dr. Frank Stagg, professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The following topics were discussed: "Science, Sociology, and Religion and the World Situation," "God's Search for Man," "Thinking in Opposites," "The Christian Faith and the Meeting of Men," "Agape," and "The Person Jesus Christ."

A Christian student from Nigeria wrote in his evaluation: "This is a wonderful occasion. It means much to the growth of Christ's understanding. It checks racial problems since students of all races are present. It is sure to help very much those of us from other parts of the world who study in American to know much about Christianity." A Hindu student from India wrote: "This retreat has helped a great deal to me personally to clear certain conflicts in my mind."



Indonesian Students Perform.



Japanese Artist.

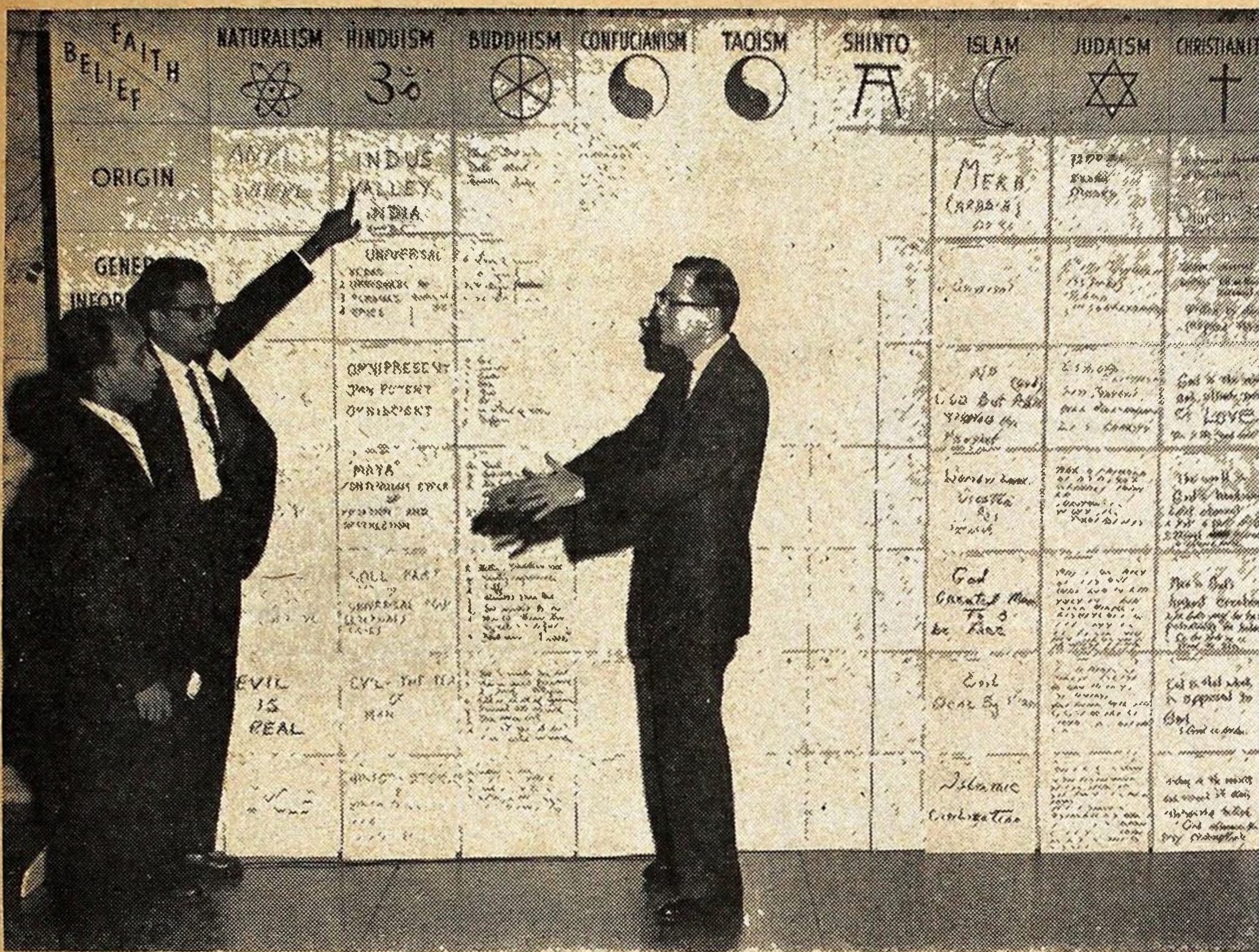


An Oriental Student during Talent Night at Retreat.



Nigerian Students.





Dr. George Schweitzer and two students from India before Chart on Religions.

## Tennesseans To Graduate At Southern Seminary



Tennessee students, top row, left to right, Bill L. Taylor, Union City, Dip. in Religious Education; Riley M. Mathias, Master of Religious Education; John Alexander Ishee, Clarksville, Master of Religious Education; James Edwin Crouch, Johnson City, Bachelor of Divinity; second row, Reid R. Compton, Nashville; Bachelor of Divinity; Harold Rhea Gray, Chattanooga, Th.D.; William H. Pitt, Sr., Nashville, Bachelor of Divinity; Robert D. Kelley, Knoxville, Bachelor of Divinity; bottom row, David Anthony Smith, Memphis, Th.D.; Maurice D. Coleman, Medina, Bachelor of Divinity; Bob D. Lynch, Maryville, Bachelor of Divinity; and William Kenneth Medlock, Murfreesboro, Bachelor of Sacred Music.

## Registration Of Tennessee Students By Campuses

### Colleges and Schools

	Internationals	Americans
Austin Peay State College	2	1
Baptist Hospital, Nashville		1
Carson-Newman College		5
Christian Brothers College		1
Draughon's Business College and Scarrit College	1	
East Tennessee Baptist Hospital		1
East Tennessee State College	26	7
Fisk University	2	
Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy	1	
King College	1	
Martin Junior College	1	
Maryville College		7
Meharry Medical School	1	
Memphis State University	4	13
Middle Tennessee State College	4	2
Milligan College	1	
Peabody College	29	6
Saint Thomas Hospital, Nashville	1	
Southwestern at Memphis	1	
Sweet Briar College	1	
Tennessee A. & I.	2	1
Tennessee Tech	6	6
Tennessee Wesleyan College		1
Union University	1	8
University of Chattanooga	3	4
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	36	8
University of Tennessee, Martin	2	2
University of Tennessee Medical School	4	
Vanderbilt University	19	2
Virginia Tech	1	

## New Books

*Special Day Sermons* by Millard Alford Jenkins; Broadman; 139 pp.; \$1.00; paper; reprint.

*Danger Ahead!* by C. W. Scudder; Broadman; 180 pp.; \$3.25. A Christian approach to some current problems.

*God Made Me New* by Burnice Luck; Broadman; 70 pp.

*The Seven Last Words* by Clarence W. Cranford; Baker; 78 pp.; \$1.50.

*The Cross Still Stands* by Alfred Doerfler; Baker; 135 pp.; \$2.50.

## Southern Seminary To Award 115 Degrees

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will award 115 degrees during graduation exercises on January 24. Students from 22 states will be presented their degrees from the Schools of Theology, Church Music, and Religious Education.

Kentucky students top the list with 26 graduates followed by Alabama with 16, Georgia with 14 and Tennessee with 12.

Included on the list are nine Doctor of Theology degrees; nine Master of Theology; 15 Master of Religious Education; one Diploma of Religious Education; six Bachelor of Sacred Music; eight Bachelor of Church Music; two Bachelor of Theology; 65 Bachelor of Divinity.



# Attendances and Additions

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alcoa, Central	178	89	
First	442	179	
Athens, East	418	167	
First	580	247	2
West End Mission	87	21	
North	283	184	2
Calhoun	115	53	
Central	88	37	
Goodsprings	131	74	
Lake View	59	37	
Niota, First	117	44	
Oak Grove	81	84	
Riceville	101	50	
Rodgers Creek	44	27	
South Liberty	40	28	
Blaine, Block Springs	128	38	
Bradford, First	83	35	
Brownsville	422	105	
Cedar Hill	90	31	
Chattanooga, Eastdale	371	111	2
East Lake	481	148	
East Ridge	650	231	
First	858	286	5
Oakwood	301	140	3
Red Bank	954	298	
White Oak	438	137	4
Woodland Park	385	176	
Clarksville, First	511	162	
New Providence	208	90	5
Cleveland, Big Spring	346	196	
Calvary	156	89	4
First	511	270	
Clinton, Second	426	69	
Columbia, First	493	213	5
Highland Park	347	141	2
Cookeville, West View	167	58	
East Side	49	36	
Crossville, First	177	88	
Dyer, New Bethlehem	156	79	
Elizabethton, First	421	182	
Oak Street	122	63	1
Englewood, First	183	54	
Etowah, First	293	92	
Fountain City, Central	1079	365	2
Gleason, First	200	90	1
Goodlettsville, First	344	119	4
Grand Junction, First	102	74	
Harriman, Caney Ford	80	38	
South	390	156	1
Trenton Street	307	116	1
Walnut Hill	222	107	1
Henderson, First	202	59	
Hendersonville, First	192	64	
Rockland	33		
Hixson, Central	216	123	8
Humboldt, Antioch	218	84	
Jackson, East Union	72	53	1
First	775	228	5
Parkview	342	150	1
Jellico, First	171	85	1
Johnson City, Central	591	97	
Northside	43	14	
Pine Crest	184	84	
Temple	315	107	
Unaka Avenue	311	129	
Jonesboro, First	194	60	
Limestone	25	20	
Second	124	67	1
Kenton, First	164	48	
Macedonia	73	66	1
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	109	41	
First	665	167	3
Litz Manor	238	125	
Kingston, New Midway	87	74	
Knoxville, Broadway	980	432	7
First	856	313	2
Grace	333	166	
Lincoln Park	927	332	3
Lonsdale	337	96	4
Wallace Memorial	602	250	2

## Sunday, January 1, 1961

LaFollette, First	311	105	
Lawrenceburg, First	236	85	1
Meadow View	53	32	
Highland Park	210	91	
Lebanon, First	505	176	
Hillcrest	132	83	2
Rocky Valley	105	90	2
Lenoir City, Calvary	226	87	
First	463	162	1
Lewisburg, First	397	99	
Loudon, New Providence	227	139	
Madisonville, First	351	172	6
Mission	51	31	
Malesus	192	93	
Martin, First	276	64	2
Maryville, Broadway	609	343	
McMinnville, Shellsford	222	164	
Mt. Pleasant, First	165	86	
Mission	60	65	
Memphis, Bellevue	1576	806	13
Graceland	406	233	
Merton Avenue	303	89	
Temple	735	293	
Milan, Chapel Hill	70	31	1
Morristown, Alpha	126		
Buffalo Trail	236	103	
Bulls Gap	115	51	
Cherokee Hill	98	47	
Hillcrest	163	92	2
Kidwell's Ridge	84		
Leadvale	131	86	
Manley	58		
Pleasant View	3	48	
Whitesburg	80	21	
Witt	77	31	
Murfreesboro, First	601	108	
Calvary	77	70	
Southeast	44		1
Third	297	91	
Woodbury Road	233	89	
Nashville, Alta Loma	204	104	5
Bakers Grove	123	74	
Belmont Heights	842	278	4
Bethany	19	10	
Madison Street	125	33	
Westview	67	40	
Crievewood	283	122	
Fairview	181	81	2
Jordonia	16	26	
Lyle Lane	43	13	
Gallatin Road	313	124	1
Grace	818	335	3
Houston Street	150	80	
Immanuel	314	113	
West End Chapel	40	16	
Madison, First	510	110	
Mission	53	18	1
Radnor	400	169	1
Haywood Hills	151	95	7
Rosedale	147	79	1

## January Is "Write Your Will" Month

The following Wills have been made recently:

A Nashville steward divided an estate equally with one-half going to the local church and one-half to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Trustee in trust, the income to go to Belmont College as scholarship funds to assist young ministers in college.

A Middle Tennessee steward made a Will leaving an estate to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Trustee in trust, with one-third of the income going to the Foreign Mission Board, one-third to the Home Mission Board, and one-third to the local church as a memorial.

A West Tennessee Couple, after a small bequest to a relative, are leaving an estate to the Foundation, Trustee in trust, with the income going each year to Union University.

Prepare your Will now. The Tennessee Baptist Foundation representative will counsel with you and your attorney without any obligation on your part.

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Seventh	112	56	
Third	158	48	
Tusculum Hills	254	84	3
Woodbine	384	156	
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	576	211	2
Old Hickory, First	442	183	
Portland, First	266	8	
Rockwood, Eureka	97	57	
First	477	168	
Selmer, First	232	97	
Shelbyville, El Bethel	79	34	
Somerville, First	247	139	
Sweetwater, First	390	107	1
Tullahoma, First	405	121	
Hickerson Memorial	46	25	
Lincoln Heights	57	37	
Grace	100	70	
Highland	163	101	
Spring Creek	15		
Union City, Second	210	158	
Watertown, Round Lick	183	74	
Winchester, First	244	80	
Southside	29		

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# More And Better Vacation Bible Schools

## I. More Vacation Bible Schools

1. Adopt the "One Plus One" plan. Have a school in your own church plus at least one other in a needy place—either a church or a mission area.
2. Find the locations of places needing a mission work from the associational missions committee.
3. Consider the possibility of using the mission Vacation Bible school as a means of beginning a Sunday school and a continuing mission work.
4. Utilize college students from your church in Vacation Bible school.
5. Contact your associational superintendent of missions or your state Sunday school secretary for the possibility of securing college students for mission Vacation Bible school work.

## II. Better Vacation Bible Schools

1. Set the date early. Include it in the church calendar of activities.
2. Elect the principal early—along with the other Sunday school officers and teachers. Enlist the other workers soon after October 1.

## 3. Plan an adequate faculty training program:

- (1) Put Vacation Bible school training dates in church calendar.
- (2) Plan a study of *Better Vacation Bible Schools* for all workers.
- (3) Conduct department textbook studies for every department of the school.
- (4) Attend the associational Vacation Bible school clinic.
- (5) In faculty training use the 1961 Joint Service filmstrip and recording and the filmstrip, *How to Have a Vacation Bible School*.
4. Utilize the Standard of Excellence as a guide in planning for the school, checking on the effectiveness of the school, and evaluating the school.
5. Provide an organization adequate for reaching all the boys and girls who are possibilities.
6. Use the scheduled textbooks, pupil's books, and other materials listed in the 1961 *Vacation Bible School Catalog*.
7. To pray and work for at least 28,000 schools, 3,000,000 enrolled, and 60,000 conversions!

## ESTABLISHING A CHURCH KINDERGARTEN

1. A church kindergarten is a ministry of the church to five-year-olds meeting three hours a day, five days a week. It enables a church to make greater use of buildings dedicated to Christian education. It helps to raise the quality of all work done with Beginners. It aids in reaching unchurched families.

2. The first step in starting a kindergarten is to elect a committee which will gather information pertinent to the operation of a kindergarten—number of prospects, adaptability of building and ground, material and equipment needed, and facts concerning finances, schedules, ages to include, sources of teachers, etc. A report is made to the church for full approval and backing before going further.

3. Use the same rooms and equipment provided by the church for five-year-olds on Sunday. Thirty-five square feet of space inside and seventy-five outside are needed for each child. The maximum number of children per room is twenty-five. One teacher, and an assistant on whom she can call, is needed for each room. These should be members of the church.

4. The kindergarten should be an integral part of the educational ministry of the church. All fees should be paid to the church and the teachers should be on regular salary paid by the church.

—Taken from Sunday School Planning Booklet

# WMU Associational Recognition 1959-60

1959-60 was the first year Woman's Missionary Union offered recognition to associational organizations using the Associational WMU Aims for Advancement. Each association was asked to adopt the following aims as their plan of work:

1. By-laws adopted as a guide
2. Training provided for local leadership
3. WMU organization(s) established in church(es) or mission(s) where none exist
4. Increase in number of WMU organizations.

An associational WMU that attains the above aims and has

5 per cent if its WMS, YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Bands attaining any recognition on the Aims for Advancement shall be an APPROVED ASSOCIATIONAL WMU.

10 per cent of its WMS, YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Bands attaining recognition on the Aims for Advancement shall be an ADVANCED ASSOCIATIONAL WMU.

15 per cent of its WMS, YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Bands attaining any recognition on the Aims for Advancement shall be an HONOR ASSOCIATIONAL WMU.

Certificates have been sent to the 1960-61

presidents for recognition. Below are the associations attaining recognition and the presidents who served last year.

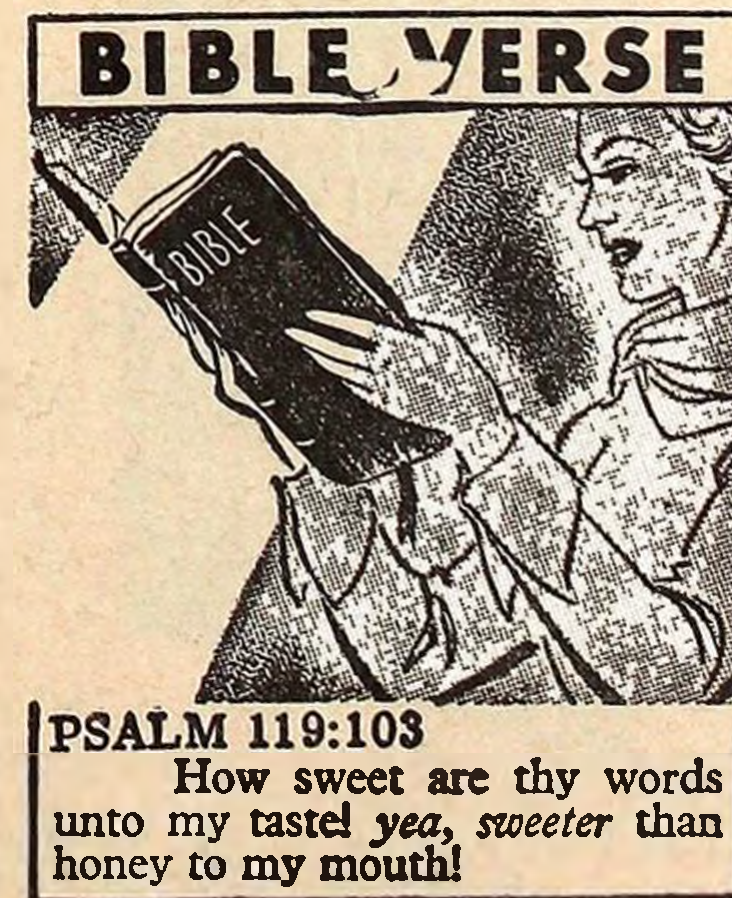
**HONOR:** *Big Emory Association*, Mrs. E. H. Howard, President; *Chilhowee Association*, Mrs. Kirk S. Young, President; *Cumberland Association*, Miss Mary Northington, President; *Dyer Association*, Mrs. Robert H. Dills, President.

**ADVANCED:** *Clinton Association*, Mrs. E. E. McCombs, President; *McMinn Association*, Mrs. W. S. Moore, President.

**APPROVED:** *Beech River Association*, Mrs. John W. Stewart, President; *Big Hatchie Association*, Mrs. James E. Flowers, President; *Hamilton Association*, Mrs. C. M. Jenkins, President; *Robertson Association*, Mrs. Ray H. Dean, President.

All church organizations which attained any recognition will receive their certificates at the associational Quarterly WMU Meetings in January.

Congratulations to each officer who served and best wishes for joy in service for this 1960-61 year. May the aims and purposes of Woman's Missionary Union organizations be realized for each member in more effective service for Christ's Kingdom at home and abroad.



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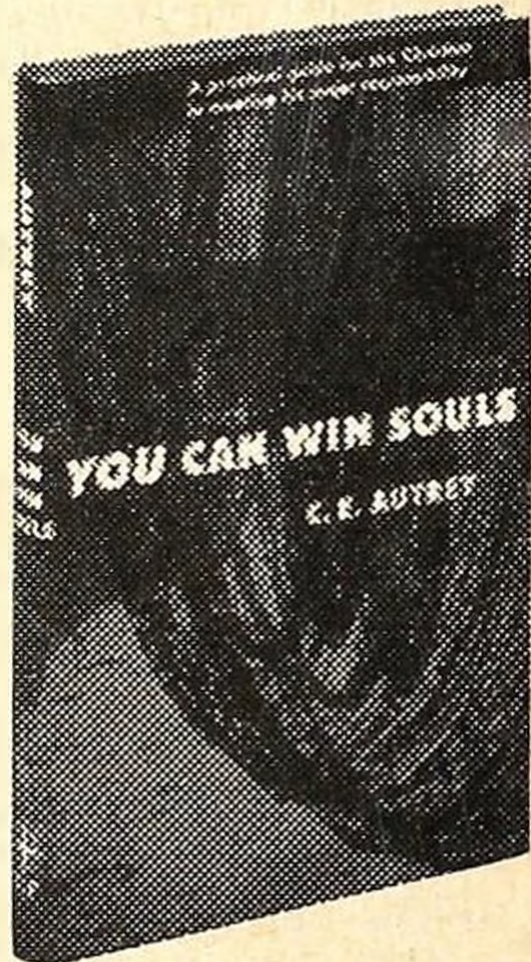


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## Why Christ Came

TEXTS: John 3 (Larger)—John 3:1-7, 12-21 (Printed).

How many times do we face ourselves with the question "Why are we in the world?" Does my existence on the earth have a purpose or aim? If so, am I fulfilling that aim or purpose? For Jesus, the answer was given on at least two occasions. "The Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost" (Mt. 18:11). "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (Jn. 10:10b). The printed text of today's lesson, centered as it is upon the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, suggests even further and detailed reasons as to why Christ came to earth. We note three of them.

#### To make regeneration possible (vv. 1-7)

Twice in these seven verses Jesus teaches that regeneration, or birth "from above" is absolutely imperative. Without it, He says, one cannot see the kingdom of God (v.3). Do not be amazed, He again says, for it is without exception necessary (v. 7). Such clear teaching is not confined to the gospel of John for both Paul and Peter teach essentially the same thing. Paul writes of a "new creature" (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15). Peter writes of "being born again" with the same thing in mind (1 Pet. 1:23).

The inscrutability of such profound teaching is readily apparent to those who have not experienced it. This is seen in the case of Nicodemus. Much difficulty and even error comes into contemporary thought at

this point. It is a fact that Baptists in their historical development have insisted upon this as a prerequisite for those who ask for membership in their churches. And in this they have been joined by other groups also. A person is born into human society, naturally. He is re-born into the kingdom, supernaturally. Belief, or trust, in Christ makes the latter possible. The Holy Spirit is the activating agent in the process.

#### To reveal love unfathomable (vv. 12-16)

In the Little Gospel here (v. 16) Jesus says "God so loved". The accent could well be placed upon the word "so". And when one contemplates the love of God the limits cannot be found. The writer of Ephesians refers to it as four-dimensional and as of a quality "which passeth knowledge" (3:18, 19). Jesus says here to Nicodemus that such love is seen in the lifting up of the Son of man just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness. Obviously He is thinking of His own sacrificial and substitutionary death on the Cross.

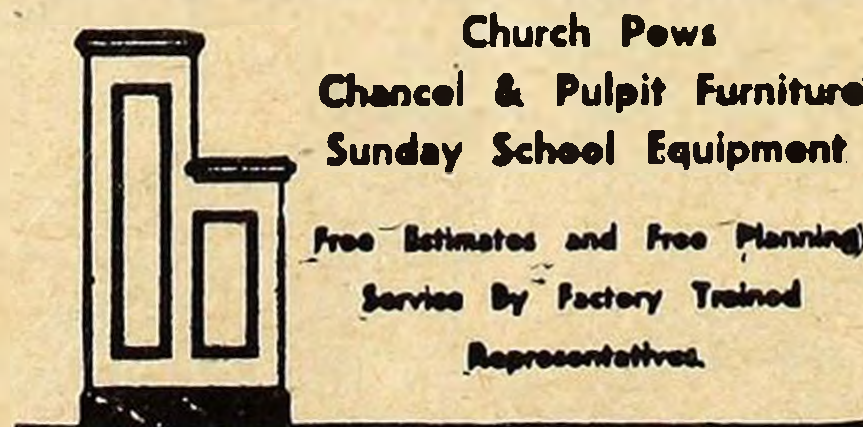
The Crucified One, who has also risen from the dead, is to be the object of one's belief and trust in order for His sacrifice to become beneficial to that one. This is clearly seen in verse fifteen. God has given Christ to die in behalf of sinful man. But sinful man must believe in Him by renouncing his sins, thus separating himself from them, and commit his life to Him in complete surrender. When one dies for another, voluntarily and gladly, what more can be asked? Is this measurable?

#### To render unbelief inexcusable (vv. 17-21)

Jesus did not come to earth in order to condemn men (v. 17). They were already condemned by their sins. They who believe on Him can know that they have no condemnation (v. 18a). The writer of Romans elaborates the same idea (Ro. 8:1ff). They who refuse to believe on Him in such refusal bring upon themselves condemnation (v. 18b). Becoming a Christian is a matter between persons. The human person trusts the Divine Person. It is just that simple. It is just that profound. The relationship must be a vital one. And Jesus is here speaking primarily about life, everlasting life.

Those who love darkness hate and thus avoid the light. Jesus is the Light of the world (Jn. 8:5; 9:12). He is to the spiritual and moral order what the sun is to the natural and physical order. One must open his eyes to see either one. To close one's spiritual "eyes" against the Son, and do so deliberately, is to insure darkness of the worst sort. Unbelief is tragic.

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## Busy Day\*

By Grayce Krogh Boller



Johnny and Dee looked sadly at all the snow. It was so pretty and white that they should have been happy to have it, but they weren't. It was Saturday. There wasn't any school. Why weren't they happy?

"If only we had a sled!" sighed Johnny.

"Couldn't we have fun?" Dee looked sad. "But we haven't one. What can we do, Johnny? All this wonderful snow and no sled!"

"We can't have a snowball fight," Johnny shook his head. "Somebody might get hurt."

"And windows could get broken," Dee put in wisely. "Oh, Johnny, I know something we can do! But it's work, not play."

"What?" Johnny looked as if he were not much interested.

"Why don't we clean off the snow for Mrs. Green?" said Dee. "She is so old, and she can't do it herself. She has only a pension to live on. She can't pay anyone to do it for her."

"But we can do it," Johnny smiled as he nodded. "I'll get our shovel."

"Bring the broom, too," Dee called after her brother.

While Johnny was inside, Dee kept on thinking. She thought of all the people they knew who couldn't shovel snow. There was lame Mr. Keeler. There was Mr. Blue, who had been sick. There was Miss Bell, who had rheumatism.

When Johnny came out with the shovel and the broom, Dee told him her plan.

"We can clean two pavements this morning. We can do two more this afternoon. We can make four people happy," Dee smiled.

"We'll do it," Johnny nodded, as he set to work.

As Johnny shoveled the snow, Dee swept. It took a long time to clean the pavement and the walk at Mrs. Green's, but at last it was finished. Mrs. Green waved thank you to them from her window. Johnny and Dee smiled and waved back.

Then they went on to lame Mr. Keeler's house. No one had cleaned his pavement yet. Johnny started on it.

"It won't take us so long here because there is no walk," Dee cried happily.

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"Hi, Mr. Keeler!" Johnny stopped long enough to wave when their friend came outside for a moment.

"Hi, and thank you!" Mr. Keeler waved back. "You are a big help!"

When they had finished that pavement, it was time for lunch.

"I'm starved," Dee cried as they hurried home. "Working so hard makes me hungry!"

"Me, too," Johnny nodded.

Mother had lunch all ready. Johnny and Dee ate and ate. How good it tasted!

"Daddy has a cold. He is lying down. He doesn't want any lunch," Mother explained. "I'm glad you have played outdoors. The house is quiet, and he can rest."

"We will be outdoors all afternoon, too," Johnny told her. "I hope Daddy feels better."

When lunch was over, Johnny and Dee started out again. They went to Miss Bell's house. She had rheumatism and couldn't go out when it was cold. The boy and girl often ran errands for her.

Now they cleaned her pavement well. Before they left, they saw her smiling at them from her window. Dee blew a kiss to her.

Next was Mr. Blue's house. He had been sick and was not strong yet. He had a big

An FBI marksman passed thru a small town and saw evidence of amazing shooting. On trees, walls, fences and barns were numerous bulls eyes with the bullet holes in the exact center. He asked to meet the remarkable marksman.

The man turned out to be the village idiot. "This is the most wonderful marksmanship I've ever seen," said the FBI man. "How in the world do you do it?"

"Easy as pie. I shoot first and draw the circle afterwards."—*Indiana Bell News*

The State Central Savings Bank of Keokuk, Iowa, offered free lumber to the parents of the teen-age vandals who dismantled its wooden sidewalk benches, commenting: "The lumber will make a heck of a swell paddle, and used on one end, might cause some thought at the other end."

The following essay on "cats" was turned in by a 10-year-old pupil:

"Cats and people are funny animals. Cats have four paws but only one ma. People have forefathers and only one mother.

"When a cat smells a rat, he gets excited, so do people.

"Cats carry tails and a lot of people carry tales, also.

"All cats have fur coats. Some people have fur coats and the ones who don't have fur coats say catty things about the ones who do have them."—*Biblical Recorder*

A man who was called "Colonel" by pretty nearly everyone in the community, although he had never served in the Army, was being heckled by a lawyer who wanted to know how the Colonel came by his title.

"Well, you see," explained the Colonel, in a soft voice, "that title in front of my name is like the 'Honorable' in front of yours; it doesn't mean a thing."

doctor bill, and he would be glad not to have to pay someone to clean his pavement.

"This isn't really work; it's fun!" Johnny declared, as they finished.

"Snow is always fun, no matter how you enjoy it," Dee laughed, as they reached home again. "Johnny, we've been cleaning pavements for other people. Our own isn't done. Remember, Daddy is sick, too?"

"We'll do ours for Daddy then," Johnny grinned. "That will make him feel better."

So Dee and Johnny cleaned their own pavement, too. Now they were really tired, and they were hungry again. Mother had hot chocolate and fresh gingerbread waiting.

"This has been a happy day," Dee sighed, dropping into a chair. "Busy days are happy days."



## Baptist Missionary Heads New Congo Relief Agency

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Only 225 doctors are serving a population of 14 million people in the Congo.

Economic breakdown in the country has made it impossible for Congo nationals to pay for medical treatment.

A minimum of 250,000 refugees in Kasai province are homeless and hungry, with an estimated 200 dying every day of starvation.

This picture of human suffering in the West African country which dropped into chaos after gaining independence from Belgium last June 30 was told to Baptist World Alliance officers here by Roland G. Metzger, an American Baptist missionary now serving as executive secretary in America of the Congo Protestant Relief Agency.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, later stated that human suffering is acute in the Congo area and expressed his appreciation of the effective work of the Congo Protestant Relief Agency in seeking to meet the need for relief and refugee aid.

Metzger said that the agency is seeking the services of 100 doctors and dentists and a minimum of \$550,000 for financing first year activities.

Metzger, a second generation missionary to the Congo, said that the agency was formed to meet the relief needs of the Congo Protestant Council, representing indigenous Congolese churches and 40 Prot-

estant missions. American, British, Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish Baptist missionaries work in the area.

Congo Protestant Relief Agency has its headquarters office in Leopoldville, with branch offices in London and New York. Its workers have been able to take aid into some sections where even the United Nations has not been successful.

Most urgent need, Metzger said, is money to pay for inland transportation of foods and medicines. These materials are available through American medical firms and American government surplus, in cooperation with Church World Service, but overland transportation from port of entry costs \$80 a ton. A minimum of \$16,000 a month is necessary therefore to get 200 tons of free food monthly to the starving areas.

Congo's original 700 medical doctors, never sufficient for the vast population, has dwindled to 225 since the coming of independence. One hundred of these are Belgians, most of whom are engaged in private practice. The International Red Cross and the World Health Organization support 45, Roman Catholic missions 25, and Protestant missions 55.

CPRA hopes to augment this force with 100 doctors, 66 from America and 34 from other countries. Doctors volunteering for a year's service will be given travel expense, housing, and a living allowance of \$1500 annually.

The address of the Congo Protestant Relief Agency is 297 Park Avenue South, New York 10.

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### Means Of Grace

Catholics have seven sacraments: baptism, confirmation, the Eucharist, penance, holy orders, matrimony, and extreme unction. Protestants generally have only two: baptism and the Lord's Supper. If the language of scripture means anything, each could afford to add another: wholesome speech. As for that matter, there may be others.

A sacrament is usually defined as a means of grace. Some non-Catholics, like Baptists, avoid the use of the word "sacrament" altogether. But they can hardly avoid the idea.

God, of course, is the original source of grace. And He uses various means to bestow His grace. He "graced" man supremely in Jesus Christ (Eph. 4:32b). And He commands that we should "grace" each other through kindness (Eph. 4:32a).

One way, among many, in which we may be a means of grace to each other is through wholesome speech. We are urged to avoid useless (corrupt) speech and enjoined to speak the good word "that it may give grace to them that hear" (Eph. 4:29).

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## Program Correlation

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—Baptist Sunday School Board program "can open doors for one another," Dr. W. L. Howse, director of the Board's Education Division, told Sunday School, Training Union, and Church Music state secretaries in conference here.

Upward of 99 per cent of Southern Baptist churches have a Sunday school program, Dr. Howse said, while Training Union and organized Church Music ministries exist in more than 77 and 45 per cent of the churches respectively.

"It stands to reason," Dr. Howse continued, "that the Sunday school, numerically, is the main channel of communication from the Sunday School Board through state and associational organizations to the local church.

"Isn't it logical that the Sunday school should serve to introduce many of our churches to Training Union and organized Church Music ministries?"

Such a system of co-operation, Dr. Howse continued, "will obviate the necessity for continuing to create separate programs with all of the parallel apparatus for their extension to the local church."

"We have run out of Sundays (for promoting emphases) now. We have run out of weeks now."

"Why not 'build in' to these already excellent lines of communication (Sunday school, Training Union, and organized Church Music ministries) the additional emphases that we want to communicate to Southern Baptists?" Dr. Howse said.

"After all," Dr. Howse continued, "what we are building is one correlated program for our churches. Isn't it sensible, then, for individual areas to be familiar with the work of others and to assist in the development of the total program?"

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### We Wonder If It Was Hot!

WASHINGTON—(BP)—"There is a hell" was announced in a church bulletin as the subject of a sermon at the Evangelistic Conference of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

"Some of our leaders will be there, and will bring back a report," the bulletin commented.

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