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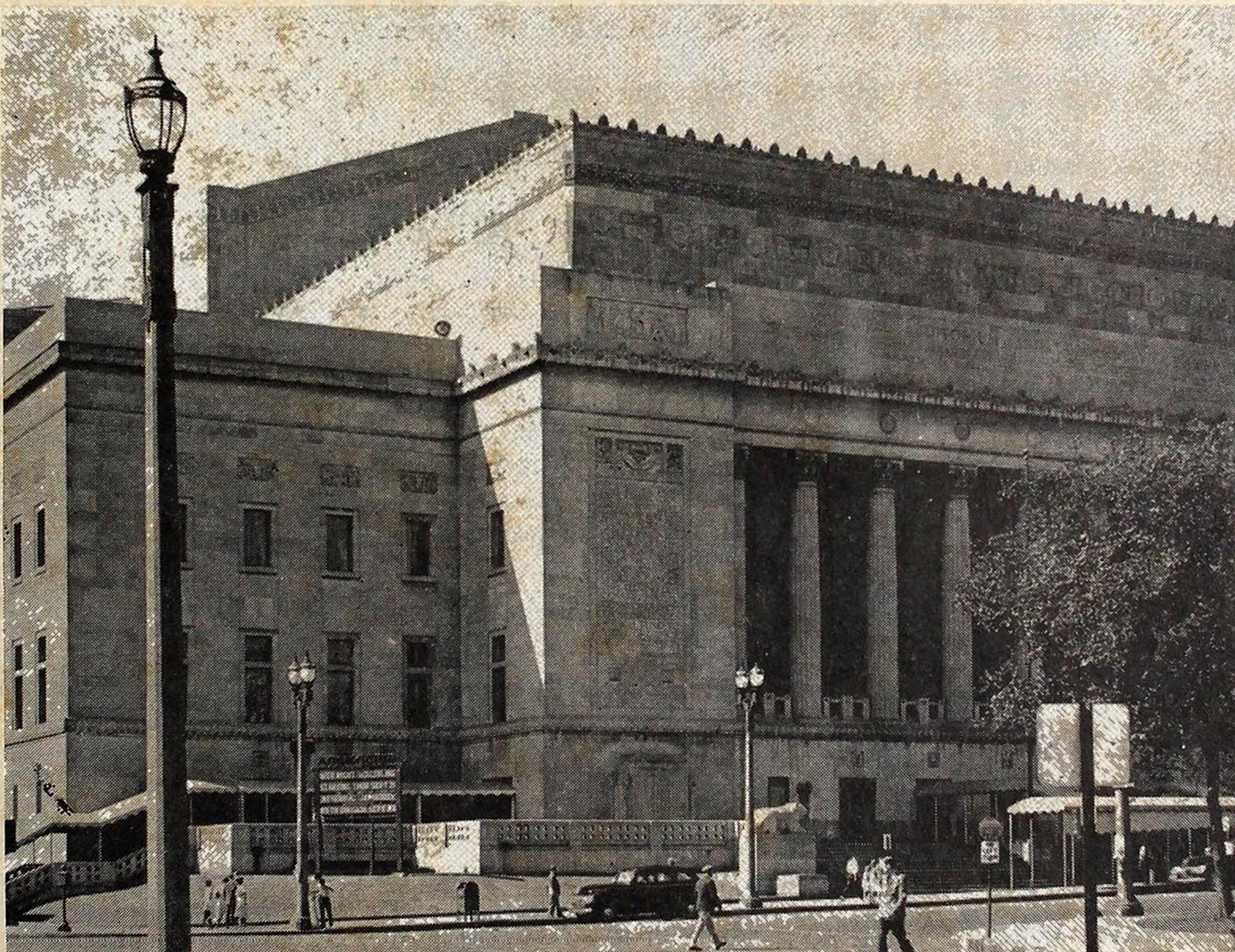
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## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN SESSION HERE

St. Louis, Mo.—More than 10,000 messengers have gathered here in Kiel Auditorium during the 104th session of the Southern Baptist Convention which adjourns Friday night, May 26, after four days consideration of the theme "My Church . . . Reaching Out." Dr. Ramsey Pollard of Memphis, Tennessee, presided over the sessions, completing his second term as President of the SBC. Carried in this issue is the Annual Sermon which was delivered by Dr. A. B. Van Arsdale of Decatur, Alabama (see page 3) also a sermon by Dr. H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, Tennessee (see page 20) which was one of several brought by different ministers to the Pastors' Conference preceding the Convention. Future sessions of the SBC will be in San Francisco, 1962; Kansas City, Mo., 1963; Atlantic City, 1964 and Dallas, 1965.

# Memphis Baptist College Committee Appointed

MEMPHIS—The Memphis Baptist College Committee has completed its organization and is ready for action. Dr. Stanley E. Wilkes, Chairman of the College Committee, says, "While we are in a 'wait and see' attitude concerning the Mallory Depot property, we are also preparing for full scale activity of our committee in every respect. The recent publicity of our project leaves us with the impression that now is the time for action whether we receive the Mallory property or not."

Senator William S. Cobb is serving as Co-chairman of the College Committee. These committee chairmen are giving direction to the proposed Memphis Baptist College: Dr. Ramsey Pollard, General Speakers Bureau; Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Long Time Planning; Dr. George Stewart, General Promotion. Division chairmen are: Fund Raising Study, Aubrey Byrne; Development and Promotion, Tom Pope; Advisory, Wallace E. Johnson; Public Relations, C. Winfield Rich; Campus Selection and Procurement, D. M. Renick; Plant Development and Architects, A. D. Foreman, Jr.; Activation of College, Fred Wood.

In addition to the above, the following are serving as members of the various committees: E. Lowell Adams, W. C. Bateman, W. A. Boston, C. Ray Couch, Ralph Crockett, P. O. Davidson, D. K. Duncan, Jerry Glisson, Frank S. Groner, Mark Harris, Orelle Ledbetter, Morris H. Mills, William

Moxley, James K. Pace, C. M. Pickler, Marvin Sandidge, R. L. Sherrick, George Smith, Eugene Woods, Sr., Drexel Toland, E. B. Bowen, Ralph Moore, and Thurman Prewett.

## William Cooke Boone Announces Retirement

MIDDLETOWN, KY. (BP)—W. C. Boone, general secretary of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky since 1946, announced his retirement here. It will be effective Sept. 30, although the Board will retain Boone in an advisory capacity through Dec. 31.

The General Board also voted to express appreciation to the retiring secretary with a gift of \$5,000, which will not come from Cooperative Program funds. Churches in the state will have an opportunity to contribute, it was reported.

Boone's great-great-grandfather was Samuel Boone, brother to pioneer Daniel Boone and to Squire Boone Jr., Squire Boone being the first Baptist preacher in Kentucky.

The retiring general secretary and Mrs. Boone plan to make their future home at Jackson, Tenn., one of several cities where Boone once was a pastor. Other pastorates were in Hernando, Miss.; Marianna, Ark.;

## Childs Goes To SBC Brotherhood Office

Jack T. Childs, Circulation Manager for the Baptist and Reflector since Aug. 1960, has accepted a position in the business office of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis. Mr. Childs, who takes up his new duties June 5, will be concerned with circulation of the Brotherhood publications. Dr. Richard N. Owen, Editor of the Baptist and Reflector, commenting on Mr. Childs said, "He has done an effective work with the paper, and we regret to give him up but do so with the realization that on returning to his native city he will get to be with members of his family more in this new capacity."

Owensboro, Ky.; Roanoke, Va., and Louisville.

Boone also one time was president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. He's a native of Bowling Green, Ky.

He would have reached mandatory retirement age in February, 1962 but wished to retire earlier so the Board could find a suitable successor for the start of the next General Association year beginning Nov. 1, 1961.

A seven-member committee headed by A. W. Walker, Louisville minister, will seek a successor, calling the Board together when ready to report.

## Bible Teachers Announced For Preachers' School

Teachers of Bible courses for the three annual preachers' schools to be conducted in June have been announced by the Tennessee Baptist Convention Associational Services (Missions) Department, L. R. Baumgartner, secretary.

The Middle Tennessee school, meeting June 5-9, on the campus of Belmont College, Nashville, under the direction of Dr. Roy A. Helton, will have as guest faculty members, Dr. G. Allen West, pastor of Woodmont Church, Nashville, teaching a course in the Gospel of Matthew, and Rev. Paul Turner, pastor of Brook Hollow Church, Nashville, conducting studies in the Book of Amos.

Those attending the West Tennessee school at Union University, Jackson, June 12-16, will study the Book of Jeremiah under the direction of Dr. Fred M. Wood, pastor of Eudora Church, Memphis. Dr. Wood is author of "*Fire in My Bones*," an exposition of the life and message of Jeremiah, published recently by Broadman Press. A course in ecclesiology will be taught by Rev. J. E. Sharp, pastor of First Church, Bells. Dr. W. H. Kimzey, Jr., of the faculty of Union University, is director of this school.

In the East Tennessee school to be con-

ducted at Carson-Newman College at Jefferson City, June 26-30, Dr. W. Fred Kendall, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will teach Studies in Jeremiah, and Rev. W. C. Summar, pastor of the Robertsville Church, Oak Ridge, will conduct a class in New Testament Evangelism. Rev. Raymond DeArmond, former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will serve as school pastor and will preach nightly. Dr. C. H. Watson is the school director.

Other faculty members previously announced are Dr. Garland Hendricks and Mrs. E. L. Smothers, Belmont; Dr. Carl A. Clark and Mrs. Jonas Stewart, Union University; and Rev. M. Wendell Belew and Mrs. J. O. Williams, Carson-Newman. The schools at Belmont College and Union University will both feature inspirational messages each evening by area pastors.

Each school will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. and classes at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, and will close at noon on Friday. Ministers and their wives are invited to attend without charge, but must furnish their own towels, linens, and blankets. Reservations are to be sent to the school directors not later than one week before the opening date of the schools.



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# THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

By A. B. Van Arsdale

Dr. A. B. Van Arsdale, pastor of Central Church, Decatur, Alabama, who delivered the Convention Sermon (here slightly abbreviated) is the first alternate in SBC history to do so.



## ACTS 1:1

The simultaneous termination of His anointed life and appointed labor was the unique accomplishment of Jesus. Though His days on earth were limited to a span of some 33 years, yet He could say to the all-wise God, "I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do." No song was unsung, no message was undelivered, no deed was undone. The Father's perfect will for Him was completed. Life to Him was primarily an engagement with God that carried tremendous responsibilities of service. Joyously did He accept that commission as evidenced by His word, "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me" (Jno. 6:38). That will was redemptive as evidenced by the statements, "the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" and "the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." To One with the glory of God as the goal of His heart, life and labor were synonymous.

Christ-loving, historically-minded Dr. Luke, led of the Holy Spirit, recorded the life and labors of Jesus in order that his beloved friend, Theophilus, "mighkest know the certainty of those things" wherein he had been instructed. That record is known unto us as the Gospel recorded by Luke. Luke's account isn't the Gospel. Fundamentally, Jesus Himself is the Gospel. Paul wrote the Corinthians that he had declared unto them the Gospel. What was it? The Christ who died, was buried, rose again, and revealed Himself unto many! Christ living is the Good News that God has aligned Himself with man in the difficulties of human life; Christ crucified is the Good News that God has paid the debt that man could never pay; Christ risen is the Good News that God has made available unto man a power that can conquer every enemy; Christ ascended is the Good News that a Divine-human Intercessor, knowing that willing spirits may be offset by weakened flesh, always represents us. Grand and glorious though the actions of the historical Jesus may be, I must insist that they, fundamentally, are not the Gospel. The Gospel is Jesus, not the relating of His works but the revelation of the Worker. With the account of the Ascension Luke doubtlessly felt that the full story of the God-man had been told. However, subsequent events had revealed that the Good News was not complete with the account of the

historical Jesus. As the Father had completed His work of creation but continued the work of revelation, so the Son, having completed His work of atonement, was continuing the work of redemption. The gospel account had told only of what "Jesus began to do and to teach". But the ascended Christ was still in the spiritual arena transforming hell-deserving sinners into heaven-destined saints. The Book of Acts is Luke's postscript to his gospel to tell the Good News that Jesus continues to do and teach. The Gospel is not simply that Jesus died to purchase redemption, but also that He lives to perform redemption.

Some of the very teachings that he had recorded should have alerted Luke to the truth of the unfinished gospel. Had not Jesus said, "I am come to send fire on the earth . . . But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished" (Lu. 12:49-50)? The Master Himself had revealed that much of His work could not be accomplished until a certain baptism, peculiar to Himself, should come about. That baptism was His immersion in suffering by His crucifixion and His emersion in glorious power by His resurrection. "He died unto sin once: but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God" says Paul. He liveth in that new life of His glorified humanity. That new life unshackled Him to send His promised "fire upon the earth". After His resurrection He said "ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" (Acts 1:5) and at Pentecost "cloven tongues like as of fire . . . sat upon each of them". The promise of fire was fulfilled. Through that company of regenerated, Spirit-anointed believers, the unstraitened Jesus was given an enlarged sphere of operation. Through them He continued His work of grace and perpetuated the Everlasting Gospel of redemption.

The Apostle Paul added a second postscript to this unfolding story with the words "Ye are our epistle . . . known and read of all men" (2 Cor. 3:2). The Corinthian church was to be a living epistle of what Christ continues to do and teach. And each member was to be a paragraph in that story. Each member, who had been made partaker of the Divine nature, had the wonderful privilege of revealing the Everlasting Gospel of the redeeming Christ. Oh, that Christians today would grasp that fact and

"While passing thro' this world of sin,  
And others your life shall view,  
Be clean and pure without, within,  
Let others see Jesus in you."

The principles and practices that guided Him in His straitened condition are operative in His liberated one.

*Then and now, His activity was and is creation.*

The ability, might, and power of the Eternal Christ are graphically revealed in His creatorship. Paul declared "by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him" (Col. 1:16). It was the pre-incarnate Christ who hung the stars like diamonds in a moon-bathed night, placed the shrinking violets in the dew-laden grasses, and mixed the colors in the golden sunset to make a beautiful world in which His people were to live. Of that Christ we sing

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# Editorially . . . . .

## TV School For Crime

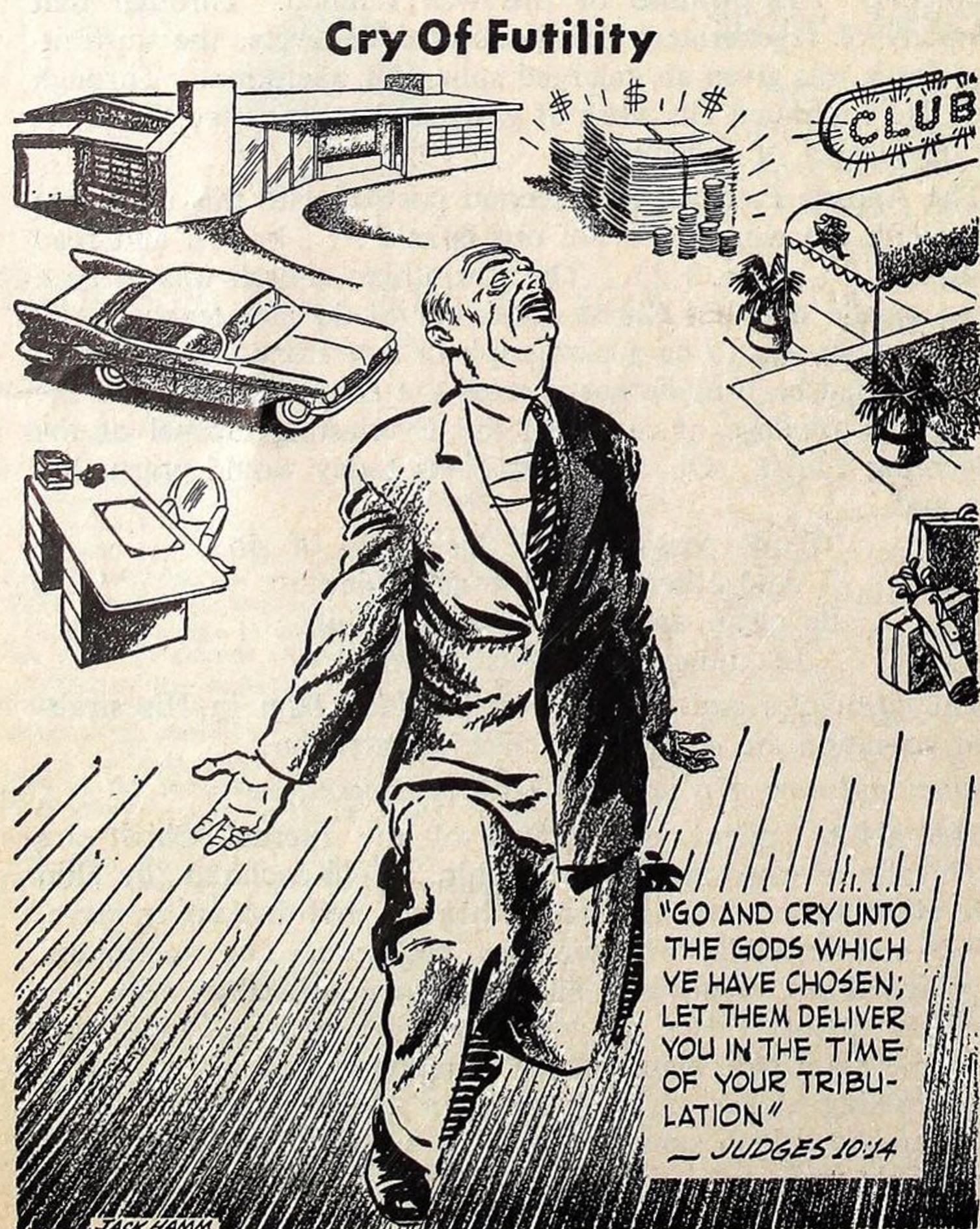
Every 13 seconds a major crime blots the name of the USA. Crime exacts a twenty billion dollar take annually. The average family is \$600 poorer each year because of it. Beyond this economic drain the far costlier moral and spiritual toll cannot be figured in dollars. It means souls stained and souls lost.

Of 486 juvenile offenders serving sentences for crime 40%, in a recent questionnaire, reported that they had viewed television from four to five hours each night. Television has come in for the charge by some concerned parties with being the greatest school for crime in our country. Children as well as young people and adults learn the techniques of the underworld. They have vividly portrayed to them how criminals wear masks and gloves, open safes, commit various crimes—even murder itself. This is a demoralizing situation which has become worse and worse during the 13 years that television has spread its influence over the USA. It is tragic but true that public opinion and moral standards have been largely determined by our modern

media of mass communication. These are the press, the radio, and the television. Until there is a more responsible use of these media we cannot expect a change for the better in the moral climate of our country.

In view of this we commend Federal Communication Commission Chairman, Newton N. Minow, for his recent straight-from-the-shoulder warning to the National Association of Broadcasters. His speech was not too well received in some quarters when he termed much of television "a vast wasteland." Mr. Minow summoned the 2000 delegates present of the television industry to make improvement in its programming. He accused it of having too much violence and too much mediocrity.

The FCC does not intend to exercise censorship over television programs. But there will be public demand for it, unless the industry polices itself and shows more readiness to clean up its programs. Mr. Minow did some plain talking. In our opinion it has long been overdue.



## Learning The Hard Way

Misled by the wet press the people of Knoxville legalized whisky in their midst. Now that these interests have accomplished their purpose of killing prohibition they are plugging for wholesale liquor houses which would in effect put the city into the liquor business, or make it the beneficiary of the sales.

After misleading the people into voting against prohibition the *Knoxville Journal* now warns that legal liquor outlets in Tennessee have proven to be the biggest and most insistent law violators in the illegal whisky racket. Had this and other advocates of repeal been as truthful before this election by then bringing out the fact that legalization elsewhere hasn't solved the problem of violation, there would have been less people duped into voting for repeal.

Legalization won in Knoxville by about 8% of the total votes cast. Two years from now there will have to be another referendum. By that time there will be many people who mistakenly voted for legalization who will have learned how completely they have been taken in by the propaganda for repeal.

There is nothing like learning the hard way. The liquor business does not suddenly become tamed and decent by being licensed. It hasn't anywhere else in our state nor will it in Knoxville.

## Treasurer's Report

See what your church did for missions, Christian education, and benevolences through the Cooperative Program. This issue carries the State Convention Treasurer's report for six months. Though we showed a slight gain over the past year's receipts, for the same period of time, we are running short of our State Con-

vention budget as Dr. Kendall pointed out in last week's issue of the paper (see page 7, May 11 issue). This is a good time to check up on what we did the past six months and set about doing better the next half of the Convention year.

## Southern Convention

The Southern Baptist Convention is in progress now in St. Louis. We carry in this issue the annual sermon and will have an account of the Convention and also the WMU meeting preceding it in St. Louis in our next issue of *Baptist and Reflector*.

### Foreign Mission Board Reports

## 19 New Missionaries Bring Total To 1,519

Nineteen missionaries appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its May meeting bring the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,519.

### 93.27 Per Cent of Funds Go Overseas

In his report, Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen analyzed the Board's expenditures for 1960, totaling \$18,116,220.32. He said only 4.4 per cent of all expenditures was required for administrative and general purposes. This included the expenses of the home office in Richmond, providing for salaries, travel, stationery, postage, insurance, office equipment, cost of Board meetings, annual audit, legal services, and miscellaneous expenses.

An additional 2.33 per cent was required for home cultivation. This included audio-visual education, missionary education literature, deputation work of missionaries on furlough, press relations, recruitment materials, et cetera.

The remainder, 93.27 per cent, was disbursed for foreign field responsibilities. Of the overseas expense, \$5,798,413.44 was used in Latin America, \$5,447,490.89 in the Orient, and \$4,900,091.26 in Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

The largest expenditure in any one country was in Brazil, where \$2,407,249.05 was used. Nigeria received the second largest amount, \$1,722,949.69.

The overseas expenditures fall into three divisions: (1) the support of missionaries, which required \$6,065,260.17 in 1960, (2) capital expenditures, which totaled \$5,557,154.94, and (3) current operations, which amounted to \$4,523,880.18.

The support of missionaries includes

salaries, medical allowances, language study, children's allowances, cost-of-living supplements, property operating, travel for mission business, local leaves, furlough travel, refit allowances, group insurance, outgoing expenses for new missionaries, moving expenses, et cetera.

The largest amount of money spent for capital purposes, \$2,247,815.75, was for the construction of church buildings. The second largest, \$1,480,716.62, was for the construction of missionary residences.

For current expenses for programs of work, the largest amount, \$1,694,743.57, went for direct evangelism. These funds made possible the preaching of the gospel and the cultivating of churches throughout the world. The second largest expenditure for programs of work was for schools, extending all the way from kindergartens through four-year senior colleges and theological seminaries. A total of \$1,290,296.64 was used for this purpose.

Dr. Cauthen summarized the analysis: "First of all, a very small percentage of the missionary dollar is required for home base responsibilities in the projection of foreign mission work. Second, the largest responsibility of our Board is that of the sending and maintenance of missionaries. Third, the funds used for work on the fields have their primary application to the task of winning people to Christ and growing churches with well-balanced and essential programs of work devoted to leadership training, medical services, and production of Christian literature.

"This analysis also serves to remind us that sustained advance in mission work calls for increasing resources. We must remind

### Circulation Goal Of 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ Million Approved For Baptist Papers

The St. Louis Convention, at the request of its Committee on State Baptist Papers, approved a circulation goal for them by 1964 of 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  million. Their present circulation, as reported by Committee Chairman Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, is 1,465,471.

During the year since the last report, the 28 papers (most of them weeklies) increased over 50,000 circulation total.

1964 is the climaxing year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, the year when seven Baptist groups in the United States and Canada will observe the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist convention work in North America.

The Committee on State Baptist Papers has existed since 1940, Newton reminded the Convention. In that year there were only 19 papers with aggregate circulation of 192,312. They set a goal of half-a-million by 1945 and exceeded it by 47,000.

The state papers met another circulation of goal of 1 million in 1953 when their combined circulation reached 1,017,496. The aim for 1960 is 2 million.

Present circulation of the Baptist papers, an independent but closely-allied group, ranges from 1000 by the Hawaii Baptist in the 50th state to the mammoth Baptist Standard in Texas, with 364,548. Papers are published in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon-Washington, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Southern Baptists at all times that only as resources continue on an ascending scale can the enlarging of missionary operations come about."

## Tennessee Topics

D. Neil Darnell has resigned as minister of music at First Church, Nashville, to accept a similar place of service at First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas. He has served the Nashville church for more than nine years. He takes up his new work June 15.

Nat Phillips concluded his ministry with Little Hope Church, Cumberland Association, May 17, after a service of six years to become pastor of Balboa Heights Church, Panama City, Panama. Phillips was praised for his service with the Church which is located near Clarksville, Tenn., during which a building program has been carried into effect and also for his work in Cumberland Association.

Shelby Avenue Church, Nashville, has called Bill Scudder as minister of education and music. Mr. Scudder was formerly employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Richard D. Lucas is the Shelby Avenue pastor.

Mark Short, Jr., will become minister of education at First Church, Nashville, June 1, succeeding Marion Hayes who is now with First Church, Tallahassee, Fla. Short has served as minister of music and education at First Church, Muskogee, Okla., the past six years. He is married and has five children.

Calvary Church, Chattanooga, was led in revival services April 23-May 3 by Livy Cope, pastor of East Lake Church, Chattanooga. There were 18 professions of faith, five by letter, one surrendered to the ministry, and one surrendered to missions. There were other rededications and decisions. Paul T. Huling, pastor, reports this to be one of the greatest revivals in many years. Roy Capehart, minister of music, directed the music.

Wade Darby, pastor of Grace Church, Nashville, did the preaching in revival services at Mt. Lebanon Church, Maryville. There were nine additions by baptism, three by letter, one surrendered to fulltime Christian service, and 18 rededications. David Hyers, minister of music at Robertsville Church, Oak Ridge, was in charge of the music. Pastor Thomas V. Wells says, "The spiritual life of our church, we believe, was deepened."

Clear Creek Church, Gibson Association, has called Jimmy Rogers, a student at Union University, as pastor.

First Church, Hartsville, has liquidated the mortgage on the church parsonage. Heading the committees that helped raise the money to pay off the indebtedness on the parsonage were Cordell Wilburn, Edgar Deene Freedle, Paul Porter, Johnny Carruth, Mrs. Fred Stafford, Joe Lipscomb and Billy Key. Richard G. Waggener is pastor.

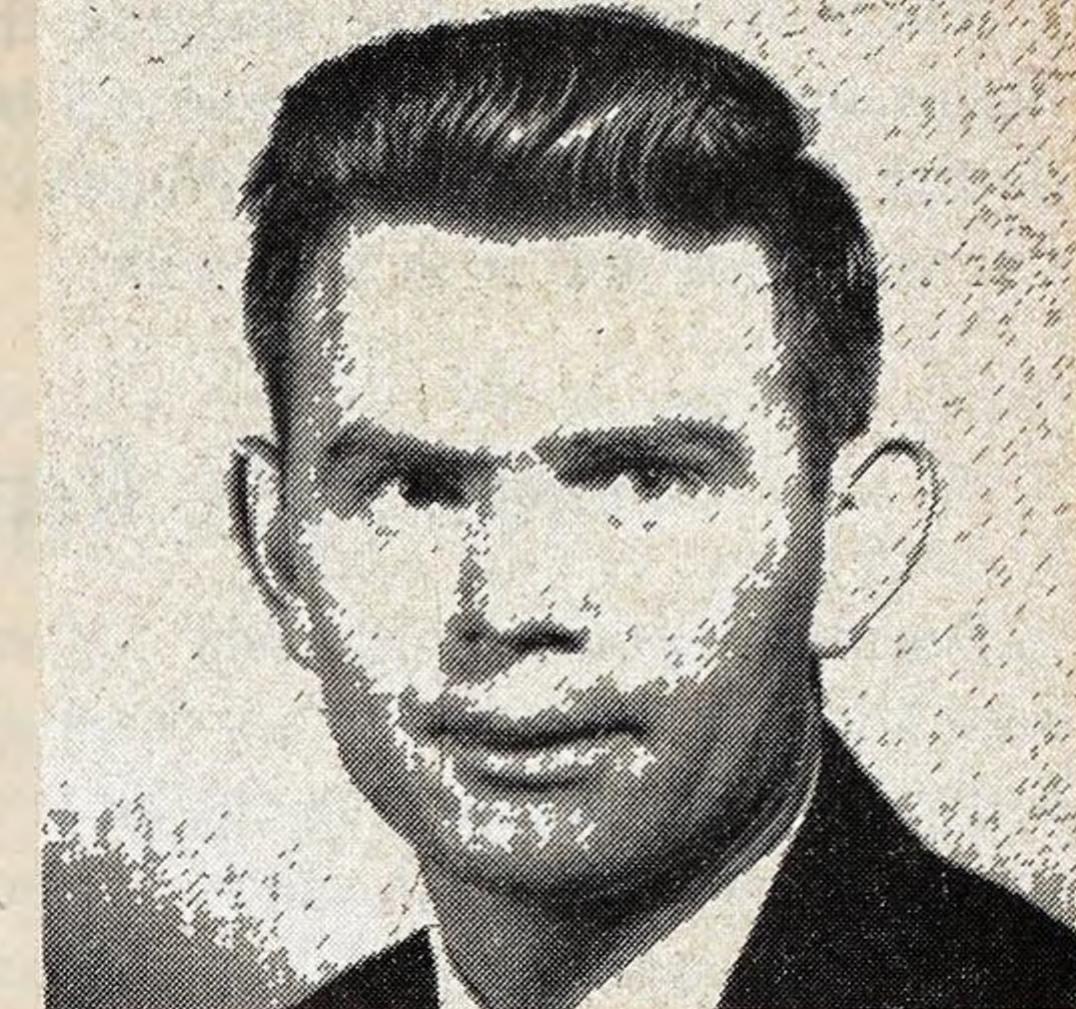
Three Tennesseans are members of the graduating class of Clear Creek Baptist School, a Kentucky Baptist Bible school for adults. The graduates are Mr. and Mrs. John Cummins, Jellico; and Ralph Duncan, Tazewell.

Miss Ann Franklin, a junior from Winchester, was crowned 1961 "May Queen" of Belmont College, Nashville, during festivities May 5. Miss Franklin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin.

Pastor Arthur Nelson of Ivy Memorial Church, Nashville, reports that his church is now sponsoring a mission bearing the name Treppard Heights located in a subdivision by this name. Mission Pastor is C. Eugene Clay. The mission has 50 members, a Sunday school enrollment of 45 and a Training Union enrollment of 35. Ivy Memorial took over the sponsorship of this work two months ago.

*Madison - Chester Association* — First Church, Henderson, Vance Marberry, pastor, has taken a big forward step in the purchase of 4.7 acres of land for Sanford Hill Mission. The building in which they have been renting for their mission is located on this property. Other buildings on the property will enable the mission to enlarge its facilities considerably. Max Walker is mission pastor. Southside Church, Joe Weaver, pastor, has voted to issue \$12,000 in bonds for a building program. Plans include moving the house in which the church began to the rear of the lot and redecorating it for use as the pastorum. A block and brick chapel with seating capacity of 200 will be built in the area from which the house is removed. This is to be the first permanent unit in an enlargement program which will extend over a period of years. First Church, Jackson, (is assisting Southside by a gift of \$100 per month. West Jackson Church has called Richard Patton to be pastor of Poplar Street Mission and serve as youth director of the mother church. Ralph Bray is the new pastor of Westover Church, coming from First Church, Petal, Miss.

During the 15 months Nolan Criner has served as pastor of Cottonwood Church, Beulah Association, there have been 29 additions by baptism and several by letter. Average in Sunday school has grown from about 45 to 100.



Russell Miller, Ridgely, was another Tennessean scheduled to receive his bachelor of divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, May 16-19. His picture was not available when the other list of graduates were published.

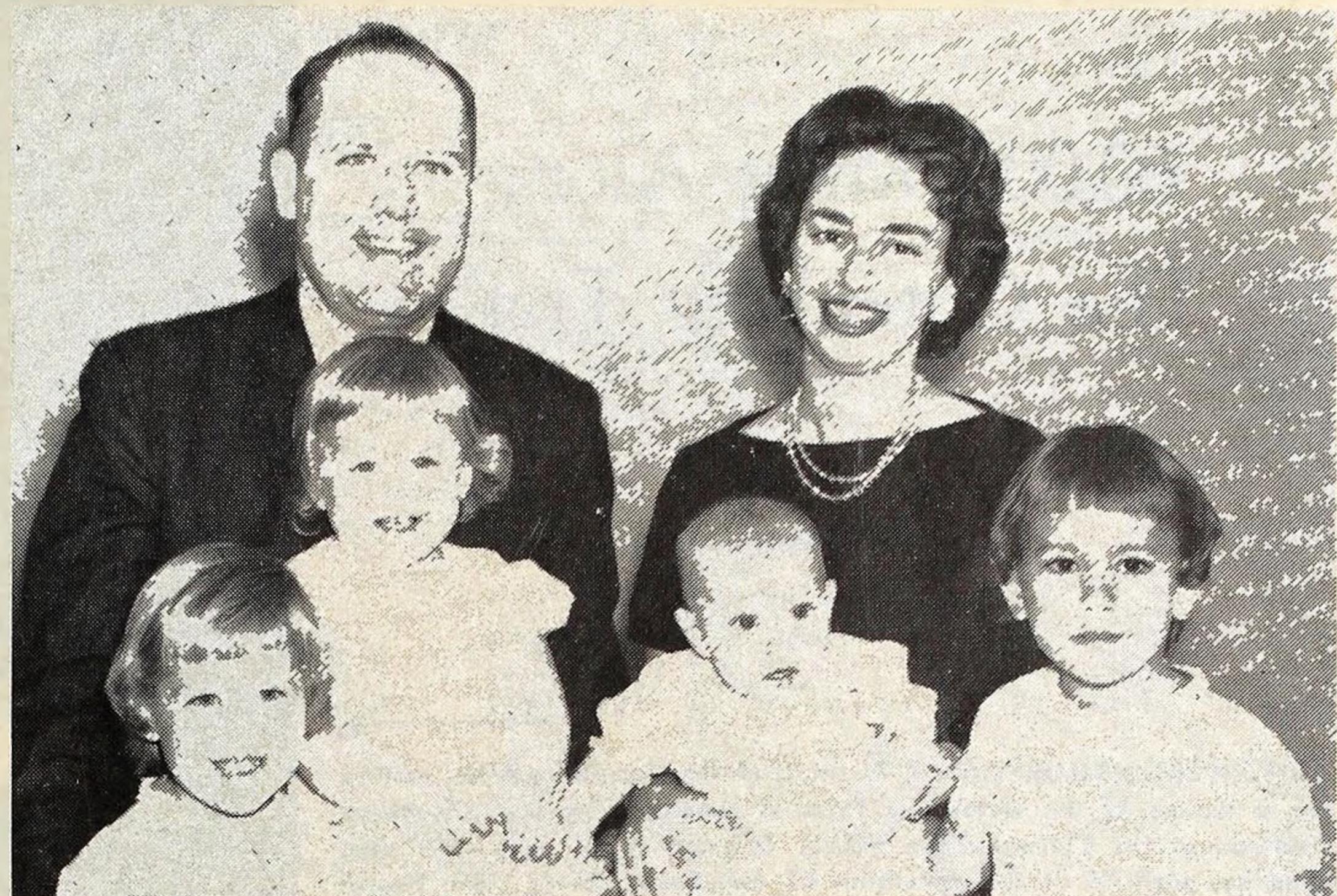
Dr. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, delivered the commencement address for Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., May 16. He was presented a 30 by 40 inch photomural in color of the Robert G. Lee Chapel. This was a gift from the Institute to the Bellevue Church, in memory of the former pastor who led the church to give \$50,000 toward the building which bears his name.

Mr. Jay Lowe is the new interim minister of music and youth director at Island Home Church, Knoxville. A graduate of Carson-Newman College, he is now working toward a Ph.D. degree in sociology at the University of Tennessee.

Richard Patton has resigned as pastor of Reelfoot Church, Beulah Association, to become pastor of Poplar Street Church, Jackson. He graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., recently.

Pastor Herman J. Ellis of Joelton Church near Nashville reports a revival April 23-30 in which Elmer J. Foust, pastor of White Oak Church, Chattanooga, did the preaching and Hubert Smothers of the Baptist Sunday School Board directed the music. There were 17 additions by baptism, eight rededications and one surrendered to full-time Christian service.

## *John L. Gilbert Is New Pastor At Calvary, Jackson*



Pastor John L. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert with their four daughters. Left to right, Nellen, Sally, Nan, and Susan.

Ralph Sherman Smith, Jr., left, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, was honored for outstanding scholarship during a special awards chapel May 2. The son of Mrs. Inez Smith, Bluff City, Tenn., he is pictured with Joe Davis Heacock, dean of the School of Religious Education.

Rev. E. L. Wilson of Oliver Springs was honored ay 7 for his 50 years as an active pastor of churches in Anderson and surrounding counties by members of his present church, Kellytown Baptist Church. The reception was held at the church from 2 to 4 p.m., with every church Wilson had pastored being represented during the afternoon. About five years ago members of Kellytown Church and several others of his former churches went together and bought a lot and built Mr. Wilson a home in North Oliver Springs. He will be 80 years old on November 4.

N. C. Bettis, chairman of the Religious Education Department of the University of Corpus Christi (Texas) will be director of the Off-Campus Program of Education for Christian Service at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, this fall. He will move to Jefferson City around August 1.

First Chilhowee Church, Seymour, was led in a revival May 1-10 by T. A. Thacker, pastor of Memorial Church, Murray, Ky. Pastor Joe L. Orr of the Chilhowee Church reports 10 received for baptism, 9 by letter, eight other professions not joining the church, 40 rededications and three surrendered to full-time Christian service.

Harvey Hope has resigned as pastor of Concord Church, Tennessee Valley Association. He has served this church five and one half years.

John Lester Gilbert began his ministry at Calvary Church, Jackson, May 7. He succeeds James A. Canaday who is now pastor of Central Church, Johnson City.

A native of Memphis, he is the son of Mr. T. V. Gilbert and the late Mrs. Gilbert. Baptized at the age of nine, he was called to preach while a senior in high school. He was ordained February 17, 1954, by Bellevue Church, Memphis.

Gilbert attended Vanderbilt University, Nashville; Southwestern College, Memphis; and graduated from Union University in Jackson in 1954. He attended Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

From June to December, 1953, he served as pastor of Linden Avenue Mission of First Church, Memphis; from January 31, 1954, to April 30, 1961, he was pastor of Fairlawn Church, Memphis. During his ministry at Fairlawn 1,284 members were received, 478 of which were by baptism.

Gilbert has just closed a revival at Fairlawn with more than 40 additions, which included the conversion of his father.

Mrs. Gilbert is the former Ann Mary Derrick of Memphis. They have four small daughters, Susan, 5 years; Nellen, 4 years; Sally, 20 months; and Nan, 5 months.

## **Shields Webb To Go To First, Lenoir City**

Shields Webb of Crossville has accepted a call to First Church, Lenoir City, and will assume his duties May 22. He will succeed J. E. Ledbetter who is now pastor of First Church, LaFollette.

A native of McMinn County near Etowah, Webb is a graduate of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Carson-Newman College, and Southern Seminary.

He was ordained to the ministry by Good-springs Church in 1933. He has served as

Miss Elaine Stiles, whose home is in Blue Ridge, Ga., and who will graduate from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in May with a degree of Master of Religious Education, will go to Etowah, Tenn., July 1, to become First Church's education and promotion director. E. M. Holt is the Etowah pastor.

pastor of First Chilhowee Church, Seymour; Clear Run and Concord Churches, Ohio County, Ky.; Fonde Church, Fonde, Ky.; Beaver Dam Church, Knox County, Tenn.; First Church, Crossville; Starling Avenue Church, Martinsville, Va.; and is serving his second pastorate at First Church, Crossville.

Webb has served as a member of the Executive Board of the TBC, as a trustee of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, an associational field worker and assistant associational clerk. He has also taught New Testament in the Carson-Newman College Extension Program.

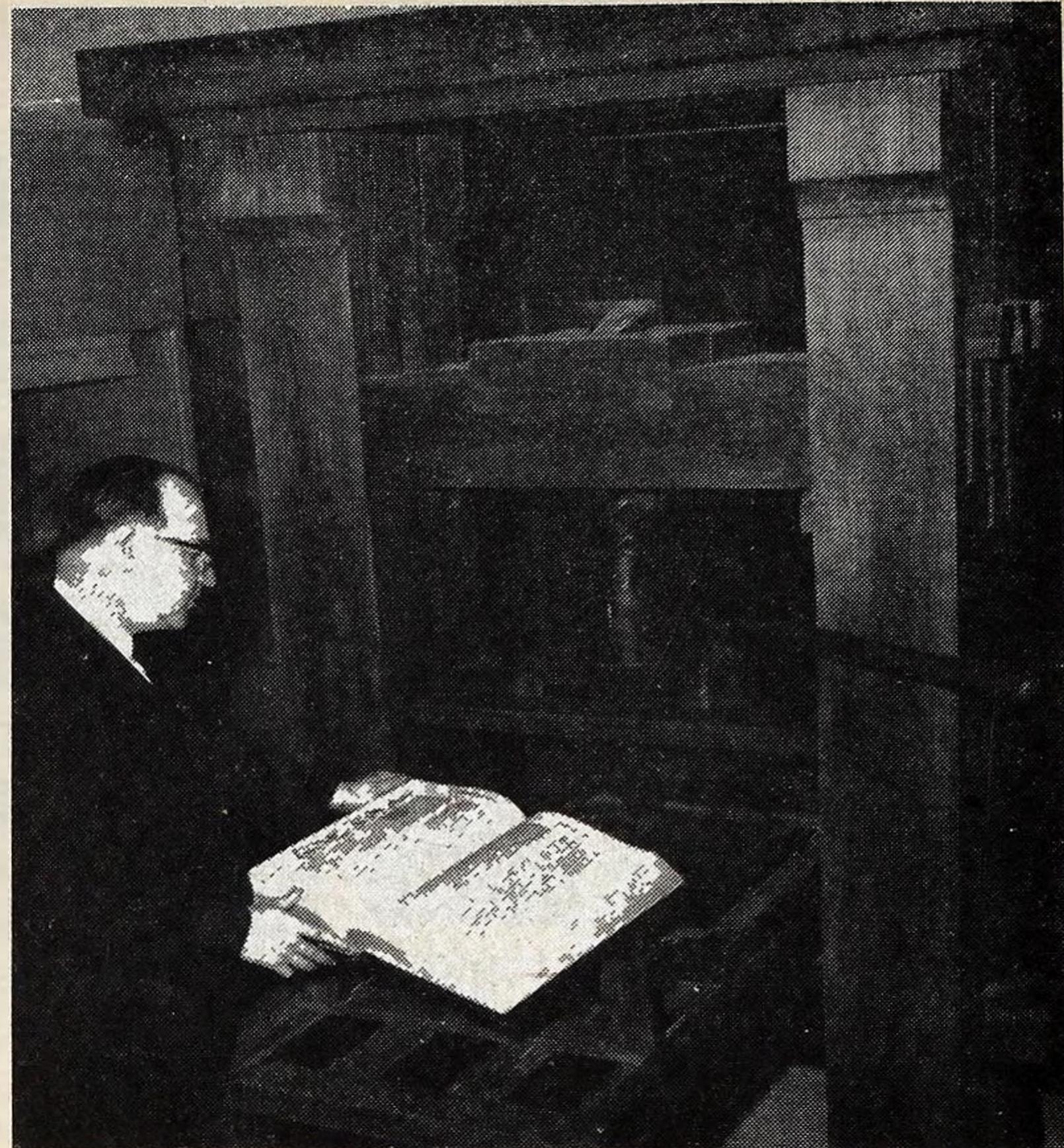
Rev. and Mrs. Webb have two sons, Paul Sanders, age 15; and John Richard, age 10. Mrs. Webb, the former Nita Coker of Fountain City, is a graduate if Carson-Newman College.

# 60,000 Miles Along The Gutenberg Trail

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**GUTENBERG MEMORIALS**—A facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible, resting on a replica of the Gutenberg Press is examined by Don Cleveland Norman at the Chicago Bible House. Norman is the only man alive who has seen 45 of the remaining 47 Gutenberg Bibles. (BP) Photo.



The only man alive who has ever seen as many as 45 of the 47 known original Gutenberg Bibles comes to the end of a trail 60,000 miles long on June 15 when the publishers release his \$100-a-copy book about an odyssey unique in the annals of Bible research.

For five years Don Cleveland Norman, editor and Baptist preacher, has criss-crossed this continent and Europe and made two trips deep into the heart of Russia digging up the world's remaining Gutenberg Bibles.

These Bibles are generally accepted as

the Western World's first books printed from metal movable type. German scholars estimate that between 180 and 300 Bibles came from Gutenberg's press in Mainz, Germany, before Aug. 15, 1456.

Exactly 500 years from that date Norman was visiting with Aloys Ruppel, the director of the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz. On that day, Aug. 15, 1956, Ruppel reported that he had just heard of a previously unheard copy in Mons, Belgium. Investigating the matter immediately Norman was able to verify it as genuine and bring it to world attention as the 47th authentic copy to survive.

In an adventure as exciting as a tale of international intrigue he tracked down and inspected in a bank vault in Ottawa, Canada, the copy belonging to the diocesan seminary Library in Pelpin, Poland. It had been smuggled out of Poland in World War II to keep it out of Nazi hands.

Norman's efforts to locate two copies missing from Leipzig, East Germany was futile. He is convinced that they are locked away somewhere inside Russia. He found no one in the U.S.S.R., however, who would acknowledge their presence.

Norman's new book, the 500th anniversary pictorial census of the Gutenberg Bible, gives the most complete firsthand account of the surviving copies ever written, including detailed bibliographical descriptions of each copy and 300 photos including full-color plates.

The book reveals that 35 of the 47 remaining copies were printed on paper and 12 on vellum. Fourteen are in the United

States; nine in Germany; eight in Great Britain; four in France; two each in Spain and Italy; two are missing from East Germany and are possibly in Russia; and Poland, Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark and Belgium have one each.

These copies are each worth more than \$200,000, according to Norman. He expects to see some of these originals valued for as much as a million dollars within his lifetime.

Now the editor of John A. Dickson Publishing Co., Chicago, the 52-year-old Norman is a native of Moultrie, Ga., where he was ordained to the ministry by the First Baptist Church. As a student in Mercer University he wrote regularly for the Christian Index and the Baptist Student. He served as field representative for the Tennessee BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, also as associate editor, then business manager of the Texas Baptist Standard.

While attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., Norman was too short of cash to pay \$3 for a Hebrew Bible, so he bought a battered old copy on vellum for \$1 at a second-hand bookstore.

It turned out to be the second edition of the John Simon Hebrew Bible published at Halle, Germany, in 1767—and worth a hundred times what he paid for it.

Thus began a collection of Bible rarities and a study which has been a lifetime of labor of love, a labor to be crowned in June with the publication of one of the most unusual books to come from the presses in the United States this year.

## First Class Graduates At Midwestern Seminary

May 12 climaxed the first three years of the history of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., when the first class graduated.

The seminary was started in quarters loaned by Calvary Baptist Church in 1958 with an enrollment of 150. The second year the enrollment reached 296 and this year there were 342 students enrolled. The last two years the seminary has been on the new campus comprising 215 acres in the northern part of Kansas City. The fifth building which is a classroom-student center building has recently been completed. The other four buildings include a library, auditorium, administration offices and classroom.

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, delivered the commencement address. His subject was "Alpha or Omega . . . Which?"















