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# Faith For All Kinds Of Weather



O. E. Turner, Paris, Tennessee

"The Lord reigneth; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about Him: Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne." Psalm 97:1,2.

The appeal of the Psalmist is an appeal for a positive, rather than a negative attitude toward God. He recognizes the clouds and darkness that sometimes hover about us, but has the faith to believe that the invisible



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### ... Promoting Peace, Harmony and Fellowship Among Baptists

● Much was said at the recent Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco about preserving peace and harmony among Baptists. Every sane and sensible person recognizes the importance of such and we ought to be concerned about how to maintain it.

The surest way to provoke agitation, unrest and a complaining, rebellious attitude among Baptists is to give to them the impression that something is being done to suppress them, and to deny them the privilege of voting on something in which they are interested. This is true in our churches and it is true in any assembly of Baptists.

Baptists are happiest, most cooperative and most efficient when they have been given full freedom for discussion, and for voting upon issues for consideration. Any maneuvering to the contrary will seriously impair the voluntary spirit of cooperation. If we vote on a certain matter, and find ourselves on the losing side, we are still in a better frame of mind for cooperation with the majority. If we are laboring under resentments

God who rules the universe is a God of love, mercy, and justice. His song, therefore, is a song of rejoicing and hope. He worships with thanksgiving in his heart because he has discovered for himself that God is sufficient to meet all his needs when the storm is blowing as well as when the sun is shining.

How different is the man who magnifies his troubles and his petty excuses for not joining with those who rejoice in God. He is too busy looking at the thorn to enjoy the beauty of the rose. He is too morbid over the effects of the storm to enjoy the glories of the sunset. He is so busy picking out the flaws in other people he cannot appreciate their virtues. He is the man who is too busy watching the hypocrites in the place of worship to see the multitudes there whose lives are characterized by sincerity and loving-kindness. His ears are tuned to hear the jangling discords of the world, so he does not hear the great, beautiful symphonies of life. Of course, he does not rejoice in the Lord. His song is a wail of complaint and despair, and he does not know the meaning of praise. He has a negative rather than a positive attitude toward God.

The Lord reigneth and His judgments are righteous. But only those who are willing to turn their eyes in His direction shall see the glory of His face. To be sure He is clothed in mystery. This is why a life of devotion to Him is filled with adventure and delightful surprises. Through the ministry of mystery He lures us from the darkness of the valleys up the hills of difficulty and on to the heights where we catch glimpses of Beulah Land.

"Clouds and darkness are round about us, but in the sanctuary of God we may look up and by faith 'slit the cloud in two and let the face of God shine through.'"

### Readers Write

stemming from some parliamentary procedure that has taken from us our expected privilege of casting a vote for or against something, in accordance with our convictions based upon information at hand, our willingness to cooperate is impaired. Many have been apprehensive about the controversy over the book of Genesis. The danger of producing a breach of fellowship among Baptists is not in the variations of opinions and diversities of interpretation, because these have always existed to one degree or another. The real threat to our fellowship resides in the possible suppression or carefully maneuvered evasion of a democratic vote on motions that may be presented. President Hobbs was most fair in his consideration of all concerned. Motions were heard, freely discussed and voted upon at the convention; and the brethren went away with a feeling of fellowship that would never have been preserved had they not been privileged to discuss the issues at hand and to vote their personal convictions. Regardless of whether we win or lose in a vote, we all feel that we have won if an issue is dealt with in an open and democratic manner.

At this point let us inject a word of caution. I have no deep seated convictions for or against any law or constitutional revision that would extend our Southern Baptist Convention Territory beyond the limits of the United States. Apparently there are many brethren who do have some strong feelings on this matter. Some many have left the convention with a bad taste in their denominational mouths because they were not given the privilege of voting for or against the proposed amendment according to normal parliamentary procedure. The question was due for a vote at the San Francisco Convention having already passed one convention. The advocates of the proposal may become disgruntled with resentments over the failure of the convention to cast a vote for or against the amendment. It is very doubtful if the amendment would have passed, even in the far west convention, but the fellowship ties may have been strengthened among all of the brethren if a vote had been taken on the amendment rather than on a referral.

Remember, Baptists are happiest and enjoy their warmest fellowship in service when they are allowed to discuss matters freely, and to vote on issues in the order in which they arise. Peace and harmony will be threatened when we maneuver for delays in a manner that can amount to a little more than stalling for time, and defeating something by outmaneuvering the advocates of it rather than by a convention vote.—J. Harold Stephens, Pastor, Inglewood Baptist Church, 3901 Gallatin Road, Nashville 6, Tennessee.

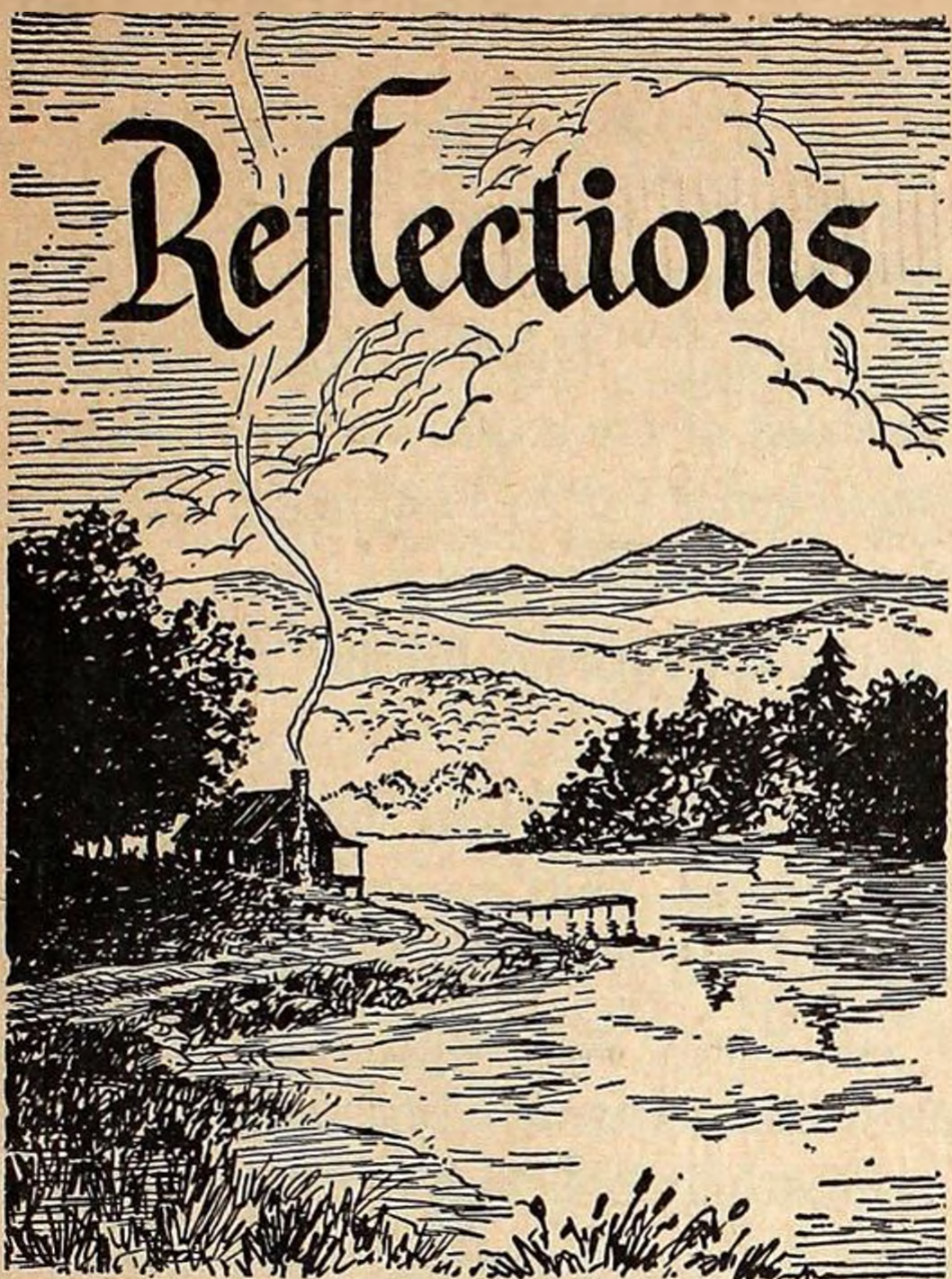
### ... How To Begin

● This is told us very plainly and simply in God's Book—His Holy Word. This Book tells us in unmistakable language that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). But what is "the fear of the Lord"? One might think it means going through life with a sense of dread and horror lest the Ruler of the universe should strike them down and thus end this stay in the flesh.

Nothing seems to me could be further from what the Book means by this phrase. God is thought of as a Father. The one who came as God and was God (John 1:1) taught his followers to say, "Our Father." A father would be horrified to know that his children thought of him with such dreadful fear! No! He wants his son to respect him, to love and honor him.

God, our Father, wishes the same of his children. And to the degree that He is higher, holier, and more removed from us in nature, to that extent should our reverence for Him, our respect for





By C. Dewitt Matthews

## Understanding The Bible's Meaning

In this day when Baptists are taking a long second look at the Bible, it is helpful to have some guidelines within which the sincere Bible-believer can find the most satisfaction from his Bible reading.

I suggest these simple but important directions:

1. Bring a prayerful attitude to your Bible reading. The Bible is more than a religious dictionary in which you look up the meanings of words. God speaks through it to the prayerful, believing heart.

2. A dependable commentary will be of great assistance. What is more, different versions of the Bible text will throw light on obscure passages. The years often blur meanings in the older English versions, for the meaning of words changes with the passage of time. It will be stimulating, therefore, if you compare versions. Different shapes of meaning and new, fresh insights will delight you.

3. Read the Bible as you would any other book, trying to understand its plain, literal sense. This will more likely enable you to grasp precisely what the authors are trying to say than if you are dominated by the idea that the Bible's greatest good will come to you in some "hidden" message that it somehow contains. Expect the words to "make sense" and they will not then ever seem to you "nonsense."

4. One should not start a serious study of the Bible by presupposing that the Bible is all of one piece. It is not really one book, but an anthology, or a collection of many books covering a period of at least a thousand years. This being true, the kinds of religion and conduct described in the Bible will be at different levels. But the Bible truly reflects them all. In every case of conflict in theology and morals the New Testament supersedes the Old Testament, and both are

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as you read take careful notice of the things which will not be there. The positives and the negatives which give both sides of the beautiful masterful picture. First look at the negative statements—the "no mores"—and accept with me, if you will, the added comfort and hope and enlarged vision that it offers.

This is not to change, add to, or take from the World of God (which crime will receive a terrible penalty in the final judgment, Rev. 22:18-19), but the purpose is to look at all sides of a proposition with the hope of getting the full meaning.

This method of expanding thoughts and ideas is not new. The apostle Paul gives clear evidence of having adopted it at times to state vital facts. For example in John 15:5 Christ said, "Without Me ye can do nothing." And in Philippians 4:13 Paul expresses the same great truth in his triumphant affirmation, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." And he rejoiced and felt strong in the deep and sure conviction.

to be evaluated in the light of God's final revelation—Jesus Christ.

5. Be careful to distinguish the type literature to which each sacred writing belongs. There are about twenty-one kinds of literature in the Bible, such as laws, poems, stories, history, prayers, orations, etc. It does not help one's understanding of the Bible to read a poem as though it were a legal statute, nor a prayer as though it were a call to battle!

This simply means that all the books of the Bible are not intended to be treated with the same wooden literalness that would be used in dealing with a scientific treatise, or a work of secular history. Of course, poetry should always be interpreted as poetry. The apocalyptic writers in the Bible, particularly, used a highly metaphorical style. The Bible's religious romances are not concerned with precise, factual history. Therefore, we must try to understand the books of the Bible in accordance with the writers' intention, and not according to some preconceived idea of what we think is proper to lend dignity to the Bible. When it is approached in the right way, blending intelligence with a serious desire to discern God's message in it, the Bible reveals its own "built-in" dignity.

6. Learn the historical circumstances under which a passage was written—the writer, the speakers, the people to whom it is addressed, and the purpose behind the writing. This will help to personalize the scripture for the reader and aid in stimulating his imagination. A man does not understand a passage of scripture as long as he is grasping it merely in intellectual terms. He has to recreate it in his imagination. He must "see" what is meant and identify himself with its truth for the Bible to make its greatest effect on his life.

7. Remember above all that the Bible is a set of religious books, not scientific. "We have no right to declare that the Bible teaches us science and a hundred other things," declared the eminent Baptist scholar and preacher, Dr. E. Y. Mullins, "when it professes only to be God's revelation for our religious needs."

Anyone, then, who wants to understand the Bible's message will be able to do it better if he follows these basic guidelines in his reading and believing the Bible.

This I think is a clear and sufficient precedent for what I am doing now—taking a look at the other side of those wonderful statements and rejoicing at what I find.

No more sorrow, but joy. No more pain and sickness, but health. No more crying, but singing and laughter. No more weeping, for God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes. No more hunger and thirst, but complete satisfaction in the Bread of Life and the Living Water. No more parting, but unending reunion. No more death,

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Whatever you do, consider seriously this matter of memorizing Scripture. And if you decide to tackle it, do it with God's help. Give it time to work for you. You will discover that it does.—Lorne C. Sanny, "Pathway to Success," *Christian Life*.

A Church should do more than beautify and dignify the neighborhood. It should personify and verify brotherhood. Its purpose is not to gratify man but to glorify God.—William A. Ward, *Church-week*.

Never allow your own sorrow to absorb you, but seek out another to console, and you will find consolation.—J. C. Macaulay, *Moody Monthly*.

Men who are friends share activities; women who are friends exchange confidences; this is why, as they get older, women have more friends than men do.—Sydney J. Harris, *Chicago Daily News*.

Him, and our love for Him be greater, more filial, and more trusting, and abundant in spirit than is true of our earthly father.

This is what I understand by the fear of the Lord. And this is what the Book declares to be the beginning of wisdom. This, moreover, is in my opinion, the world's great need today. May we soon open our minds and hearts to receive it and go forth to show and exercise it in all our relationships!—W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest, N. C.

### ... The New Jerusalem

● I recently finished reading through the New Testament, which I have done many times during my long life. I was impressed anew with the wonderful description of the New Jerusalem, the City of God. And again I felt a strong desire to pass on to others some of the thoughts that came to me as I contemplated the magnitude and magnificence of that city four-square—its height and depth and length and breadth. Its foundations of precious stones, its crystal walls, its streets of gold, and its gates of pearl. The splendor is beyond the power of our finite minds to fully visualize and comprehend.

Please read Revelation 21 for foundation. And



# EDITORIALS.....

## Know Your Enemy!

Know your enemy! This is sane advice. It applies particularly to communism. Although communism is not the only enemy Christianity confronts, it is one too many Christians feel they have done their duty against by condemning. That is not enough. Communism needs to be known, as the medical student would know cancer, not to spread it, but to intelligently diagnose it, deal with it, and conquer it.

An important book is just out: *Christians Confront Communism*. Paul Geren, Baptist layman, Christian educator, careful student, is the author who has seen communism's ugly effects at first hand in the Orient. Just published by Convention Press, this 149-page manual has been added to our Baptist church study course. It presents the communist challenge. It proceeds on the intelligent assumption that to successfully confront communism we must know all we can about it, its history, ethic, strategy, in the light of the Gospel. The student must do this to find the means of prevention and consider how to effect a cure.

In one of the main addresses to the Southern Baptist Convention at San Francisco Dr. Geren said com-

munist conquests compose a formula on history's blackboard. Here is their pattern: *Every communist conquest has been an instance of the exploitation of human misery through the deliberate use of violence by a small minority religiously committed to communism.*

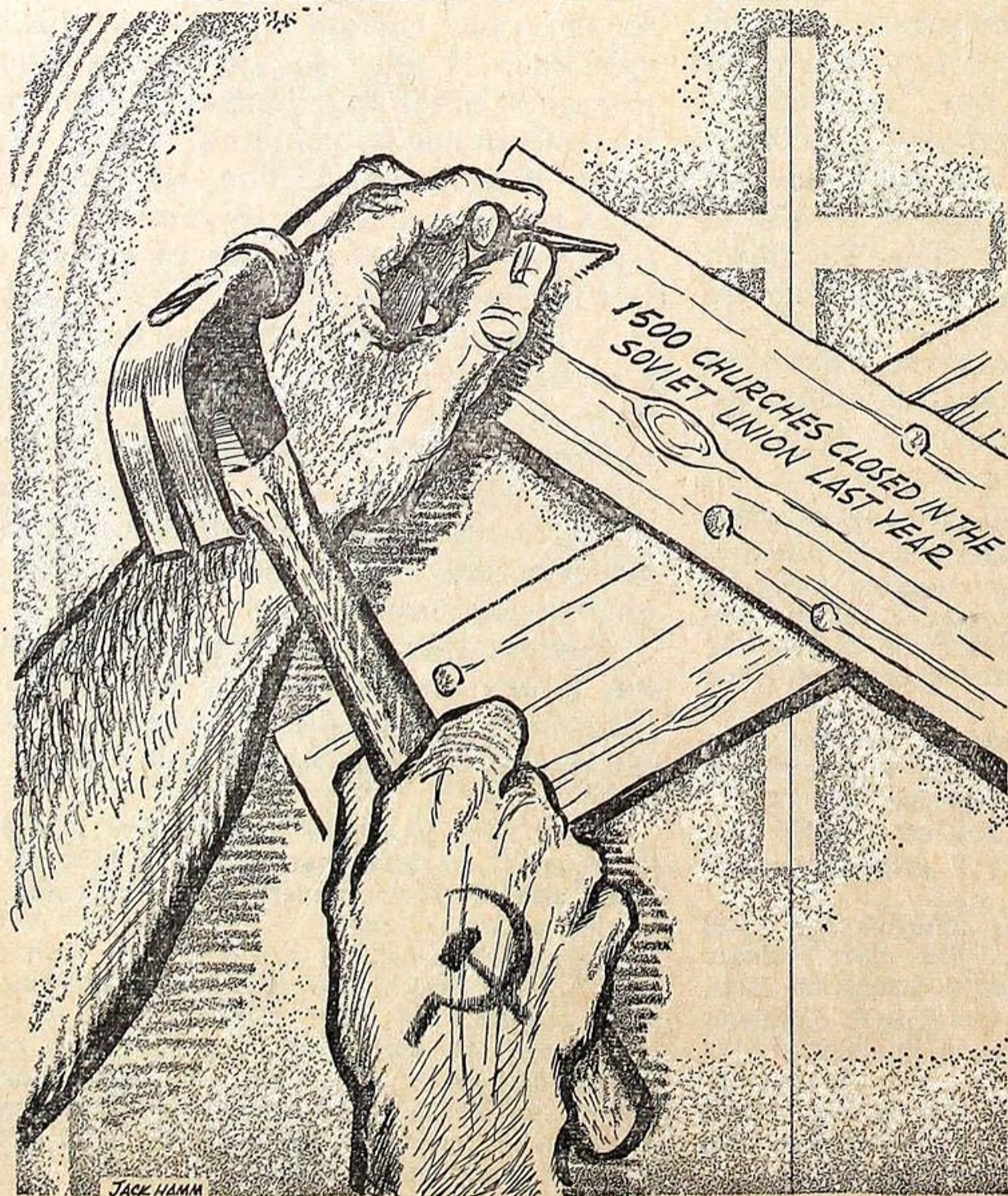
Communism does not ameliorate human distress. It exploits it.

Mere anti-communism on our part is not enough. Victory will not be won on what we are against but who we are for. One day of outright fully committed service to others in the name of Christ is worth more in combatting communism than a whole year of vigilante action which is mostly concerned with accusations against one's neighbor. We can only say a full No to the menace of communism when we are willing to say a complete Yes to the Lordship of Christ. What is desperately needed now is a compelling witness to the world, a positive witness to the new life from God in Jesus Christ. This is the meaning of the Christian gospel.

This brief new study book can prove to be one of the most important books that has appeared in recent times. It won't be if it remains on the shelves, unread. A careful study of it can help us to guard against communism with a Power that can overcome it.

Dr. Geren, the book's author, has just been named by the State Department as the Chief Diplomatic Officer to Salisbury, South Africa. He has spent nine years in government foreign service with assignments in Bombay, Damascus, and Amman.

### Reminiscent Of Other Nails



## Martyr Missionary Remembered

The memory of Dr. William Wallace has been honored in Memphis. Dr. Wallace died at the hands of communists in China, February 10, 1951 after 53 days in a communist prison. He was superintendent of the Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow. The quality of Dr. Wallace's life was such that the communists had to get rid of him. His kindness and his love to others gave the lie to everything the communists said. They trumped up charges against him and arrested him. He died a martyr for Christ at their hands. When the rough soldiers put him in jail, his last words to his fellow workers were, "Go back and take care of the hospital. I am ready to give my life." That's what he



## Propaganda In Dirt

A sharp warning was uttered by Dr. Paul Lee Sturges, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention, when he recently declared that an increasing number of Americans, seeking a scapegoat for international problems, are imagining conspiracies in government, churches and other groups. "This paranoic state of mind," he said, "suspects everyone and creates mistrust, doubt and disunity and is a greater threat to our country than any force without . . . No people in the world today are more apprehensive regarding the future than the American people and none live in more fear . . . The result is that we act as citizens without patience, hope and faith." This paranoic state of mind we must combat with all our evangelical faith. There are propagandists abroad who defile reputations of respectable Christian citizens and trade on public fear to their own gain. It is in God we finally trust. The greatest patriot is he who develops this faith.

—*Watchman-Examiner*

### THE COVER PICTURE

Three of the 84 who received caps, symbolizing end of academic and beginning of clinical training at Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis are shown on our cover. The young ladies, all high school graduates, finished on June 22 the first of a three-year course leading to a diploma in nursing.

## Bankrupt Communism Evident To Coggins

NASHVILLE (BP)—"A nine-day visit to Europe has further convinced me of the utter moral and spiritual bankruptcy inside communist countries," Ross Coggins, Associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission here, reported.

His visit included six days in Munich, West Germany, and three days in West Berlin. During Coggins' trip to West Berlin, he took a bus tour of East Berlin—the Communist-ruled city behind the infamous wall.

"What I saw there added further evidence to my impressions of communism gained in visits to Hong Kong and Macao on the borders of Communist China," the former

missionary to the Orient declared.

Coggins said he came away from Western Europe unafraid of any sudden take-over of the world by Communism. "Many thinking Western Europeans," he said, "feel that Communism is not the wave of the future; it is the wave of the past."

"In Munich," Coggins said, "I rode with a cab driver who's been a prisoner both of the Nazis and of the Communists. The cab driver said both Nazism and Communism had to 'destroy God' in order to do what they (Nazism and Communism) did to the people."

Coggins visited Europe for two reasons—first to counsel with technicians of the Bap-

## BAPTIST BELIEFS

by Herschel H. Hobbs

### Perseverance

In a statement entitled "The Baptist Faith and Message" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925 are the following words under "Perseverance." "All real believers endure to the end. Their continuance in well-doing is the mark which distinguishes them from mere professors. A special Providence cares for them, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."

This concept is sometimes called the "Security of the believer" or "once saved, always saved." Scripture passages to this effect abound John 10:28-29; Rom. 5:9-10; 8:30; 9:11, 16). Read John 5:24. Note that the verbs "heareth," "believeth," and "hath" are present tenses. The only future thought is "shall not come into condemnation." Even this verb is a present tense with a future effect. The only past tense is "is passed from death unto life"—the moment one truly believes or trusts in Christ as Saviour. The words "everlasting life" mean "life of the ages" or "age-abiding life." They can mean nothing else.

Ephesians 2:8-10 is worthy of note. Literally, "For by grace have ye been saved through faith. . . ." "Grace" is a gift or unmerited favor. Note "not of your-

selves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created [an act of God only] in Christ Jesus unto [not by] good works. . . ." "Have ye been saved" is a perfect passive tense meaning an action in the past, done to one by another, which continues and will continue in the future. Redemption in the beginning depends upon what God does, not man. Its permanence likewise depends upon what God has done and continues to do, not man. But note "good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Good works are to be the fruit of salvation, but not its root (cf. John 15:16). "By their fruits ye shall know them" (cf. Matt. 7:16, 20).

Perseverance does not mean that all church members will be saved, but all true believers (I John 2:19). Nor does it mean that all true believers will never sin again. But sin will not be the habit of their lives (I John 1:6-10). The Lord chastens His own (I Cor. 11:32). but when we repent (Matt. 26:70-75; John 21:15ff.) and confess our sins He forgives (I John 1:9).

"Falling from grace" (Gal. 5:4; cf. Heb. 12:15) does not mean to lose a salvation which you already have. It means "falling out of works or leaving the sphere of grace for the sphere of law. To seek salvation by works is to fall away from the way of salvation by grace.

tist Sunday School Board who were shooting a film on Communism, and second, to talk with recent refugees from East Germany to secure fresh information for conferences on Communism at Baptist summer assemblies.

Audio-visual staff workers from the Sunday School Board were working on a half-hour drama and three 15-minute documentary films on Communism, a project about which the Commission had previously approached the Board, Coggins said.

did for Christ's sake. Friends were never permitted to see him during the 53 days he was in prison.

His 150 fellow classmates at the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis, where he graduated in 1932, on June 21, 1962 set up a Memorial Book Collection in the Mooney Library to perpetuate his name. A special book plate has been designed and a plaque was dedicated in a simple ceremony. The inscription on it reads: "William L. Wallace, Class of

1932. His career as a Baptist medical missionary ended in death in a Chinese prison camp, February 9, 1951."

A beautiful tribute from a Roman Catholic priest stationed in Wuchow at the same time was contained in a letter sent to the New York Times following his death. It said the only possible charge the communists could have placed against Dr. Wallace was that, "He went about doing good." William Wallace followed the example of Jesus.



# Tennessee Topics

The quarterly meeting of the Middle Tennessee Pastors Conference will be held on July 9 at 10:00 A. M. in Belmont College auditorium.

Mrs. Bettie Nichols of Watertown writes Baptist and Reflector that her brother, Rev. J. C. Stewart, Watertown, died May 15. He was 86 years old and had pastored 21 churches in Tennessee. Mrs. Nichols is 89.

Cecil Brewer has resigned as pastor of Spring Hill Church, Paris, effective July 15. He has served this church 16½ years. When he became pastor in February, 1946, it was a quarter-time church, going to half time in October, and became fulltime in 1954. During these years a new block building was erected, Vacation Bible schools held, a Training Union and WMU organized. Resident church membership is 251, Sunday school enrollment 120, Training Union 76, and WMU 34. "We are not only losing a wonderful pastor and leader but also a good friend", writes Mrs. Christine Parrish, church clerk.

Services for Charles Wallace Dew, 72, of Lake City were held June 19 at Main Street Church. A native of Anderson County, Dew was an active churchman. He was a deacon at First Church and superintendent of the Sunday school.

C. C. Sledd has retired from the active pastorate and is living at 163 W-Park Place, Jackson, Tenn. He served as pastor of Prospect Church at Hollow Rock for approximately 24 years. Brother Sledd is being kept busy supplying pulpits. He desires to be of service to the churches in this area and is available for revivals, supply work, or an interim pastorate. Mrs. Sledd has been ill and was nine days a patient at Baptist Memorial Hospital. She is now at home and greatly improved.

Baptist and Reflector does not publish pictures of Vacation Bible schools and GA Coronations. We rejoice with the churches in these activities but they are so numerous that we can not accept these pictures for reproduction. Your unusual activities of interest beyond the local community are desired. Be sure that your pictures are sharp and clear.—The Editor.

The special Finance Committee of First Church, Chattanooga, is composed of Sam E. Miles, Sr., chairman; D. B. Harris, Thomas S. Lewis, Dr. D. Isbell Harry Carbaugh, and Herman Robinson. Luther Joe Thompson is pastor.

Robert Kindig has resigned as pastor of Rock Hill Church in Henderson County and plans to re-enter Southern Seminary.

First Church, Lexington, has retired the last note on the new building. Before doing so, however, the Church voted to purchase additional property and do some more building. A bond issue of \$30,000 was voted for this purpose. Edwin E. Deusner is the pastor.

Tom McBride, pastor of Whites Creek Church in Big Emory Association, has resigned effective June 24. He will enter Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., July 9. McBride was attending Carson-Newman College when he became pastor four and one-half years ago. He is married to the former June Mashburn of Athens.

J. E. Dilworth, well-known Memphis industrialist, church and civic leader, died June 17. He was 83. Dilworth had long been a lay leader in Bellevue Church where he was a deacon. He had served on the board of directors of the YMCA and Baptist Hospital.



**STANTON**—Harmony Church located near here has a home for its pastor the first in its 125 year's history. The dedication service was held on a recent Sunday morning with special music by Bennie Morrison and the sermon by W. E. Walker, superintendent of Missions for Big Hatchie Association. Following the service the congregation assembled in front of the three bedroom brick home where Edwin Hardister, chairman of the building committee, presented the key to Pastor and Mrs. Thomas D. Robinson. Reception and open house were held in the afternoon. Robinson has served the church as pastor for four years.

## R. Raymond Lloyd Goes To Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga

R. Raymond Lloyd, who has been pastor of First Church, Rockwood, for more than four years, has resigned effective July 1. He accepted a call to become pastor of Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga, and will succeed Charles Drake who resigned the Chattanooga church last November.

Besides a large reduction of the church building debt, during his pastorate, a new pastor's home was built, and for the past two years, the church has assumed responsibility for the salary of Missionary Webster Carroll, who is serving in Tanganyika, Africa.

The Lloyds have three children.

## Radio And Television Workshops Cancelled

The annual Radio and Television Workshops conducted each year at Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist Assemblies will not be held this year, it was announced by Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director. Dates previously scheduled for the workshops were August 8-15, and August 23-29, respectively.

The regional or local workshop seems to be more helpful to the pastor or other individual who has specific problems to solve in the use of Radio and TV, Stevens said. Commission workshops so far this year have been conducted on this basis.

A national Radio-Television Workshop will be held at the Commissions' headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, next summer, 1963, Stevens reported. Details of this meeting will be given later.

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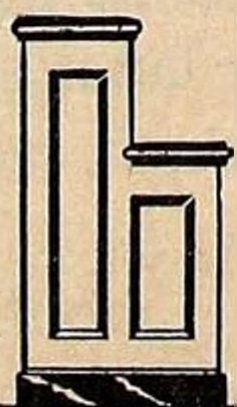
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## San Francisco Said Now More Aware Of Baptists

SAN FRANCISCO (BP) This city of the far west "is more aware of Southern Baptists" because of their recent convention, says a local leader.

Marshall G. Mines, city mission superintendent for the San Francisco-Peninsula Association, said he felt an impact had been made in the non-Baptist circles, too.

Mines, secretary-treasurer of the 1962-SBC Local Arrangements Committee, praised press coverage and indicated the "Baptist image" had been upgraded.

The area Baptist leader said, however, awareness by San Franciscans and bay area residents of the denomination is "far from adequate" despite the convention.

## Smothers To Be Associate Pastor At First, Lake Charles

D. E. Smothers, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, for 14 years, has resigned to become associate pastor of First Church, Lake Charles, La., where Leonard Sanderson serves as pastor. His resignation was effective June 17.

Sanderson came to Fayetteville from the pastorate of West Helena, Ark. He had previously served as pastor at First Church, Dyer, and the churches at Bartlett and Trezevant in Tenn.

While at Fayetteville the church sponsored missions in other areas, including the Brogan Avenue Church which was paid for by First Church at a cost of \$20,000. First, Fayetteville, has a present budget of \$55,000. The present auditorium was built in 1951 at an approximate cost of \$200,000 and is debt free. Within a few weeks the \$100,000 education and office building which will be named the Smothers Building will be ready for occupancy.

Smothers was president of the Fayetteville Ministerial Association, moderator and clerk of William Carey Association. He had served as vice president of the Board of Trustees of Belmont College, and for many years a member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The Smothers have two children, Thomas G. of Louisville, Ky., and Mary Helen of Buffalo, N. Y.

Open house and dedication were held July 1 at 919 Florence Street in Lewisburg for the new home used by the New Duck River associational missionary. The home is occupied by C. D. Tabor.

James E. Rolison has resigned as pastor of Viola Church Maury Association to become pastor of Park City Church, Fayetteville.

Mines and other members of the Local Steering Committee for the 1962 convention convened on the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary campus in nearby Mill Valley following the session for reports and discussion.

More than 10,000 Southern Baptists from across America attended the convention in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium.

Grady C. Cothen, Fresno, executive of the Southern Baptists General Convention of California and newly elected first vice president of the SBC, and Harold K. Graves, President of Golden Gate Seminary, were co-chairmen of the Local Arrangements Committee.

## Ray Of Colorado Retiring Oct. 15

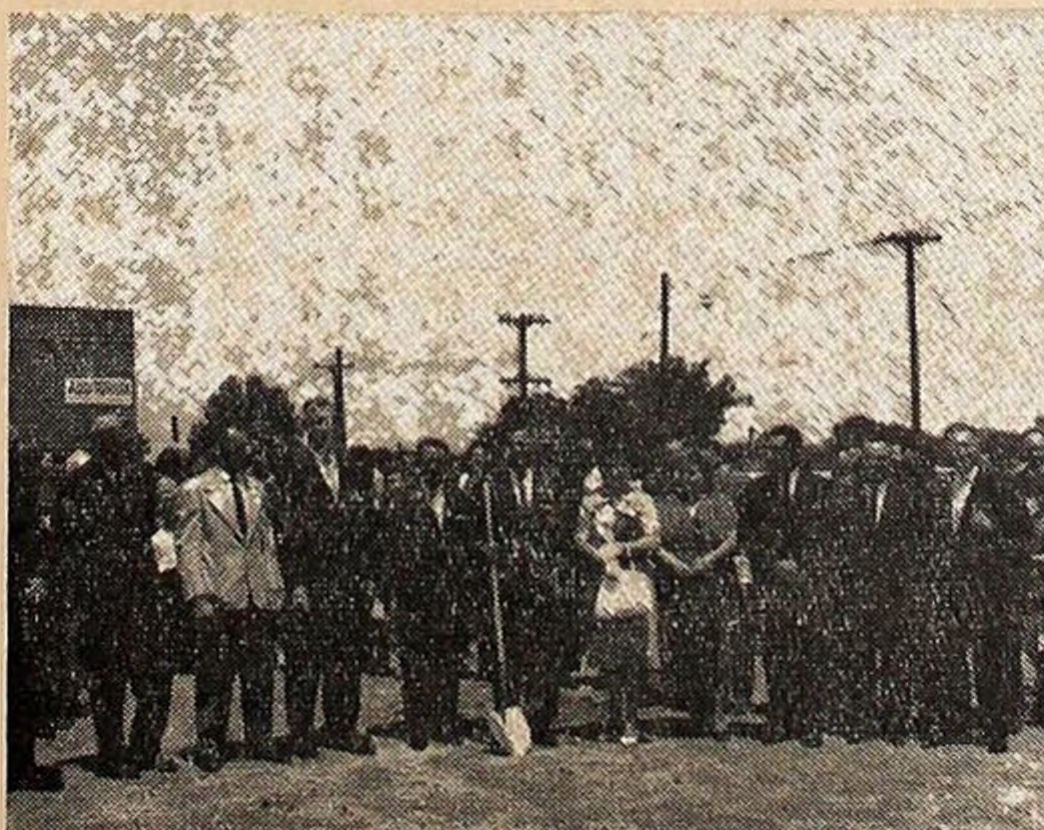
DENVER (BP)—Willis J. Ray of Denver, executive secretary, Colorado Baptist General Convention, has announced he will retire Oct. 15. He is 66 years old.

As of Aug. 1, Ray will have served 28 years as a servant of Southern Baptist groups, 10 years in denominational work in Texas and 18 years in pioneer missions in other states.

He was missionary for district 8 and later of district 6 for the General Convention of Texas. Also he was an associate to the executive secretary with duties of evangelism in the rural church.

In 1944, Willis Ray became executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona (new Arizona Southern Baptist Convention), a post he held for 11½ years. He also edited the Arizona Baptist paper.

On March 1, 1956 He moved to Denver with the Colorado convention as executive secretary. For most of his time here, he also has been interim editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist, the convention's newspaper.



MEMPHIS—Building committee of Beverly Hills Church here break ground for a chapel to seat 700 and educational building to care for Primaries and some Adult departments. Cost of the structure will be about \$150,000. William A. Foote is pastor.

## Woman's Missionary Union

## Associational Literacy Workshops

It would be difficult to over estimate the importance of having Literacy Workshops in each association.

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# 1962 Associational Meetings

Association	Date	Place
Alpha	Oct. 18	First, Hohenwald
Beech River	Sept. 20	Calvary, Parsons (Night)
	Sept. 21	Calvary, Parsons
Beulah	Oct. 18	First, Union City
	Oct. 19	First, Union City
Big Emory	Oct. 11	Walnut Hill (Day)
		Elizabeth Street (Night)
	Oct. 12	Pine Orchard
Big Hatchie	Oct. 16	Holly Grove
	Oct. 17	Walnut Grove
Bledsoe	Sept. 12	Grace, Bethpage (Night)
	Sept. 13	Lafayette First (Day)
Bradley	Oct. 16	First, Cleveland
	Oct. 17	Phillippi
Campbell	Aug. 7	West LaFollette
	Aug. 8	Elm Grove
Carroll-Benton	Sept. 12	First, McKenzie
	Sept. 13	Republican Grove
Central	Oct. 17	Providence
Chilhowee	Oct. 18	Everett Hills
	Oct. 19	Piney Grove
Clinton	Oct. 25	Andersonville (Day and Night)
	Oct. 26	Andersonville (Day)
Concord	Oct. 11	To Be Decided (Night)
	Oct. 12	Belle Aire, Murfreesboro
Copper Basin	Sept. 6	Mt. Zion, Postelle
	Sept. 7	Turtletown
Crockett	Sept. 13	Providence
	Sept. 14	Providence
Cumberland	Oct. 30	New Providence (Night)
	Oct. 31	Calvary, Clarksville
Cumberland County	Sept. 6	Mt. View (Day)
	Sept. 6	First, Crossville (Night)
Cumberland Gap	Aug. 22	First, Harrogate
	Aug. 23	First, Harrogate
Duck River	Oct. 18	Huntland (Night)
	Oct. 19	First, Decherd (Day)
Dyer	Sept. 11	Harmony (Night)
	Sept. 12	Harmony
East Tennessee	Aug. 9	Deep Gap, Del Rio
	Aug. 10	Greenelawn, Greeneville
Fayette	July 18	First, Sommerville (Night)
	July 19	Kirk
Gibson	Sept. 4	Emmanuel, Humboldt
	Sept. 5	Rutherford, First
Giles	Sept. 28	New Zion
	Sept. 29	New Zion
Grainger	Aug. 30	Elm Springs
	Aug. 31	Head of Richland
Hamilton	Oct. 18	Avondale
	Oct. 19	First, Hixson
Hardeman	Aug. 23	Whiteville, First
	Aug. 24	New Union
Hiwassee	Sept. 21	Concord
	Sept. 22	Chapman Grove
Holston	Oct. 18	First, Greeneville (Day)
	Oct. 18	Pinecrest, Johnson (Night)
	Oct. 19	Calvary, Erwin
Holston Valley	Sept. 20	East Rogersville (Day)
		Howe's Chapel (Night)
	Sept. 21	West View
Indian Creek	Sept. 13	Zion
	Sept. 14	Southside, Savannah
Jefferson County	Oct. 25	Piedmont (Night)

Association	Date	Place
	Oct. 26	Flat Gap
Judson	Oct. 5, 6, 7	New Hope
Knox	Oct. 15	City View
	Oct. 16	Wallace Memorial
Lawrence	Sept. 7	New Prospect
	Sept. 8	New Prospect
Loudon	Oct. 18	Riverview Mission (Night)
	Oct. 19	Vaughn's Chapel (Day)
McMinn	Sept. 13	First, Decatur (Day)
		Parkway, Athens (Night)
	Sept. 14	East Athens, (Day)
McNairy	Sept. 6	Calvary (Night), Adamsville
	Sept. 7	Ramer
Madison	Oct. 23	Westover
	Oct. 24	Unity
Maury	Oct. 17	Viola (Night)
	Oct. 18	Viola (Day)
Midland	Sept. 12	Cedar Grove
	Sept. 13	Cedar Grove
Mulberry Gap	Aug. 15	Big Hill
	Aug. 16	Big Hill
Nashville	Oct. 23	Old Hickory, First
	Oct. 24	Glendale
New Duck River	Oct. 9	North Fork, Shelbyville
	Oct. 10	New Bethel
New River	Oct. 19	Antioch, Norma
	Oct. 20	Antioch, Norma
New Salem	Sept. 27	Rome (Night)
	Sept. 28	Rome
Nolachucky	Aug. 14	Enterprise (Day)
	Aug. 14	First, Morristown (Night)
	Aug. 15	Buffalo Trail (Day)
Northern	Sept. 26	Alder Springs, Maynardville
	Sept. 27	Alder Springs, Maynardville
Riverside	Oct. 12	Falling Springs, Livingston
	Oct. 13	First, Livingston
Robertson County	Oct. 22	Barren Plains (Night)
	Oct. 23	Mt. Carmel, Cross Plains
Salem	Sept. 12	Woodbury
	Sept. 13	Salem, Liberty
Sequatchie Valley	Oct. 18	Sequatchie, First
	Oct. 19	Lee's Station
Sevier	Oct. 15	First, Sevierville (Night)
	Oct. 16	Knob Creek (Day)
	Oct. 16	First, Pigeon Forge (Night)
	Oct. 17	Jones Chapel
Shelby County	Oct. 15	Eudora (Night)
	Oct. 16	Eudora (Night)
	Oct. 18	Eudora (Night)
	Oct. 19	Eudora (Night)
Stewart County	Sept. 25	Pleasant Grove
	Sept. 27	Oak Grove
Stone	Oct. 18	First, Cookeville (Day and Night)
Sweetwater	Oct. 18	Poplar Bluff, Tellico Plains (Day)
		Glenlock (Night)
	Oct. 19	Not Decided
Tennessee Valley	Sept. 6	Smyrna, Evensville
	Sept. 7	Lake Drive
Truett	Sept. 28	Oak Grove, McEwen
	Sept. 29	First, McEwen
Union	Oct. 4	First, Spencer (Day and Night)
Watauga	Oct. 25	Sinking Creek
	Oct. 26	Sinking Creek



# Prayer By Legislation Violates Constitution

WASHINGTON (BP)—Prayer “composed by Governmental officials as a part of a Governmental program to further religious beliefs” is unconstitutional, according to a decision by the United States Supreme Court.

The Court ruled (6-1) that the so-called Regent’s Prayer in the State of New York violates the establishment clause of the First Amendment. The prayer says:

“Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country.”

The state Board of Regents in New York is a governmental agency created by the state constitution. It has broad supervisory, executive and legislative powers over the state’s public school system.

In 1951 these state officials composed the prayer for use in the public schools every morning along with the pledge of allegiance to the United States. The teacher was obliged to conduct this opening exercise, but the pupils participated or refused to participate voluntarily.

The Court presented a 15-page opinion read by Mr. Justice Black. Mr. Justice Douglas concurred with the decision but for a different reason from that given by the others. Mr. Justice Stewart presented a six-page dissent.

In ruling out the Regent’s prayer the Court said; “We think that the constitutional prohibition against laws respecting an establishment of religion must at least mean that in this country it is no part of the business of government to compose official prayers for any group of the American people to recite as a part of a religious program carried on by government.”

An officially composed and administered prayer by government constitutes an “establishment” of religion, according to the Court. This is expressly forbidden by the First Amendment.

The Court went out of its way to point out that its action is not hostility toward religion or prayer. It is for the protection of religion and to guarantee its free exercise that the Court arrived at its conclusions, the decision said.

“It is neither sacrilegious nor antireligious to say that each separate government in this country should stay out of the business of writing or sanctioning official prayers and

leave that purely religious function to the people themselves and to those the people choose to look to for religious guidance,” the Court said.

In its opinion the Court reviewed the struggle for religious freedom in England and in early America. It pointed out the bitter controversies that raged in England over the Book of Common Prayer which was created under governmental direction. Religious groups fought fiercely to gain the favor of the reigning monarch to revise the Book of Common Prayer in accord with their particular viewpoints.

The Court said that the founders of America and the writers of the Constitution had these events fresh in their minds when they added the First Amendment. “Our founders were no more willing to let the content of their prayers and their privilege of praying whenever they pleased be influenced by the ballot box than they were to let these vital matters of personal conscience depend upon the succession of monarchs,” the opinion said.

Two purposes of the establishment clause of the first amendment were explained by

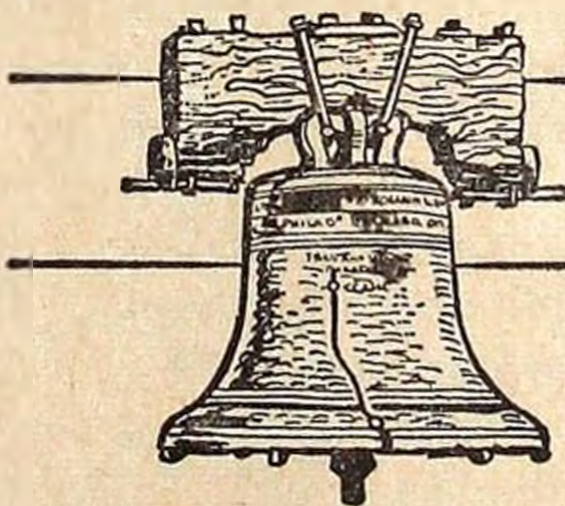
signed to prevent. This is the import of this recent decision in the New York prayer case.

The Court recalled the persecution by established religion such as endured by John Bunyan. The battle for religious Liberty in Virginia led by the Baptists, Presbyterians and others was reviewed by the Court. Roger Williams was lauded for his contribution to the nature of true religion and the proper relations between church and state.

The Court anticipated misinterpretation and misuse of its ruling on the Regent’s Prayer. To answer these the Court said:

“There is of course nothing in the decision reached here that is inconsistent with the fact that school children and others are officially encouraged to express love for our country by reciting historical documents such as the Declaration of Independence which contain references to the Deity or by singing officially espoused anthems which include the composer’s professions of faith in a Supreme Being, or with the fact that there are many manifestations in our public life of belief in God. Such patriotic or ceremonial occasions bear no true resemblance to the unquestioned religious exercise that the state of New York has sponsored in this instance.”

While concurring with the decision of the majority Mr. Justice Douglas criticized the other judges for basing their opinion on the



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the Court. The first was “a belief that a union of government and religion tends to destroy government and to degrade religion.” The second “rested upon an awareness of the historical fact that governmentally established religions and religious persecutions go hand in hand.”

The Court said that one of the reasons that many people fled state established religion and religious persecution in Europe was that they were “filled with the hope that they could find a place in which they could pray when they pleased to the God of their faith in the language they chose.”

It is unfortunate, the Court pointed out that many of these same people established rigid religious regulations when they arrived in America. It is this kind of religious coercion that the First Amendment was de-

view that the New York prayer constituted an establishment of religion. He said that “the point for decision is whether the government can constitutionally finance a religious exercise.”

Justice Douglas cited 18 kinds of “aids” from the government for religion now available. He said that there is a long list of additional aids in each state. The context in which he made his remarks would indicate that he considered them all unconstitutional.

The lone dissenting opinion was voiced by Mr. Justice Stewart. He said that he did not agree that the Regent’s Prayer is an “official religion.” Since he held that New York had not interfered with the free exercise of anybody’s religion, he said, “I think this decision is wrong.”

Weakley	Oct. 9	Oak Grove
	Oct. 10	Ruthville
Western District	Oct. 11	West Paris
	Oct. 12	Bird’s Creek
West Polk	Sept. 13	Boanerges
	Sept. 14	Delano

West Union	Oct. 13	Pine Grove, Winfield
	Oct. 14	Pine Grove, Winfield
William Carey	Oct. 18	Park City (Night)
	Oct. 19	Park City
Wilson County	Oct. 18	Cedar Grove
	Oct. 19	Cedar Grove



## Start Planning Now



Early summer is the time to start making plans for a profitable Preparation Week, September 23-30. This week, well spent, will strengthen the teaching and training program in our churches. It will provide an opportunity to analyze last year's weaknesses, instruct and inform workers, enlist and install new officers and teachers, set forth new goals, and enlarge the organization. Launching the program for the new Sunday school year should be a highlight of this week.

A check list of activities has been provided on page 18 of the *Sunday School Program Guidebook* for the convenience of pastors, ministers of education, and superintendents. This list will be helpful to those involved in laying plans now for the last week in September, just prior to Promotion Day.

A. V. Washburn says, "The value of Preparation Week is becoming more apparent every year. Where progress is expected, planning is imperative."

He says when you are laying the groundwork for Preparation Week:

1. Make sure that this week has been definitely put into your church calendar and clear it of any conflicting meetings.
2. Plan to take a thorough religious cen-

sus of your church territory. Very little can be done in planning for enlargement and promotion of regular visitation without a good census.

3. Begin now to think of the weak places in your organization where adjustment or addition of space would help.
4. Begin this very month discussing with the officers and teachers in the weekly meetings, in the Sunday school cabinet, and in personal conversation just what ought to be accomplished in the Sunday school next year.
4. Commit all Sunday school workers to attend the sessions of Preparation Week. Every worker and prospective worker should be enlisted in order to make this meeting fulfill its purpose.
6. Pastors should plan to teach, *The True Functions of the Sunday School* (revised 1962), *The Sunday School and Missions*, or *Outreach for the Unreached* during Preparation Week.

Be in prayer now for the spiritual and numerical growth of your Sunday school during the new year.

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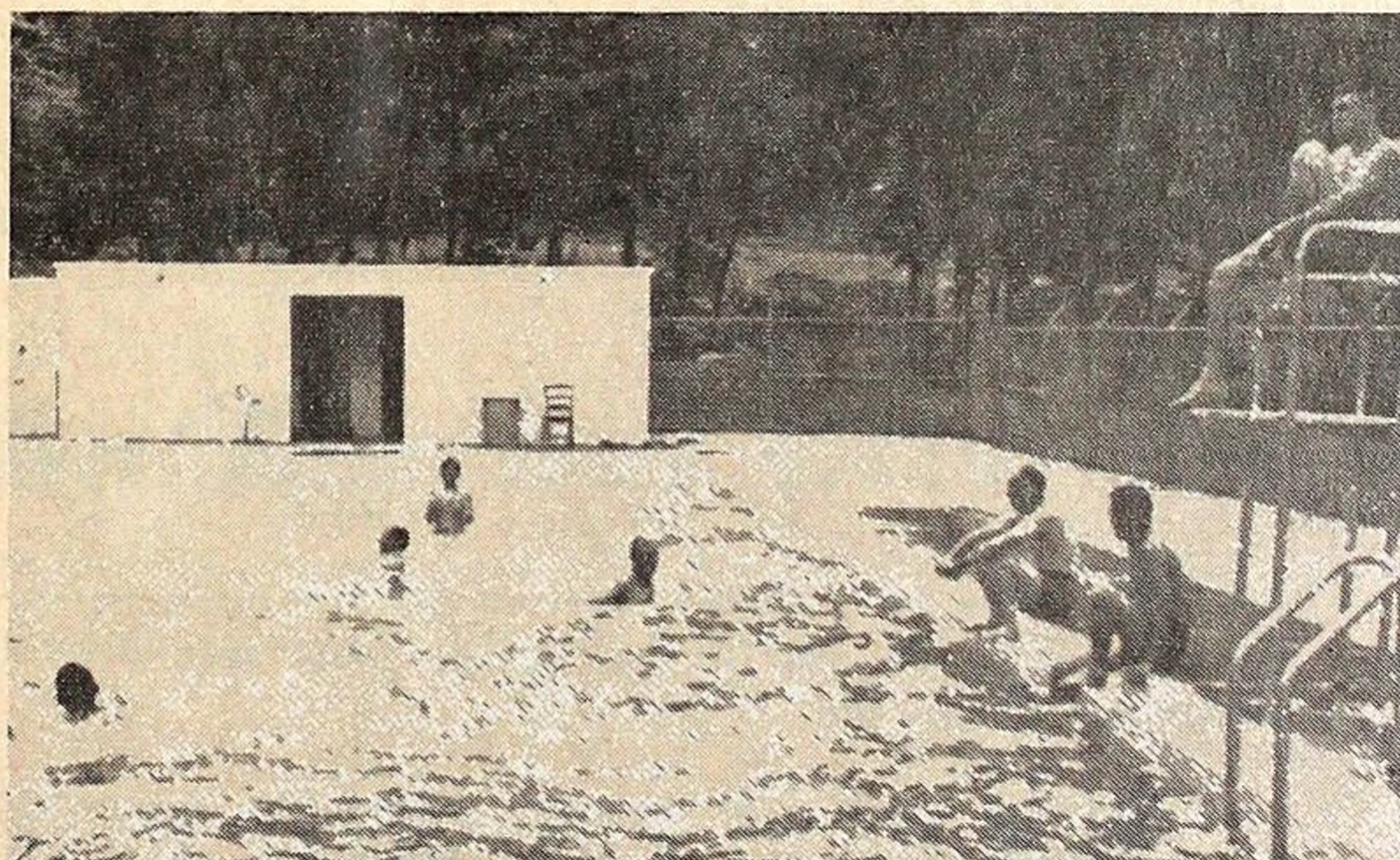
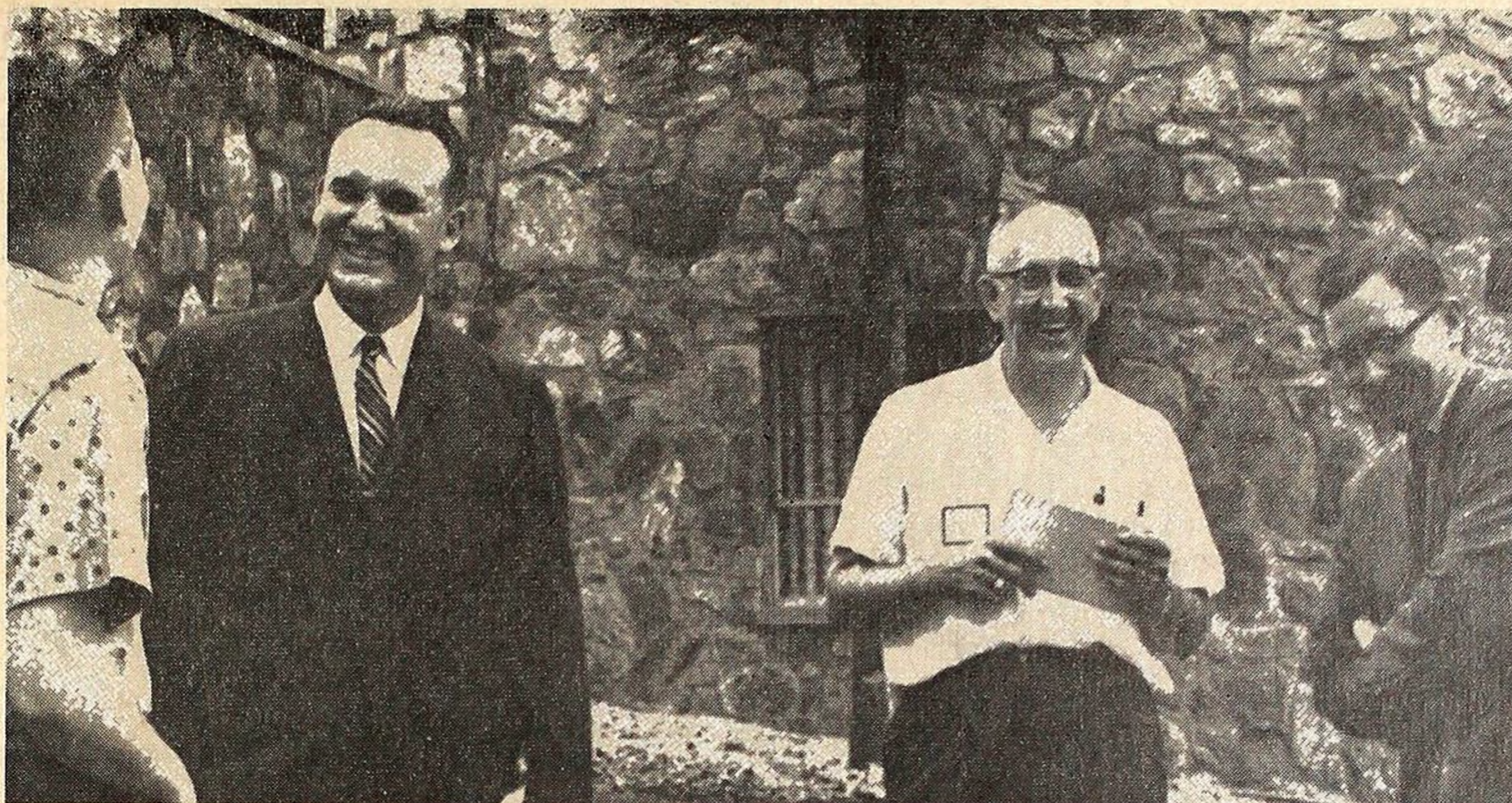
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# Brotherhood Convention

A total of 296 men registered for the Brotherhood Convention at Camp Carson, June 1-3.

Appearing on program (left to right): Frank Ingraham, Nashville Attorney and Deacon; Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, Professor of Old Testament, Southern Seminary; Roy J. Gilleland, Assistant Brotherhood Secretary; and Dr. George K. Schweitzer, Professor of Chemistry, University of Tennessee.



Men enjoy volleyball and swimming.



Forty-eight men took training for leadership. This is Campcraft training class.

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# Attendances and Additions

Church S.S. T.U. Add.

Athens, Central	124	38	
East	442	135	5
First	515	144	
West End Mission	76	39	
North	269	128	4
Niota, First	141	42	
Bemis, First	322	75	
Bolivar, First	393	107	
Brighton	225	86	
Bristol, Tennessee Avenue	602	235	2
Brownsville	551	106	
Bruceton, First	226	76	
Cedar Hill	100	24	
Chattanooga, Avondale	627	189	21
Brainerd	851	329	3
Calvary	293	85	
East Brainerd	200	75	
East Lake	469	179	5
First	1128	272	2
Morris Hill	264		1
Northside	367	83	
Oakwood	382	128	2
Ridgedale	421	138	
St. Elmo	364	94	1
White Oak	444	130	
Woodland Park	381	171	1
Clarksville, First	737	221	
New Providence	274	84	
Pleasant View	206	75	
Cleveland, Big Spring	319	162	1
First	499	171	
Stuart Park	126	63	
Clinton, Second	517	135	13
Columbia, First	568	162	2
Highland Park	446	194	2
Cookeville, First	486	94	7
Steven Street	159	54	
Washington Avenue	111	90	1
Corryton, Fairview	172	76	5
Crab Orchard, Haley's Grove	116	45	2
Cowan, First	107	45	
Crossville, First	247	78	9
Daisy, First	298	73	
Denver, Trace Creek	132	75	1
Dyer, New Bethlehem	183	68	
Dyersburg, First	636	176	2
Elizabethton, First	688	141	
Good Will Center	55		
Oak Street	135	71	1
Siam	223	103	

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Etowah, First	351	92	
North	388	113	1
Friendship, South Fork	57	23	
Gates	68	36	
Greeneville, First	391	148	6
Harriman, South	499	213	7
Trenton Street	410	87	
Walnut Hill	249	102	
Henderson, First	264	90	
Hendersonville, First	318	61	7
Hixson, Central	261	131	2
Memorial	266	93	1
Hollow Rock, Prospect	205	35	
Humboldt, First	498	117	
Jackson, Calvary	611	214	
First	931	309	1
East Union	99	59	
Parkview	352	99	2
West	860	352	4
Jellico, First	171	72	
Johnson City, Central	641	162	
North Chapel	82	41	
Pine Crest	200	95	3
Temple	378	156	4
Jonesboro, Second	109	60	6
Kenton, Macedonia	89	57	
Kingsport, First	647	187	7
Glenwood	327	126	4
Litz Manor	254	90	
Kingston, First	490	194	6
Knoxville, Beaumont	277	120	
Bell Avenue	735	198	1
Black Oak Heights	226	70	
Broadway	837	312	9
Central (Ft. City)	1109	354	9
Fifth Avenue	675	181	3
First	795	196	
Fort Hill	217	72	4
Grace	317	141	
Island Home	226	92	2
John Sevier	202	91	2
Lincoln Park	908	326	
Lonsdale	308	101	
McCalla Avenue	776	308	2
Meridian	520	147	3

Sevier Heights	627	283	
Smithwood	647	241	
South	605	213	4
Wallace Memorial	760	362	8
LaFollette, First	289	88	1
Lawrenceburg, First	202	71	1
Meadow View	76	36	4
Immanuel	101	44	
Highland Park	241	103	
Lebanon, First	504	110	
Hillcrest	143	70	
Rocky Valley	106	57	
Southside	143	78	
Lenoir City, First	458	116	
Kingston Pike	120	35	
Oral	143	59	
Lewisburg, First	429	96	
Loudon, New Providence	213	141	
Madisonville, First	366	130	
Mission	47	22	
Malesus	202	71	
Manchester, Calvary	130	56	3
Martin, Central	319	84	
First	364	94	
Southside	89	30	
Maryville, Broadway	650	309	
Stock Creek	206	112	2
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	310	80	
Forest Park	85	36	
Shellsford	220	122	1
Mt. Pleasant, First	171	65	
Mission	56	45	
Medon, New Union	108	68	
Memphis, Bartlett	378	157	1
Bellevue	1839	748	14
Beverly Hills	509	166	3
Boulevard	440	114	1
Central Avenue	729	263	6
Dellwood	301	103	1
Eads	31	31	
Egypt	201	87	
Eudora	787	312	7
Fairlawn	483	235	1
First	1217	281	1
Fisherville	159		3
Germantown	95	27	
Graceland	623	239	2
Highland Heights	1189	576	2
Kennedy	526	217	2
LaBelle Haven	656	200	3
Macon Road	181	76	2
Mallory Heights	255	114	2
Merton Avenue	428	111	3
National Avenue	314	119	1
Park Avenue	611	201	
Prescott Memorial	413	117	1
Range Hills	119	54	
Seventh Street	421	129	3
Sky View	295	166	1
Southmoor	258	119	
Temple	987	322	3
Vanuys	86	31	
Westmon Mission	94	25	
Whitehaven	694	155	10
Milan, First	426	118	2
Northside	160	60	
Mission	19		
Murfreesboro, First	583	136	
Calvary	118		
Southeast	113	57	
Third	376	110	
Woodbury Road	227	83	
Nashville, Alta Loma	279	114	
Edenwald Mission	24		
Bordeaux, First	172		
Creivewood	410	139	1
Dalewood	402	111	1
Dickerson Road	424	109	
Donelson, First	668		2
Eastland	513	164	
Eastwood	177	66	4
Elkins Avenue	139	71	
Fairview	233	80	
Jordonia	38	26	
First	1102	320	3
Cora Tibbs	29	214	
T.P.S.	483		
Carroll Street	220	134	
Freeland	137	44	3
Gallatin Road	361	97	
Grace	796	227	2
Haywood Hills	235	99	
Hill Hurst	97	48	2
Inglewood	818	192	
Cross Keys	49	16	
State School	110		
Ivy Memorial	381	127	4
Treppard Heights	57	35	
Joelton	203	102	1
Lincoya Hills	196	60	
Lockeland	559	163	2
Lyle Lane	64	24	2
Madison Heights	195	85	
Madison, First	632	136	5
Mission	147	69	
Neelys Bend	82	43	
Rosedale	181	73	
Riverside	322	90	
Valley View	88	22	
Saturn Drive	322	123	8
Shelby Avenue	344	120	1
Third	157	65	
Tusculum Hills	362	111	4
Woodbine	456	171	3
Woodmont	616	203	1
Oak Ridge, Central	456	121	
Glenwood	360	129	

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# Regional Conventions

The first week of Regional Conventions have been completed and we are happy to present first place participant for both the Sword Drill and Speakers' Tournament. We are also listing the officers for 1962-63 by regions.

### Southwestern Region

**First Place Participant:**  
Speakers' Tournament—Beverly Garland, First Church, Jackson Madison-Chester Association  
Sword Drill—Jack Tompson, Highland Heights Church, Shelby Association

**Associations Represented:**  
Beech River, Big Hatchie, Fayette, Harde-  
man, McNairy, Madison-Chester,

**Officers elected for 1962-63:**  
President: Gene Carkeet, Memphis  
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The Regional Convention next year will meet on June 17 at First Church, Covington.

### Northwestern Region

**First Place Participant:**  
Speakers' Tournament—Brooxie Jordan, First Church, Huntingdon, Carroll-Benton Association  
Sword Drill—Juanette Conyers, First Church, Huntingdon, Carroll-Benton Association

**Associations Represented:**  
Beulah, Carroll-Benton, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Weakley, Western District

Robertsville	600	196	..
Old Hickory, First	486	174	..
Temple	224	102	..
Pigeon Forge, First	245	93	..
Portland, First	355	110	6
Pulaski, First	339	95	2
Ridgetop, First	49	25	..
Rockwood, First	477	145	7
White's Creek	106	91	1
Sardis	95	37	..
Savannah, Hopewell	130	55	..
First	247	86	2
Selmer, Falcon	83	52	..
First	284	89	1
Seymour, First Chilhowee	149	56	..
Sevierville, First	475	164	4
Sharon, Alamo	116	..	..
Shelbyville, El Bethel	92	23	..
First	511	80	..
Shelbyville Mills	254	114	..
Sidonia, Pleasant Grove	116	62	..
Somerville, First	245	105	..
Springfield	515	134	..
Summertown	146	62	..
Sweetwater, First	433	91	1
North	217	33	2
Trenton, First	490	110	3
White Hall	134	47	..
Union City, First	633	149	9
Samburg	65	29	..
Second	252	108	..
Watertown, Round Lick	200	86	..
White House	159	71	1
Winchester, First	208	47	1
Southside	36	..	..
Oaklawn	99	59	6

**Officers elected for 1962-63:**  
President: Rev. Robert Benson, Union City  
Pastor-Adviser: Rev. Jonas Stewart, Huntingdon

The Regional Convention next year will meet on June 18, at First Church, Paris.

### South Central Region

**First Place Participant:**  
Speakers' Tournament—Mrs. Billie Stew-  
man, West End Church, Fayetteville, William Carey Association  
Sword Drill—Barbara Thompson, First Church, Lewisburg, New Duck River Association

**Associations Represented:**  
Alpha, Duck River, Indian Creek, Giles, Lawrence, Maury, New Duck River, Wil-  
liam Carey

**Officers elected for 1962-63:**  
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Pastor-Adviser: Rev. William Swafford, Lawrenceburg

The Regional Convention next year will meet on June 20 at First Church, Tullahoma.

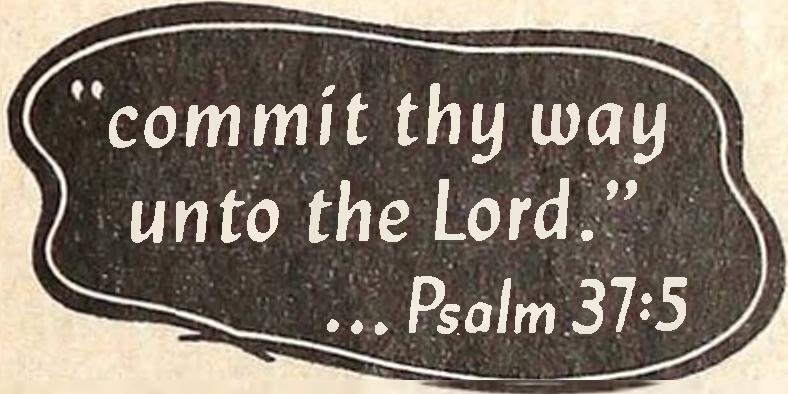
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**First Place Participant:**  
Speakers' Tournament—Carol Young, Inglewood Church, Nashville Association  
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**Associations Represented:**  
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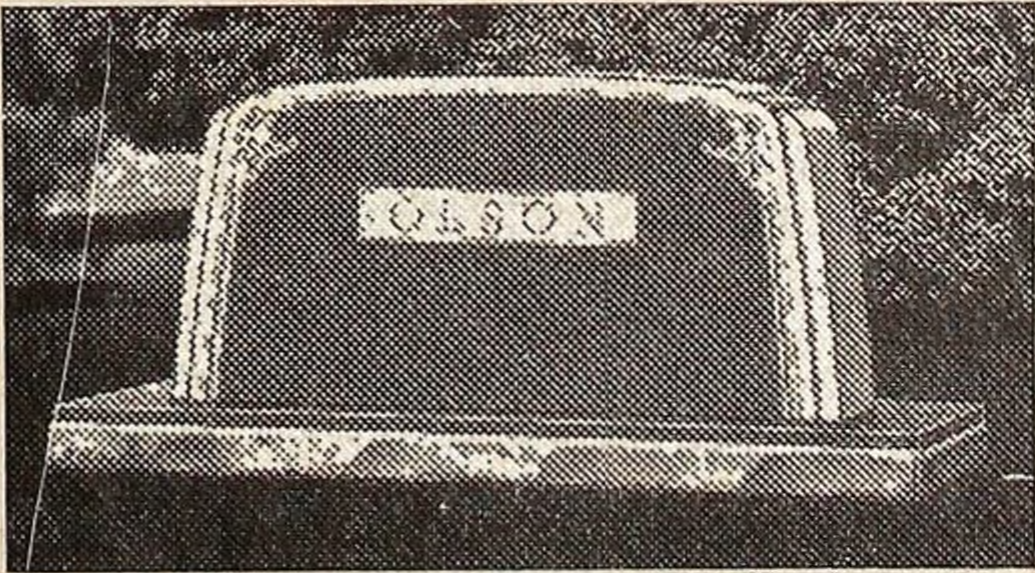
**Officers elected for 1962-63:**  
President: Bob Lawrence, Springfield  
Pastor-Adviser: Rev. Wendell Knight, McEwen

The Regional Convention next year will meet on June 21 at First Church, Gallatin.



## The Eternal City

John, the beloved disciple, in Revelations 21: 19-20, endeavors to express in human language the most transcendent spiritual beauty and permanence of the heavenly city—the everlasting city. He selected, singularly enough, to describe the foundations thereof, beautiful crystalline gems: Jasper, Sapphire, Chalcedony, Emerald, Sardonyx, Sardius, Chrysolyte, Beryl, Topaz, Chrysoprasus, Jacinth, Amethyst, every one of which appears in the minute crystals of



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# —Jeremiah Announces Impending Doom—

**TEXTS: Jeremiah 19; 21; 25:1-11 (Larger)—  
Jeremiah 25:1-11 (Printed).**

Jeremiah has been called "the weeping prophet". This is in a sense a fitting designation, but it needs to be explained. For one thing, he lived in a time when the kingdom of Judah was on the verge of downfall and captivity. Babylon, under the leadership of such rulers as Nebuchadnezzar, was on the march toward domination of most of the Mediterranean world. Both Assyria and Egypt fell under her rule soon after 600 B.C. Palestine was doomed before such a powerful host. This was clearly seen by Jeremiah who also saw that the coming disaster was the hand of punishment of Almighty God. He advised submission to Babylon and in so doing was naturally regarded by many of his own people as lacking in patriotism. He was true to God whose spokesman he had become. He was true to the best interests of his fatherland. But he was very unpopular. Indeed he was sorely mistreated and misunderstood. It is small wonder, then, that he bears such a gloomy title. On the other hand, he stands out today as one of the greatest of Judah's prophets. A study of the printed text provides three clues for us.

## A Prophet's Declaration (vv. 1-3)

Judah had become a vassal state of Babylon. Jehoiakim was a puppet-king and reigned in name only. Jeremiah spoke long and fearlessly, but lovingly, to the people of the land in general and to the king in particular. He warned them of the evil of their ways. His messages were the messages of God. He stands in a long line of spokesmen in calling God's people to repentance. As always, the Lord sees to it that His wayward people are given sufficient warning and advice. The declarations of such men as Jeremiah are clear and should be heeded. There is behind them the authority of the Lord of the universe. They may not be

pleasant to hear but to refuse to hear them is to invite doom. The prophet must be diligent, as was Jeremiah who rose up early to speak. The true prophet must be persevering, as was Jeremiah who declared God's word over the years.

## A People's Determination (vv. 4-7)

The people of Judah were determined to go their own way rather than to listen to Jeremiah as he declared unto them the word of the Lord. Instead of turning to God they were determined to turn to other gods. And this response would not be tolerated by the Lord. They had been given the land in which they and their fathers had lived with the express understanding and covenant that they would obey the Lord and live in accord with His commands. Now that they deliberately and stubbornly turned away from God there remained no alternative but to be finally carried away into captivity. Thus the willful transgression of God's will by a determined disobedience carries with it a sort of automatic penalty. And it is at this point precisely that we glimpse the enormity and the extreme wickedness of sin. It is defiant. It is rebellious. It is arrogant. It springs up in the heart. If it is not uprooted, it is sure to emerge in the hand. One's deeds are always reflections of one's attitudes. A person's will is one of God's greatest gifts. To bring it in submission to God's will is a person's supreme activity. To do so is to enjoy His great blessings.

## A Pagan's Desolation (vv. 8-11)

The desolation of the pagan invader and conqueror is vividly fore-told here. A later lesson in this series will describe in some detail what actually took place. The latter part of verse nine here pictures the coming disaster. The desolations are referred to as "perpetual". The calls to mind modern expressions such as "scorched earth" as when the German invaded Russia during the days of World War II. It reminds the historian of what transpired nearly a hundred years ago when Sherman cut a path of destruction several miles wide on his march across Georgia and South Carolina to the Atlantic. Gladness, industry and the elements of civilization will all but disappear from the land of Judah, the prophet foretells. The captives will remain in Babylon for a period of seventy years, about two generations. For some years now the writer of these notes has been unable to read and ponder this period of Israelitish history without feelings of deep uneasiness and disquiet, seeing in them pertinent words for America lest she follow the Lord's people of antiquity in disobedience and doom.



## ON MATTERS OF Family Living

By  
Dr. B. David Edens  
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## Emotional Ills Linked To Pressure For High Marks

A sharp rise in emotional disturbances among elementary school children can be attributed, in part, to parents' pressure for academic achievement, Dr. Nathan Brown, asst. sup't. of the New York City's schools, told the 14th annual conference of the League for Parent Education.

Approximately 10% of the city's school children now suffer from emotional problems, and *administration of children under 15 to state mental hospitals has increased 24% in 3 years*, reported the educator.

Some of parents' demands for high grades can be traced directly to their anxiety over their youngsters' admission to colleges—"the fifty top colleges" in particular—he observed, noting that to some extent, parents' preoccupation with "top" college admission was another phase of "keeping up with the Joneses."

He felt that the kind of adult permissiveness that compelled some youngsters to make too many choices too early was another factor in the rise of emotional illness in school-age children.

## Wanted

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This "classified advertisement" was written by Robert M. Boltwood, a member of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Mich. Mr. Boltwood is head of the technical writing division of Chevrolet Engineering and is a teacher both at Wayne State and Michigan State Universities.

The "ad," which appeared in *The (Baptist) Crusader*, was first presented at a Laymen's Sunday program in a Michigan church. It may point out some of the reasons why churches are failing to recruit enough new young ministers to keep up with our growing population.

## The New Jerusalem

(Continued from Page 3)

but eternal life. No more darkness and night, but noon-day brightness and everlasting day. No more need of the sun or the moon, for "the Lamb is the light thereof." And certainly we may claim these glorious promises in the Lord.

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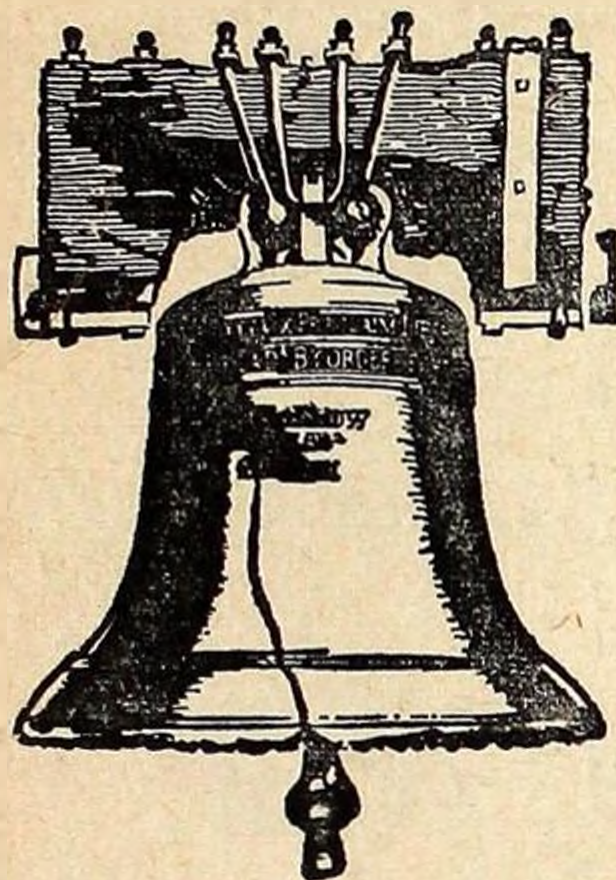
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## A Precious Birthday\*

By Thelma C. Carter



Do you know that the Fourth of July is the birthday of the United States? There are so many birthdays to remember that we may forget the birthday of our great nation.

We also forget the small group of people who were our forefathers. We forget their many problems in creating a great nation out of the wilderness. These hard-working people, who longed to worship God in their own way, built their crude log homes, churches, and schools. Bleak, cold winters, limited food, and sickness were often with them.

When spring and summer came, they prepared the ground and planted their crops. Pioneer children helped with all home chores.

In the midst of many hardships, the colonists finally won their independence from the European countries across the seas. Historical tradition tells us that Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence when he was thirty-three years of age. We learn that he patterned it from the Bible.

We also read in history that the roots of our four freedoms may be traced to the Gospel of John. "Then said Jesus to those

"the home over there" which our Lord went to prepare for us, to be our eternal habitation.

Personally my heart wells up in praise and thanksgiving that there will be no more deafened ears, and no more failing eyes. But hearing and sight, and every sense and faculty of body and mind and spirit will be at its prime forever, because nothing that distresses or hinders or defiles shall ever enter there.

This is only a part of the perfections of Heaven which we shall enjoy when we enter through the gates into the city, the New Jerusalem, to be with our Saviour and Lord, our own precious loved ones, and the redeemed hosts of all the ages, forever and forever.—Mrs. G. P. Bostick, Luray, Va.

(Editor's Note—Writer of above letter, a former Southern Baptist missionary to China, is 91 years old.)

Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Congress of the new United States on July 4, 1776. This Fourth of July take a moment to think of the day as a special birthday. You will find yourself thanking God for your blessings. Perhaps you will also think of the courage of the colonists who built our nation.

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## Wondrous Ways in Bible Days\*

By Evelyn Pickering

In Bible days God often displayed pleasure or displeasure by speaking to people through marvels of nature. See how many correct words you can underline before reading the Scripture references.

1. When Jesus was baptized, a voice from heaven said, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The Holy Spirit then came upon him in the form of what bird? (dove, eagle, raven)
2. God sent plagues throughout Egypt when Pharaoh refused to free the Israelites. What fell upon man and beast, breaking every plant and tree of their field? (rain, sleet, hail)
3. When Christ was crucified, the veil of the Temple was torn in two and people came from the graves. What marvel of nature caused these fearful events? (earthquake, lightning, whirlwind)
4. What did God send upon a fleece of wool to convince Gideon he was chosen to save Israel from the Midianites? (frost, dew, snow)

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"On top of another car," he answered.—*Ohio Motorist*.

The man who thinks trouble will only meet him halfway is a poor judge of distance.—*Atlas News*.

An out-of-towner was hit by an auto down town recently, but was not seriously injured. He called the police to inform them of his accident. They asked, "Where are you?" he said, "At corner of 'Walk' and 'Don't Walk.'"

5. Name the heavenly light that went backward ten degrees when Hezekiah asked for a sign that the Lord would heal him. (moon, stars, sun)
6. God told Noah the earth would never again be destroyed by a flood. What beautiful form of nature did he place as a token of this covenant? (sunshine, spring of water, rainbow)

### Answers

1. dove (Luke 3:22)
2. hail (Exodus 9:22-26)
3. earthquake (Matthew 27:50-54)
4. dew (Judges 6:36-40)
5. sun (2 Kings 20:8-11)
6. rainbow (Genesis 9:11-17)

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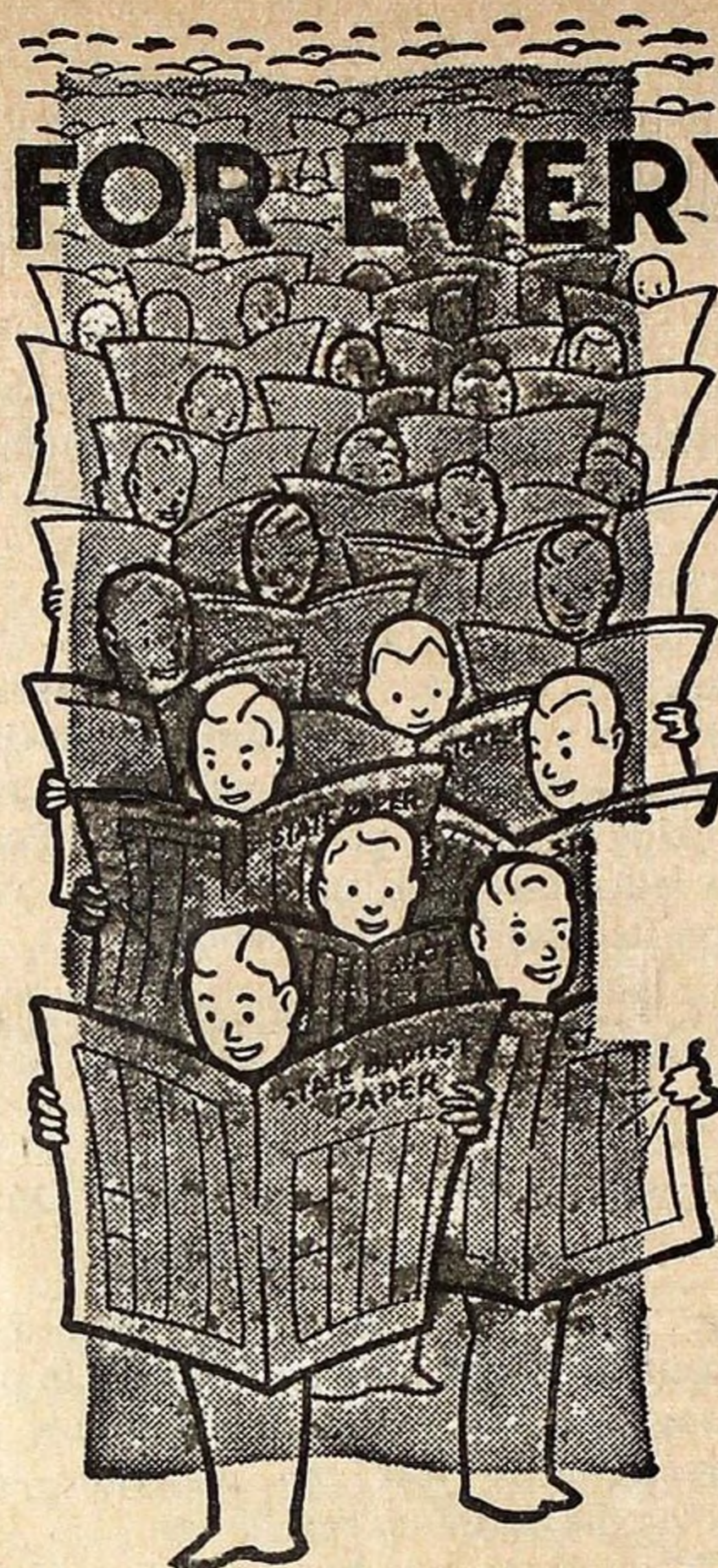
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