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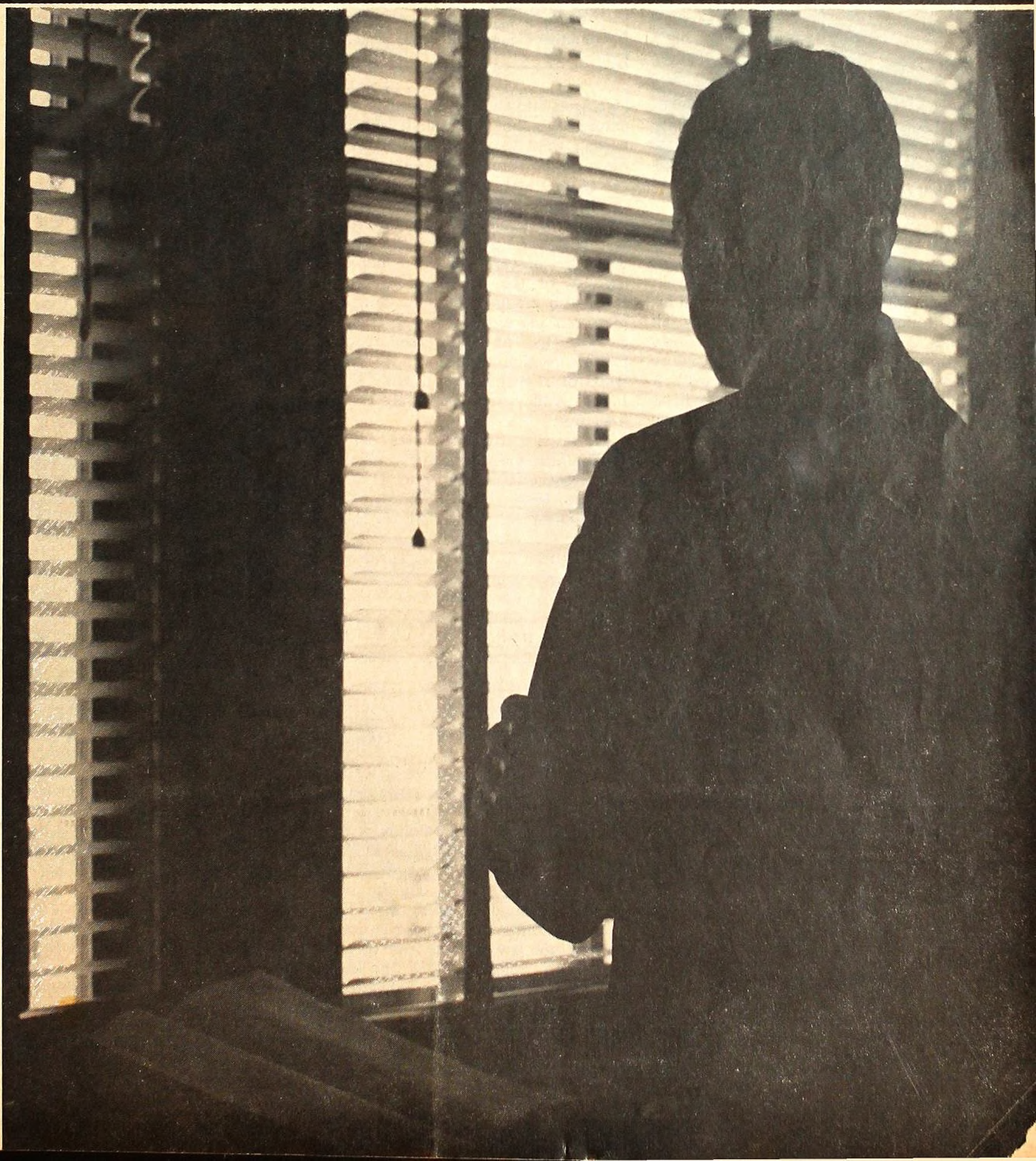

Devotional

Finding Life's Meaning

Joe B. Good, First Church, Mt. Pleasant

Text: Matthew 6:33, 34

In our leisure and luxury, we often fall easy prey to boredom, the viiest enemy of modern man. In our boredom, we are an easy victim to anxiety, to fear, and to an inner frustration of our souls. Ultimately, all men must find meaning to and for life—to fail, is to succumb to the sub-human nature that lies lurking within us. This perhaps best explains modern man's faltering predicament and his easy surrender to all the ideologies and authorities foreign to his true nature as a child of God. It isn't that man doesn't want to trust in God, but that he wants to be sure of the God in whom he places his trust!

The Bible seeks to ease this fearful malady by stressing the utter sovereign God who is saving Love. The Bible confronts us with the unsearchable and unmeasurable mystery of the person of God—but the Bible also pictures for us a God in whom man can place his trust. It tells us God cares for us; He is concerned about us; He has compassion toward us. He "produces" fruits of righteousness in His "Knights of Faith" as they wage effectively His spiritual holy war.

He saves us from ourselves, our families, our friends, and our foes by calling us into complete commitment unto Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. He gives us a meaningful motive for life, His love; He gives us a pattern for life, Jesus Christ; He grants us the power to live that life, His Holy Spirit; and the place in which we can serve, His Church. We must need only "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" if we want to find real meaning for our lives.

On Our Cover

One man alone. What can he do? The world is lost. Christ gave a Great Commission. He wants to obey. But he is only one. Alone he can do little to win the world. What can he do to help point a lost world to Christ?

He can encourage his church to increase its giving through the Cooperative Program of world missions. He can join thousands of other Southern Baptists whose gifts form a life-giving stream that flows out to a lost world. Through the Cooperative Program he can support hospitals, colleges, seminaries, and children's homes around the world. He can pray for more than 4,000 state, home, and foreign missionaries whom he supports each week.

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Supreme Court Involved In Three Liberty Cases

WASHINGTON (BP)—Sabbath observance and conscientious objection to military service claimed the attention of the United States Supreme Court.

In three involving Religious liberty the Supreme Court:

1. Upheld (8-1) The constitutionality of Kentucky's Sunday closing law. The court saw "no substantial federal question" in the fact that the law exempts from its provisions members of religious faiths who keep a day other than Sunday as their Sabbath.

2. Agreed to review a South Carolina State Supreme Court decision involving employment on Saturday of a member of the Seventh Day Adventist faith. The South Carolina Court said that the person must accept work on Saturday, even though it violates religious belief, or forfeit rights to state unemployment compensation.

3. Agreed to look into the question of whether the federal courts have the right to review findings of fact on which a local draft board bases a decision to deny a claim for conscientious objection. In this case the appeal was from a Pacifist member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Sullivan, Ill., commonly called Harshmanites.

'Baptist College Day' Set For Feb. 17

"Christ-College-Career" is the theme for tenth annual emphasis on Christian higher education and Baptist colleges sponsored by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Baptist College Day is set for February 17.

The Commission located in Nashville has prepared materials relating to the theme and mailed sample kits to pastors and ministers of education. Dr. Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary of the Commission, said he expected many churches would order these materials for scheduled programs for their Intermediates and Young People. The concern plans for college, the choice of a college and career information. The suggestion is made that pastors emphasize Christian education and Baptist colleges as they speak to their congregations on Baptist College Day.

Southern Seminary To Award 10 Scholarships

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Ten $1000 scholarships, known as the Luther Rice-Adoniram Judson Scholar Awards, will be presented 10 enrolling students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here next fall.

Applications from students in Tennessee are now being received by the dean of students' office. Deadline for receiving applications is January 15.

All Baptist students who are committed to any phase of the Christian ministry and who are enrolled as a senior or graduate in college during the 1962-63 academic year may apply.

The Rice Award is intended for those students who plan to do church-related work in the United States. The Judson Award should be applied for by students planning to be missionaries and whose work will carry them outside the United States.

Applicants will be judged on the basis of academic achievement, leadership ability and church-manship.

Further information and application forms may be obtained by writing dean of students Dr. Peyton Thurman at the seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville.

Baptists Draw Bead On 1964 Birthday

NASHVILLE (BP)—Baptists across North America have drawn a bead on the same target—the year 1964.

That year, the climaxing one for the Baptist Jubilee Advance, will bring thousands of representatives from seven separate Baptist groups into a three-day celebration in Atlantic City, N. J.

Developments on the 1964 sesquicentennial were outlined to Baptist leaders here by W. C. Fields, public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance marks 150 years of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America. In the year 1814, North American Baptists founded a convention to promote foreign missions.

Fields told the 350 Baptist state executive secretaries, their associates in special field work and staff members of the sponsoring SBC Sunday School Board the celebration will occur in May, 1964.

The joint Atlantic City meetings will start on Friday night and run through Sunday afternoon, he said. Each church will be urged to send its pastor and at least one layman to Atlantic City.

During 1963, several things will be released to help commemorate the 150th birthday. These include films, books, a statement on Baptist ideals (not to be confused with the statement on Baptist Faith and Message within only the SBC), and other material.

The theme of the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention—"To Make Men Free"—will reflect the six-year theme of the Baptist Jubilee Advance which is "For Liberty and Light," Fields added.

Landes To Head Hardin-Simmons University

WICHITA FALLS, TEX.—James H. Landes, immediate past President of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has accepted the Presidency of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, effective March 1.

He will succeed Evan Allard Reiff who died in March, 1962.

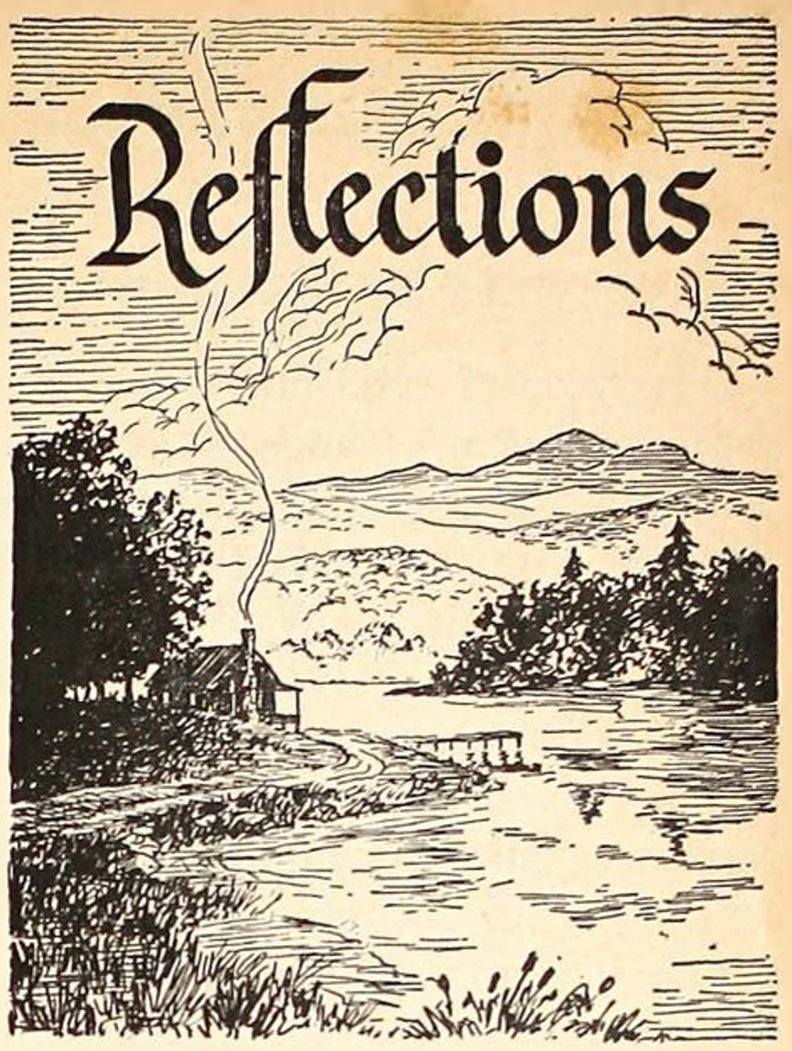
Landes has been pastor of the 6,400-member First Church here for the past 17½ years and previously was pastor of Baptist Congregations in Bryan, Texas and Eagle Lake, Tex.

He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Landes served two terms as President of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and is former chairman of both the Texas Baptist Executive Board and the Texas Baptist Education Commission.

State Executive Secretaries met in Atlanta, Ga. with Home Mission leaders to explore ways to make more effective cooperative efforts to "Share Christ in our Land."

1st row; left to right, Thomas Bert Lackey, Okla., C. E. Autrey, Director of Evangelism (HMB), Courts Redford, Executive Secretary (HMB), G. F. Garrison, Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer (HMB), A. Rutledge, Director of Missions Division (HMB), W. Fred Kendall, Tenn.; 2nd row: Fred B. Moseley, Oreg.-Wash., Robert L. Lee, La., Grady C. Cothen, Calif., Noel M. Taylor, Ill., E. Harmon Moore, Ind.; 3rd row: Searcy Garrison, Ga., Roy D. Gresham, Md., L. A. Watson, Alas., Stanton H. Nash, Hawaii; 4th row: Glen Braswell, Colo., Harry P. Stagg, N. Mex., Charles L. McKay, Ariz., Horace G. Hammett, S. C., Harold G. Sanders, Ky., A. Hamilton Reed, Ala.; 5th row: S. A. Whitlow, Ark., John Maguire, Fla., Fred D. Hubbs, Mich., M. Chandler Stith, D. C., Ray E. Roberts, Ohio, Chester L. Quarles, Miss. (Douglas Branch, N. C. present but not pictured.)



Enthusiasm without knowledge is like haste to a man in the dark.—*Defender.*

There is an old Jewish legend about the origin of praise. After God created mankind, says the legend, He asked the angels what they thought of the world He had made. "Only one thing is lacking," they said. "It is the sound of praise to the Creator." So, the story continues, "God created music, the voice of birds, the whispering wind, the murmuring ocean, and planted melody in the hearts of man."—*Builder.*

At the time of the Communist taking over in China two young comrades were seen coming out of their hiding place in the mountains carrying between them a hand press which they set up in the carket place with a silken banner above it saying, "By this we conquer." Such an incident illustrates the truism that the "pen is mightier than the sword."—Rev. George S. Constance, "Turn the Tide with Litearture," *Alliance Witness.*

"My mother once sent me to pick a quart of raspberries," reminisced a well-known citizen recently as he let his thoughts stroll back to the days of his boyhood in the country. "I did not want to pick a quart of raspberries, and I wanted to do anything but that. I trudged unwillingly toward the berry patch.

"Then a happy thought came to me: I would pick two quarts of raspberries, and surprise the family! That changed everything. I had such a good time picking those two quarts that I never have forgotten it. I redeemed an undesirable situation by changing an inner attitude."—*Minot Messenger.*

The world today is too dangerous for anything but the truth and too small for anything but brotherhood.—Bishop John Wesley Lord, *Cincinnati Enquirer.*

EDITORIALS

It's Time Now!

This year of 1963 must be a climactic point in our Baptist Jubilee Advance. Begun in 1959, the Advance is a Baptist cooperative movement shared in over a six year period by seven bodies in the United States and Canada. It proposes to worthily celebrate in 1964 the anniversary of 150 years of Baptist work in North America on a national level.

The Advance's movement has focused on Baptists' common goals of winning the lost at home and overseas. It leaves entirely to each one of the seven participating Baptist bodies or conventions the responsibility for achieving these goals within the framework of its own organiaztion. Evangelism was the emphasis in 1959, Teaching and Training in 1960, Stewardship in 1961, Church Extension, 1962. Now we have entered upon 1963 with the great mission purpose of sharing Christ with the whole world.

From the beginning our Baptist Jubilee program has been a missionary movement. All that has come before, all that we now have and are, our lives, our time, our talent, our places of worship, our soul-winning efforts—all are for the one objective of meeting the needs of a lost world. These vast, urgent needs can only be met through the Gospel of Christ in faithful witness by God's people through the power of the Holy Spirit.

World Missions Year focuses special attention on what the churches should do beyond their own local communities. It emphasizes the necessity of sharing the Good News of the redeeming love of God in Christ with the last man in the farthest place of all the earth. Every church and every one of its members has responsibility in accomplishing this challenging objective. World Missions Year calls for nothing less than complete commitment to Christ.

It's time now to show that we care. If a new spirit of unselfish devotion possesses every Baptist in North America during 1963, we can go to Atlantic City next year in a joyous celebration of our Baptist Third Jubilee knowing that God's people have made a mighty advance for the cause of Christ this year.

WITHIN THE CIRCLE OF THE YEAR AHEAD

Roadblocks In The Way

What is the greatest hindrance to the advance of Christianity? This question was put recently to 25 leading religious scholars by the news department of "Christianity Today". What, in your opinion, is the chief obstacle to Christian advance in our time? Lack of loyalty to God, unwillingness to share the light he imparts, the halfheartedness of committment, desire for a cheap security, above self-forgetful service, ignorance of the Scriptures, preoccupation with the world on its own terms, trust in things rather than in the living God, selfish interests, pride and rebellion—these were among things enumerated by prominent religious scholars around the world.

Some have felt the gospel of forgiveness is not really attacked by the world, it's simply dismissed as irrelevant. Some asserted the truth of Scripture is tested by foreign criteria and is reduced to symbolism, myth or saga with no Christian message left. Others charged within our churches is a type of Christianity which is respectable, socially minded, conventional, and thoroughly insipid. The reluctance to advance, to leave the comfortable security of the familiar and traditional for the insecurity of the revolutionary and unknown was

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Dehoney's Program For Reversing Trend

NASHVILLE—Wayne Dehoney, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., recently offered a two-point program for reversing the trend that has brought Southern Baptist growth to its lowest point in twenty years:

1. We must get back to a denominational strategy and program that eliminates fragmentation and competition. We must give priority to the "people-reaching program" of the Sunday School.

2. The Sunday School organization itself must get down to the business of reaching more people as its primary objective and function.

Dehoney, chairman of the public relations committee of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke at the annual meeting of state Sunday school secretaries held here Dec. 10-14.

Because Southern Baptists have blunted the cutting edge of their witness and rejected tested methods for reaching people, there is mounting evidence of stagnation and decline in the life of the denomination, Dehoney declared.

For fifteen years, he said, Southern Baptists were known as the "miracle denomination of Christendom" because of their unparalleled growth. Yet in the past five years, he stated, this advance has slowly ground to a halt.

"I believe we are in the process of repudiating at the 'top level' those methods for reaching people that we have discovered and successfully developed through experience at the local church level," he said. "From the top administrative levels of the denomination we are now handing down calendars and emphases to the churches that fragment and break up this working pattern that has been so effective."

Declaring that the denominational calendar "is an abomination to the average pastor," Dehoney said that the calendar has nothing to tie it together and is drawn up by agency heads who are ignoring the needs of local churches.

The Jackson pastor compared the local church to a pyramid with the Sunday School as the base of the pyramid because it has "the largest participating function."

"When we went all out for a 'Million More In '54' in Sunday School enrolment," he pointed out, "We found a corresponding upsurge in baptisms, church membership, Training Union growth, and finances. Thus the pattern for growth was simplified. If you want a bigger church, broaden the base, the Sunday School."

Speaking to state Sunday School secretaries, associates, and other denominational workers, Dehoney said that Southern Baptists are going back to a "fragmented concept" with many competing emphases in the local church. This, he warned, is breaking up the unified pattern that has worked with unprecedented success for many years.

"The cutting edge of our witness always has been a compulsive passion for reaching people," the pastor continued. "This compulsive mission of outreach has been like the edge of a sword, the foremost point of advance. But as we have become institutionalized, ecclesiasticized, professionalized, and specialized, with the biggest churches and the biggest programs and the biggest budgets, in the biggest denomination, we have lost this compulsive drive to reach more people."

BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs

The Nature Of The Church

The word "church" is never used in the New Testament to refer to a building or a denomination. It is used only to refer to all of the redeemed of all ages, and to a local body of baptized believers. The majority of its references are to the local church (109 times out of 115 in N. T.).

The church is a divine institution. It is built by Christ and upon Christ (Matt. 16: 18; I Cor. 3:11). The New Testament speaks of "churches of God" (I Thess. 2: 14), the "church of God" (Acts 20:28; I Cor. 1:2; I Tim. 3:5), and the "churches of Christ" (Rom. 16:16). It was purchased by divine blood (Acts 20:28; I Cor. 6:19-20). The church *general* is composed of believers only (Acts 2:47). The church *local* is made up of *baptized believers* who are banded together to observe the ordinances, exercise spiritual discipline, and carry out the great commission (Acts 2:41-42; Matt: 28:18-20).

Many figures are used to express the nature of the church. It is "God's husbandry" (plowed field, I Cor. 3:9), God's family (Rom. 8:14-17), the "temple of God" wherein dwells the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 3:16-17), the "pillar [stay] and ground [supported] of the truth" (I Tim. 3:15), a "colony of heaven" (Phil. 3:20, Moffatt), a sounding board of the gospel (I Thess. 1:8), and "candlesticks" or lampstands (Rev. 1:20).

The three major figures of the church are building, body, and bride. The church, then, is "God's building" (I Cor. 3:9; cf. Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:20-22; I Pet. 2:5). This suggests God's indwelling of the church. It is the "temple of God" (I Cor. 3:16). "Temple" is *naos*, or the holy of holies wherein God dwells (cf. Jewish temple holy of holies. Also Heb. 9:24).

The church is the "body" of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; Rom. 12:4-5), with Christ as the Head (Col. 1:18). It is an organism, not an organization. This denotes life and service. I Corinthians 12 pictures Christians as parts of the body of Christ, each with a specific function. The "body" is to grow into the likeness of the "Head" (Eph. 4:11-16).

The church is the Bride of Christ (Rom. 7:4; II Cor. 11:2; cf. John 3:29). This symbolizes love and fruit-bearing. The church is to be subject to Christ as a wife is to her husband (Eph. 5:22-32). This figure pertains especially to the glorified church in heaven (Rev. 19:7-9; 21:2). All of these figures are highly suggestive of spiritual truth.

Men should be careful how they regard the church (I Cor. 3:17, "defile" means "destroy"). For Christ . . . . loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25ff.).

Welcome New Subscribers!

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR is happy to welcome 2,395 new subscribers with this issue of the paper. This is the largest gain for this paper in any one week that we know of. New church budgets of Lockeland and Riverside in Nashville, First in Knoxville, Highland in Tullahoma, Kingston Pike in Loudon Association and Nevil's Creek in Stewart Association helped with this gain. Circulation with this issue nears 71,000.

charged by another as being the chief obstacle to advance. Several said that the half resolution and lack of dedication to the interests of the Kingdom of God was the hindrance.

Softness and selfishness have blunted the impact of Christianity. Only more disciplined Christians who know personal sacrifice can render effective service. Doctrinal soundness is essential but it must be matched by devoted living. What do you think is the main obstacle to the advance of Christ's cause today?

Tennessee Topics

Cedar Grove Church, Kingston, is happy over progress made during the past seven years under the leadership of Pastor James L. Austin. The church has gone from half time to full time preaching, WMU and Brotherhood organizations established as well as Training Union and a graded choir program. There have been 20 Sunday school classes added. a new auditorium built seating 400 and educational units, also a pastor's home. The Forward Program has been used, the budget increased from $3200 to $25,000 and the church has BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in its budget. Property is valued at $110,000. During this time there have been 322 additions by baptism and letter. D. H. Patterson is Clerk. The church is located on Johnston Valley Road.

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Miss Virginia Mathis, missionary on furlough from the Philippines, has moved to Twin City, Ga. (Address: C/o J. F. Mathis) from Nashville, Tenn. She is a native of Boyce, La.

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Mrs. Thomas C. Denmark replaces Mrs. Reece Donaldson as church secretary at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga. Mrs. Donaldson has served the Brainerd Church for the past two years.

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T. E. Mason is much improved and is back in his pulpit of Grace Church, Springfield, after suffering a severe heart attack August 15.

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St. Elmo Avenue Church, Chattanooga, has approved building plans for the erection of a new building at the cost of $189,000 and plans are underway to raise $20,000 during time of construction. The new building will include a sanctuary with seating capacity of 640 and a basement educational unit for two adult departments, kitchen, and dining area for 200. McKnight Fite is pastor.

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Darrell Ray Alsip, minister of music at St. Elmo Church, Chattanooga, and Miss Phoebe Carole Greene were married Dec. 22 at First Church, Lakeview, Ga.

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Don Campbell will begin his work the first week in January as minister of music and education at First Church, Madisonville. He has been serving in a similar position at First Church, Goodlettsville.

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Miss Pauline Martin, missionary to Nigeria, is returning to the states for furlough. A native of Kingsport, Tenn., she may be addressed at 730 Myrtle Street, Kingsport.

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Rev. and Mrs. Albert H. Dyson, Jr., missionaries in the states on furlough, are scheduled to return to Nigeria January 4. They may be addressed at Baptist Teacher Training College, Minna, Nigera, West Africa, where Mr. Dyson will teach. He is a native of Mobeetie, Tex.; she is the former Ruth Widick of Nashville, Tenn.

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Pastor Raye Maddox of Shiloh Church, Kingston, reports that Rev. and Mrs. Tony Gonzalez of Kingsport led in a revival in which there were 13 professions of faith. There were overflow crowds and many decisions among the visitors. Gonzalez is a Carson-Newman College graduate and pastor of State Line Church, Kingsport.

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Stone Association—Vest View Church ordained Harold Hunter to the ministry November 29. He will pastor Poplar Springs Church. Vesper Judd is the new pastor at Poplar Grove.

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Dedication service for new auditorium was held at Sevier Home Church, Knoxville, at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, December 16, with Open House at 3 p.m. The congregation first met February 8, 1956 and was organized into a church, March 25, 1962, with 87 members. The first unit, an educational building with temporary auditorium, was constructed by Sevier Heights Church while Raymond DeArmond was pastor. The auditorium, valued at more than $40,000, was entered in September. Undergirding from Sevier Heights Church has made it possible. D. Perry Ginn is pastor at Sevier Heights and Ted McDaniel is pastor at Sevier Home.

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Charles B. Lankford has resigned the pastorate of Oak Hill Church, Crossville, to become pastor of Northridge Church, Dayton, Ohio, effective January 3. He will reside in the church pastorium located at 2065 Hillsdale Avenue, Dayton 14, Ohio.

Otto Sutton Dies Following Car Crash

SUTTON

MEMPHIS—Otto Sutton, well-known Baptist leader and pastor of Trinity Church here, was killed in a traffic accident in suburban Whitehaven, Tuesday night, December 18.

Sutton, 49, died shortly after he was taken to a hospital with head and internal injuries. He was riding in a small foreign-made car when the accident occurred.

A native of Arkansas, he gave up his engineering studies when he was 22 to become a minister. He had served as pastor of the 1,602-member church since 1950, moving here from New Orleans.

Rev. Willard Ed Chadwick, 70, former pastor of Corinth Church at McDonald, died unexpectedly December 12 at his home in Sabastian, Fla., where he had lived for the past few years. Chadwick, a former resident of Ooltewah, was a former pastor of Blue Springs Church near Cleveland and of other churches in this area. Funeral services were held December 16 at Ooltewah Church.

Rev. Charles P. Jones of Green County, Tennessee, died suddently December at his home following a heart attack. He was ordained to the ministry by Euclid Avenue Church, Knoxville, in 1910. He served the following churches in Knoxville—Immanuel, Lincoln Park, Third Creek, Smithwood, assistant pastor of First Church, Knoxville. He then went to First Church, Greeneville for 10 years, returning to Marble City Church, Knoxville. In 1949 he became pastor of Second Church, Greeneville. Retiring from the active ministry in 1955, he stayed busy; his last preaching engagement was December 1.

Mrs. J. R. Hamlin, wife of Rev, J. R. Hamlin, well-known Baptist minister of Weakley County, died December 8 at her home in Martin. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joyner of Henry County. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Hamlin is survived by three sisters and one brother, all of Henry County. Funeral services were held at Bethlehem Church near Henry December 10 with Leon Penich, Haynes Lankford and J. B. McMillan officiating.

Marvis Allen has joined BSSB Sunday School Department Staff as Assistant Editor of Intermediate Lesson Courses. She came from the Union City First Church where she served as Director of Education and Youth.

Shown in front of the new educational building of Wilhite Church in Stone Association are from L: Oscar Davis, missionary; J. A. Minnear, chairman, building committee and Guy D. Farris, pastor. The new annex cost approximately $8,500.

C-N Plans Addition To Burnette Hall

JEFFERSON CITY — Carson-Newman College Board of Trustees authorized the construction of an addition to Burnette Hall that will eventually provide living quarters for 224 women.

Re-elected as officers were John Wallace of Morristown, Chairman, Ben Carson, Kingsport, Vice-Chairman, and Ben Catlett of Jefferson City, Secretary.

For the past four years, Carson-Newman's student population has been pegged at 1300 students due to a lack of dormitory space. Last year they turned away more students than were accepted for the 1962 freshman class.

President D. Harley Fite said that the construction contract would call for the completion of one wing of the Burnette addition before the 1963 Fall term begins.

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Don Hilton of Nashville has recently begun his work as minister of music and education at Lockeland Church, Nashville. A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary, he is a native of Aurora, Mo. Mrs. Hilton is the former Susie Sprague. Her father is a former minister of education at McLean Church, Memphis. Hilton is a member of the Boardman Chorale.

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J. Audrey Minor will begin his work as pastor of Calvary Church, Shelbyville, January 15. He goes to Shelbyville from First Church, Alexandria.

Church Librarians To Organize

Organization of the Tennessee Baptist Library Association will be effected at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, January 17-19.

The new organization will bring into closer relationship librarians in different churches over the state for a more effective library ministry. The organization meeting will be combined workshops and a library clinic according to James F. Tisdel of Battle Creek Church, Springfield. Tisdel, who has been a proponent of library work, states that Wayne E. Todd, secretary of Church Library Department, BSSB, Nashville, will bring the keynote address "Doorways to Service." Executive Secretary W. Fred Kendall, TBC, Nashville, will address the group on "Doorways to Denominational Cooperation."

Others on the program include Ralph McIntyre, host pastor, Jack McEwen, pastor of Northside Church Chattanooga.

The clinic will be taught by trained library workers. Conference periods will include how to begin a library, cataloging, and classification. Also included is an emphasis on audio-visuals and promotion of the library. All pastors, educational directors, librarians and other interested persons are urged to attend.

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Hundreds of Carson-Newman students escaped serious injury when a balcony section of First Church, Jefferson City, collapsed during the last chapel program before Christmas. Nine of the 1,300 students present for the occasion were injured but none seriously. The balcony of the new $520,000 church sagged slowly coming to rest on three pews below. President Harley Fite said the students showed great presence of mind and avoided panic. Cause of the collapse had not been determined at the time of this report. Relieved that no one was seriously injured a few of the students were able to joke a little about the mishap later on. One student said, "This is one time the choir really brought the house down."

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Bartlett Church, Bartlett, ordained Steele Burge, J. A. Caldwell, Melvin House and J. H. Montgomery as deacons.

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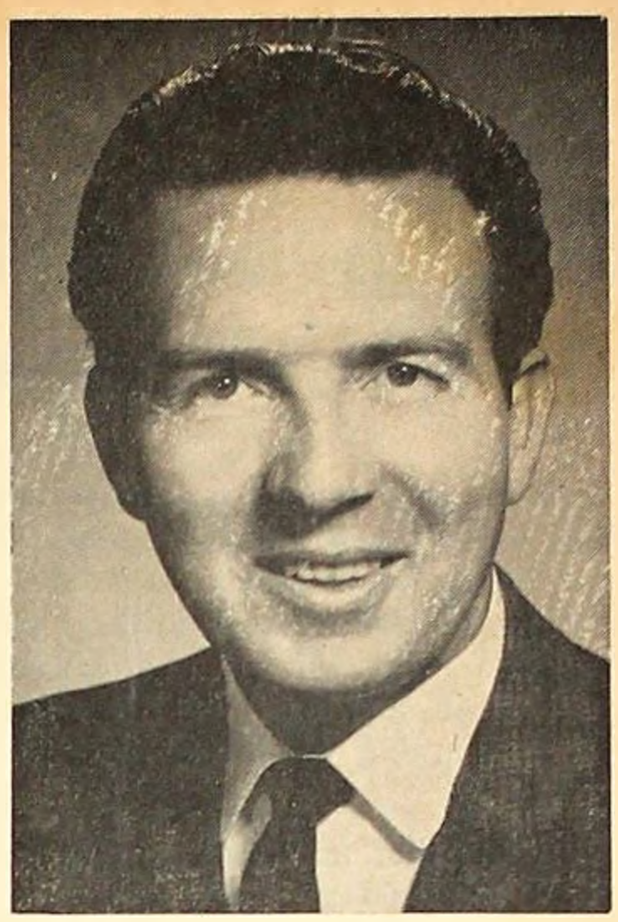

MEMPHIS—Jarry Autrey, pastor of Cherokee Church here the past 6 years becomes pastor of Woodridge Church, Houston, Texas, January 6. During his ministry Cherokee welcomed almost 3 000 members, over 1,000 by baptism, five missions were established and two new educational units constructed.

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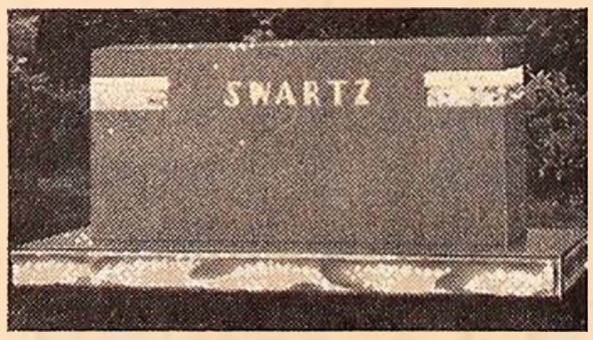

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Baptist World Alliance Sunday

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Some are wondering if God is sufficient for this space age. Even some Christians seem near panic in the face of attacks by godless men. Many long for a quieter and less complex age.

Fear has reached new heights in this day of atomic power and swift transportation. War is a constant threat to the world. There is tension between the races. Basic freedoms are denied to multitudes of people. Hunger, nakedness, disease, and accidents take their fearful toll among a rapidly growing world population. Scientific discoveries and technological advances have enabled man to probe into space, but the machines he has made threaten to undo him.

The remedy for our fears is faith in God and a new vision of his glory. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1). Christian faith is not rooted in the circumstances of the day, but in God's eternal redemptive purpose. The gospel is not the product of our own efforts, but is based on the love of God. The grace of Christ is not a reward for our good works, it is the gift of God. The power to overcome evil does not spring from our own ingenuity but from the Holy Spirit.

God has matched us with this hour. Instead of complaining that the age is out of joint let us thank God that he entrusted us with living in this day. Let us reaffirm our faith in the God of glory from whose love nothing can separate us. He expects us to be more than conquerors, not merely survivors (Romans 8:31-39).

How can the glory of God become evident? By Christ dwelling in us. This mystery is not easily grasped, but grasp it we must. If the world is to see evidence of the power of God, it must be revealed in the character of Christians transformed by the indwelling Christ (Colossians 1:27). This is the essence of the fellowship of the church, the body of Christ.

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world," Jesus said (John 16:33).

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Baptist Churches Grow Despite USSR Attacks

MOSCOW (RNS) — A large crowd gathered at Kolodno, a town in the Smolensk area, some time ago to demand the closing of a thriving Baptist church. A meeting of authorities was planned, newspaper accounts reported at that time, but there has been no subsequent report of action taken.

Observers here believe that the crowd and the authorities were forced to back down. In some areas of the Communist and atheist U.S.S.R., Baptists are strong enough, with sufficient followers, to practice their religion with some confidence they will survive as a congregation.

According to information here, data which is more or less confirmed by the volume of press attacks, the regions reporting considerable Baptist influence in Russia are the Ukraine, Siberia and Kasachstan.

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35 Appointed By Foreign Board

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 35 missionaries at its December meeting, bringing its active missionary staff to 1,648. The largest group appointed at one time since 1950, they give the Board a total of 129 appointments for 1962.

Among the group are one MK (missionary kid), four PK's (preachers' kids), and Billy Graham (Rev. J. Billy Graham, now a pastor in Adairsville, Ga.). The 35 appointees have 45 children.

The new missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are Nobel D. Brown, Ky., appointed for Nigeria; James E. Foster, Fla., and Sylvia Crawford Foster, Okla., for Africa; Billy R. Frazier and Annita Sibley Frazier, both of Tex., for South Brazil; Vera Gardner, Kan., for Thailand; Earl G. Goatcher, Ark., and Joann Horton Goatcher, Tex., for Thailand; J. Billy Graham and Anne White Graham, both of Tenn., for the Orient; Victor A. Greene, Tenn., and Mariella Miller Greene, S. C., for the Philippines.

Also, Richard R. Greenwood, Mo., and Lahoma Mason Greenwood, Tex., for Guatemala; C. Turner Hopkins and Carlene Densford Hopkins, both of Tenn., for Nigeria; James F. Kirkendall, Mo., and Elizabeth Pittman Kirkendall, Okla., for Lebanon; Thomas L. Law, Jr., and Betty Freeman Law, both of Tex., for Spain; Michael J. Ledbetter and Ethel Trivette Ledbetter, both of N. C., for Guatemala; Julian R. LeRoy, S. C., and Jeanelle Davis LeRoy, Ga., for South Brazil.

Also, B. Layton Lynch, Ark., and Margie Lackey Lynch, Okla., for Taiwan (Formosa); Hoyt M. Roberts, N. C., and Louise Poole Roberts, Ga., for Honduras; Stanley D. Stamps, Miss., and Glenna Morgan Stamps, Tex., for Ecuador; Ann Swenson, Argentina, for the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex.; Jack E. Taylor and Mimie Anderson Taylor, both of Tex., for Mexico; and David H. Whitson, Ala., and Betty Ann Clark Whitson, Tex., for East Africa.

All of the men are ordained ministers, except Mr. Hopkins. A certified public accountant, he will meet a need for such a specialist in Nigeria. He and Mrs. Hopkins, both native Tennesseans, are now studying at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Most of the new missionaries have already participated in mission work—overseas or in the States—and in testimonies before the Board they said these experiences helped lead them to lifetime mission commitment. Othr recurring themes as the 35 spoke were experiences in military service, the influence of Christian parents, and the effect on their lives of missionaries they have known.

Several of the men said their mission interest was stimulated during military service overseas. Mr. Graham said, "The vast multitudes of lost Japanese people kept me aware that many laborers are needed to bear witness to the saving grace of Jesus Christ." Experiences in Korea and Japan also renewed the call to missions Mr. Roberts had felt when he was a child. He is now pastor of Cherokee Hills Church, Morristown, Tenn.

Echoing the feelings of the others, she added, "How perfectly our God plans for us!"

Board Adds 140 To Mission Staff

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 35 missionaries and employed two missionary associates at its December meeting, bringing its total additions for the year to 140 and its overseas staff to 1,648.

"Missionaries Deserve Equipment," Says Cauthen

In his report, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, reviewed the Board's capital expenditures for publication and medical work overseas, continuing the study on uses of capital funds he began in October and November with discussions of missionary residences, churches, and schools.

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These 35 missionaries were appointed at the December meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Left to right: (front row) Rev. Nobel D. Brown, Rev. and Mrs. James E. Foster, Rev. and Mrs. Billy R. Frazier; (second row) Miss Vera Gardner, Rev. and Mrs. Earl G. Goatcher, Rev. and Mrs. J. Billy Graham; (third row) Rev. and Mrs. Victor A. Greene, Rev. and Mrs. Richard R. Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. Turner Hopkins; (fourth row) Rev. and Mrs. James F. Kirkendall; Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Law, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Michael J. Ledbetter; (fifth row) Rev. and Mrs. Julian R. LeRoy, Rev. and Mrs. B. Layton Lynch, Rev. and Mrs. Hoyt M. Roberts; (sixth row) Rev. and Mrs. Stanley D. Stamps, Miss Ann Swenson, Rev. and Mrs. Jack E. Taylor and Rev. and Mrs. David H. Whitson.

"Whatever expenditures may be made in money shrink into their proper size when measured in terms of human life," he said. "The missionaries who go to carry their talents, training, skills, dedication, children, and their own lives into these areas of need present something that no amount of money could buy and no estimate could properly cover. If we could double, triple, or quadruple the funds being used for capital purposes it would be highly appropriate, because these missionaries deserve equipment with which to work and surroundings that make for effective life and maximum service."

He said capital expenditures for the approximately 20 publication programs related to the Board's work overseas are expected to exceed $175,000 this year and those for the 18 hospitals and more than 50 clinics to exceed $475,000 (four other hospitals are being constructed or planned). Over the next five years, the publication expenditures are expected to average around $200,000 and the medical expenditures are expected to gradually increase to about $585,000.

"If more funds are made available to the Foreign Mission Board through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, it will be possible to meet more of the needs being confronted in both these areas of work," Dr. Cauthen said.

He noted that last year the publishing enterprises produced a total of 18,455,494 pieces of literature, including Bibles and 742 titles of periodicals, books, and tracts. The medical programs ministered to 32,241 inpatients and 267,583 outpatients.

Means Reports 199 Personnel Needs

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, expressed gratitude for the large number of appointees in December—15 of them for his area—but added that 199 additional missionaries are needed for Latin America alone during 1963. These requests are for agricultural missionaries, an architect, two pilot-mechanics, a business manager, three couples for English-speaking work (other than that in the English-speaking areas of the Caribbean), 60 couples for field evangelism, one couple for literature promotion, one couple for radio-television, six couples for religious education, two couples and four single women for school work, seven couples for theological institutions, a dietitian, four doctors, nine nurses, three good will center workers, and four single women to work in treasurers' offices.

"The city of Caracas, Venezuela, a sprawling metropolis of more than a million people, will be left without a missionary when the couple now there come on furlough next year," Dr. Means said.

"Only a token force has been sent to the Caribbean. Only one couple is resident in each of the island countries of the Dominican Republic, Trinidad, and British Guiana. A second couple has been appointed for the Dominican Republic. Our first two missionaries destined to serve in the French West Indies are presently studying French in Paris. It will be important for additional couples to be appointed very soon for each of these places."

First Missionaries Arrive in Uganda

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, reported that Dr. and Mrs. Hal B. Boone have arrived in Jinja, Uganda, to begin Southern Baptist mission work in that newly independent nation. They have rented a house, and Dr. Boone will soon start operating a mobile medical unit—using a long-based Land Rover, a British version of the jeep—between various towns and villages in the Busoga district.

Rev. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll and Dr. and Mrs. Lorne E. Brown, missionaries now in the States on furlough, are expected to join the Boones in Uganda next year.

Dr. Goerner also reported that political tension continues to be in evidence in various parts of Africa. In addition, some missionaries are beginning to face the problems of runaway inflation. "It may well be that the price of maintaining missionaries overseas is due for a rise in many parts of the world within the coming year," he said.

Philippines Most Responsive Mission Field, Says Crawley

"It is my estimate that we are finding at present more responsiveness in the Philippines than even in Taiwan, which has been for a decade the most responsive of all our mission fields," Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, told the Board in his report, which deals with the development in the Philippines during the past eight years and with plans for the future.

Southern Baptist missionaries and the Philippine Baptists with whom they work are presently centering their plans on a major simultaneous evangelistic crusade to be held in early April as a follow-up to the scheduled visit of Evangelist Billy Graham to the islands. Meetings are being planned for 40 places on Mindanao and 40 on Luzon.

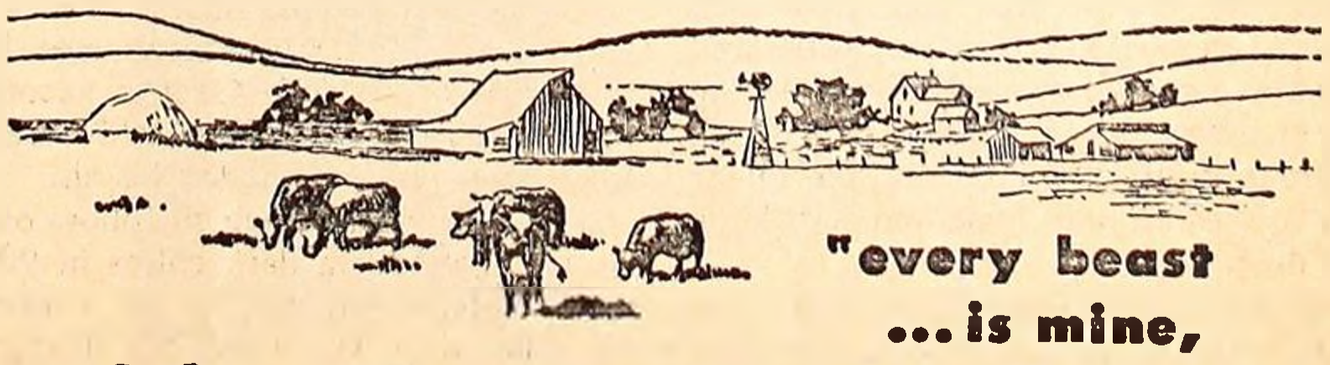
On Getting Ahead

by Miriam Cadman

As you face a year of new or renewed activity, how do you feel about getting ahead? Whether it be in scholastic activity, community affairs, church circles, or business and professional positions, look with honesty at your basic motive. Is getting ahead the motivating force in your life? The world has little time for the man or woman who is not motivated by this drive to excel, to succeed, to be out front. A recent issue of *Life* is devoted to "One Hundred of the Most Important Young Men and Women in the United States." It calls these impatient young people who have achieved success the "Take Over Generation." Since this worldly philosophy of success and achievement sounds so attractive, what principles are there laid down in Scripture by which we should be governed?

Hear Christ's words to His disciples when they, in all sincerity, longed to be first in the Kingdom of God. "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all" (Mark 9:35). ". . . he that is least among you all, the same shall be great" (Luke 9:48). Hear the words of the Psalmist, "Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck. For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another" (75:5-7).

The place that is His choice for you this year, "according to the good pleasure of his will," is right for you. It may be a high place, with much authority and great responsibility. He will give the wisdom, the tact, the foresight, the humility of heart as He gave it to Joseph when Pharaoh exalted him to a key position. It may be a low place with narrow ways and many insignificant tasks. He will give His peace, His joy, His love, as He gave it to Joseph during those long years in prison. The man of God is equipped to walk with kings or to serve in prison. Only be sure that it is a matter of God's appointment and you need never be tempted to pull strings, polish the apple, or give the brush-off to those who are unimportant, or artificially put your best foot forward. Be not concerned about getting ahead. God "putteth down one, and setteth up another." Promotion comes from the throne of God. It will come to you when He knows it is right for you.—*The Sunday School Times*



By David L. Mueller

The Doctrine Of Man

Men in all times and all places have been concerned to know the meaning and purpose of their existence. Philosophies, religions and ideologies have set forth their interpretations of the nature of man from antiquity to the present. Some have sought to interpret man in terms of his close relationship to the lower forms of animal life. Others have taught that man's rationality and sociability are the key to his uniqueness. Today, certain scientific views of man dominate discussion concerning man's nature. Thus man is viewed biologically, or in terms of his physical or chemical make-up, or in terms of his phychological make-up. Still others see man as a political animal who exists to further the ends and goals of the state. This is the view of the Communists.

What is the Christian to say concerning these interpretations of man? He may see some truth about the nature of man in many different anthropologies, but none of these is the final answer concerning the nature of man. These scientific and philosophical views of man often tell us something true about human existence, but they do not tell us the whole truth. Some are more true than others, but if we wish to know the real reason and purpose of our existence, we must turn to Holy Scripture. As Baptists, we have always affirmed that the final guide for our faith and action is the witness of the Word of God. What is the picture of man which we find there?

Man Created in the Image of God

Both the Old and New Testaments confess their faith that God is the Creator of the entire universe. In Genesis 1:1 we read: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." In John 1:3 we read that all things were created through the Word of God, "and without him was not anything made that was made." The whole universe is created by God and is good. However, the climax of the creation narratives in Genesis is not to be found in the account of the creation through the power of God. In Genesis 1:26-27 are the words: "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

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What does it mean that man was created in the image of God? The Bible gives us no exact definition of this term. It is clear that man is related to other creatures in that he too has a physical and material body. He is formed of the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7). But he is unique and unlike all other creatures in that he is created in the image of God. The Psalmist gives expression to man's special place in creation in saying: "Thou hast made him but little lower than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet" (Psalms 8:5-6). Perhaps we can sum up the special dignity of man created in the image of God in saying that he alone is singled out for a life of fellowship and communion with God. Man is created by God in order to live for God and unto God. Man is created good in body and soul and reflects in his nature something of the glory of his Creator. Thus the answer to the question concerning the meaning of our existence is answered in the Bible's affirmation that we are created by God to live under his leadership and lordship.

The Fall and Sin of Man

The narrative of Genesis 2 pictures how man and his helpmeet given him by God were intended to live a life of fellowship with God and with one another in God's creation. The only requirement is that they should be obedient to God's will and command. "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die!" (Genesis 2:16-17). Thus in order for man to fulfill the will of God, he had to be obedient to his Creator. But the story of man is one of dissatisfaction with the place which God has given him, and he disobeys God. Man wants to "be like God": he is not satisfied with the state in which he was created. Thus man succumbs to temptation. He sins. And in sinning, he destroys the good fellowship which God intended between him and his creature. His rebellion against God makes him a sinner and brings God's punishment upon him for his disobedience. The Genesis account pictures man being driven out of the Garden of Eden as a punishment for his sin.

The consequences which follow on man's sin are pictured in dark colors in the scriptures. Man's sin results in a breach in his fellowship with God, the disruption of his relationship to his neighbors, and the destruction of the life of peace and harmony which God intended for man. The Bible pictures man's being and nature as tainted and corrupted through his sin. His nature is depraved, and he transgresses God's Law at every turn. Paul regarded the sinful nature of Adam to have been passed on to all of his successors in the human family. ". . . sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin" (Romans 5:12). Though most interpreters today hold that the story of Adam is intended to be the story of every man's experience, the end result is nevertheless the same. All men are under the "power of sin" (Romans 3:9). No man as sinner is truly the image of God which God intended him to be. Man's life as a sinner is characterized by unrighteousness and evil acts which flow from an evil disposition and nature. Thus instead of finding freedom through disobeying God, man finds himself to be a prisoner of the power of sin and a child of wrath (Ephesians 2:3).

The only bright note in the story of man as sinner is the continuing love of God toward him. Though all of us are like the prodigal son who fled the father's house for the freedom of the far country, we also know that God's love continues to seek and to save those who are lost. The joyous note in the story of man is that God desires to redeem his fallen creature. Through Jesus Christ, who is the true "image of the invisible God," we are destined to be redeemed (Colossians 1:15). "Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven" (I Corinthians 15:49). Through faith in Jesus Christ, we once more may reflect the glory of God. Once again it is possible to speak of man in the image of God. Though our lives reflect the glory of God only dimly and imperfectly, it is God's will that we be "changed into his likeness from one degree to another" (II Corinthians 3:18). In being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ, we fulfill the destiny which God intended for us as his creatures from before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:3).

Reject Gift Dependent On Merger

CARDIFF, WALES (RNS)—The Baptist Union of Wales has recommended to its member churches that they decline a $700,000 gift offered by a Welsh-born philanthropist on the condition that the Baptists and three other non-Anglican denominations unite.

In urging rejection of the offer, however, the Baptist Union's Council said: "This does not mean we are not concerned with the union of the Free Churches."

The Council noted that Baptists have always cooperated "to the fullest extent" with the other denominations—Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist—"and we share with them the desire to press toward a fellowship deeper than cooperation."

300 Memphis Girls To Act In Pageant

MEMPHIS (BP)—Home and foreign missionaries will join denominational leaders as program guests for the first nationwide Girls' Auxiliary Convention to be held here next June 18-20.

Program plans have been announced by Miss Betty Brewer, Birmingham, director of the girls' group for Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Feature for the opening session, Tuesday night, will be a pageant, "A G. A. Remembers." Over 300 girls from the Memphis area will participate in this dramatic portrayal of girls' experiences in Girls' Auxiliary.

Wednesday morning, Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary, and Elmer S. West, secretary of personnel department of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, will conduct a commissioning service for new foreign mission appointees.

A special feature on Wednesday afternoon will be appearances of Mrs. Dottson L. Mills, missionary to Argentina with her daughters, Becky and Nancy, and Mrs. Lonnie Iglesias, missionary to San Blas Islands of Panama and her daughter, Marvelita. Marvelita, a native of the San Blas Islands, is the adopted daughter of the Iglesias'.

Wednesday evening, girls from each state represented will participate in a "Roll Call of States." Mrs. Willie Johnson, missionary in Alaska, and Miss Itsuko Saito, Honolulu, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union of Hawaii, will be speakers at the evening meeting.

Thursday morning, Courts Redford, Atlanta,executive secretary of SBC Home Mission Board, will introduce home missionaries in a feature "Spotlighting: Missions U. S. A." M. Wendell Belew, secretary of department of associational missions of the board, will bring the closing message, "My Life to Give."

At each session the young delegates will have opportunity to meet missionaries from around the world during a feature conducted by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., president of the Union.

Other foreign missionaries invited to attend: Mrs. Harold Cummins, East Pakistan; Mrs. E. J. Tharpe, Hong Kong; Miss Ruby Wheat, Korea; Mrs. Charles Whitten, Spain; Miss Minnie Lou Lanier, Brazil; Mrs. Hoyt Eudaly and Miss Roberta Ryan, Spanish Baptist Publishing House, El Paso; Miss Darline Elliott, Colombia; and Misses Carol Leigh Humphries, Mary Evelyn Fredenburg and Antonina Canzoneri, Nigeria.

Home missionaries attending will be Mrs. Willie Johnson, Alaska; Mrs. Richard Mefford, Mississippi; Miss Amelia Rappold, Louisiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Belvin, Oklahoma.

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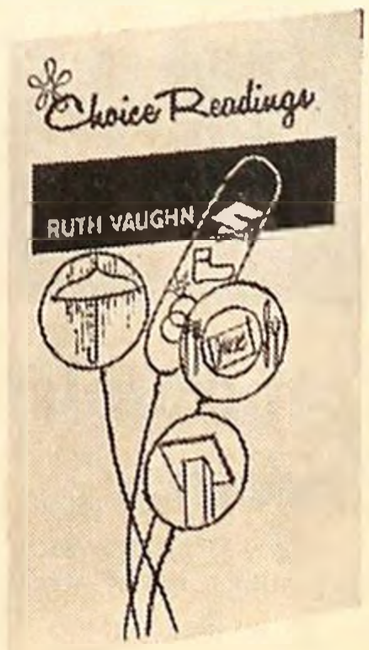

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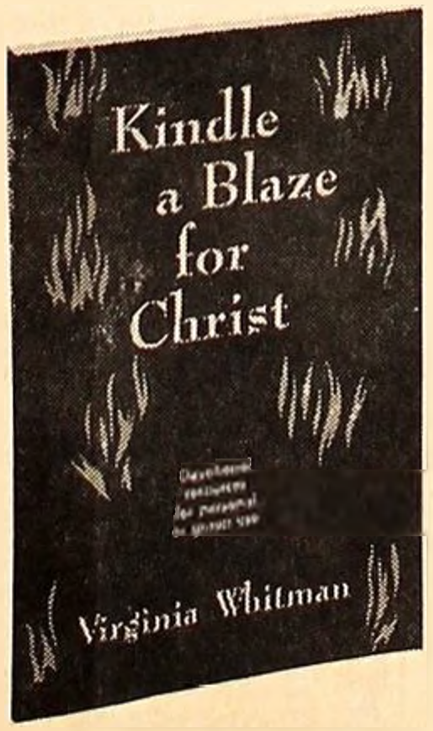

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By Oscar Lee Rives

Jesus Prepares For His Ministry

TEXTS: Mark 1:1-13 (Larger and Printed).

Beginning with this Sunday and running through Easter Sunday, the lessons will be based upon the Gospel according to Mark. It has been called the "Gospel of Action". It should, then, be a fitting study for all of those who like a record of deeds done with promptness and precision. One of the words that occur with frequency is "immediately". Scholars are fairly agreed that much of the original materials came from Simon Peter and that they were written by Mark who was the nephew of Barnabas. He was the one who turned back on one of the missionary journeys and was therefore rejected by Paul when time came to go on another one. Later, however, he seems to have made good for Paul requested his presence while he languished in prison at Rome (see 2 Timothy 4:11). His tendency to fear is glimpsed in his own account (Mk. 14:51, 52) of the arrest of Jesus in or near the Garden of Gethsemane where he refers to himself as "a certain young man". But his deep-seated loyalty, along with other factors, qualified him to give to the world this fascinating account of our Lord's life among men. His preparation for His ministry can be seen under the following captions.

Foretold By Prophets (vv. 1-3)

Both Old Testament prophets, Isaiah and Malachi, are quoted in these verses. The first is taken from chapter forty and verse three, while the second is taken from chapter three and verse one. It should be remembered, however, that yet others of the prophets foretold of Christ's coming. But Mark definitely links the earthly ministry of Jesus, as mentioned in these three verses, with Old Testament prophecy. This, he indicates, was the "beginning" of his Gospel. One cannot understand or appreciate Jesus' ministry, even the preparation for the same, without taking into account such a background. He chooses from perhaps the greatest, Isaiah; and the last in the book, Malachi. Thus Mark, in a sense, regards Jesus as being in the long line of the prophets who came to reveal God to men.

Introduced By John (vv. 4-8)

John the Baptist became the forerunner of Jesus. In so doing, he also was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. An examination of his preaching shows that he sought evidence upon the part of those who asked for baptism at his hands that they had genuinely repented of their sins (see Mt. 3:6-8). This passage aids in understanding the expression here, "for the remission of sins". It is apparent that they were baptized because a changed life upon their part was offered. It is also apparent that baptism was accompanied by, if not even a part of, the act of "confessing their sins". John the Baptist was engaged in gathering a group of followers who would later leave him and turn to follow Jesus (see Jn. 1:35-37). This, too, would prove to be excellent preparation for introducing Jesus to the world. Each Christian can, in a measure, follow John at this point.

Endorsed By God (vv. 9-11)

This is the first of three times when God spoke from heaven to approve or endorse Jesus Christ before men. Another instance was on the Mount of Transfiguration. Yet another was when some Greeks came seeking Jesus during Passion Week (see Jn. 12:22-33). In all three instances it will be observed that Jesus' death becomes either directly or indirectly the focus of attention. And this is, in itself, of great significance. Let it never be forgotten that His death, and subsequent resurrection and ascension, constituted the crown of His ministry. He came in order to die. His teachings were matchless. His acts of mercy and healing were priceless. But He was supremely the Lamb of God.

Tempted By Satan (vv. 12, 13)

Two other Gospels (Mt. 4:1ff and Lu. 4:1ff) give in detail what Mark gives in abbreviated form with regard to Jesus' temptation by Satan. The Devil tempted Him through His appetite but without success. Again he tempted Him through His desire to possess power over men and again without success. Once more the temptation was for Him to ally Himself with the evil forces among men and thus avoid the Cross and once more Satan was defeated. The Victorious Christ, triumphant over every form of temptation, was ministered to by angels. But the battle was not over.

ON MATTERS OF

Family Living

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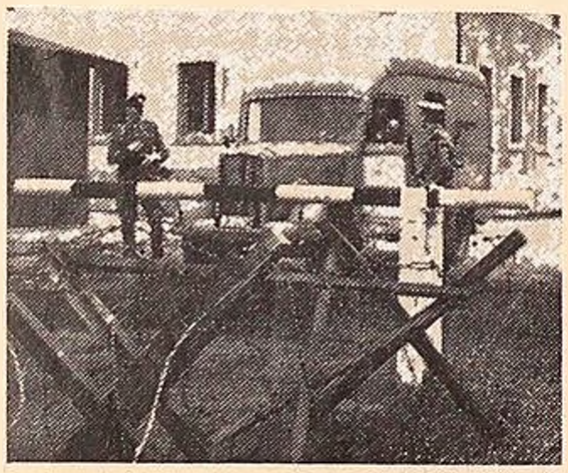
Smoking: If parents don't Children won't

If you don't want your children to smoke, give up smoking yourself, urges the American Cancer Society. This unpopular counsel is based on the findings of a study of high school smokers that revealed that the most important single influence in determining whether a youngster smokes is "whether or not his parents smoke."

"What is most revealing is that if one or both parents have given up smoking, the rate of youngsters' smoking drops down to about the same level as among children whose parents have never smoked," observes Cancer Society researcher Dr. Daniel Horn. If both parents smoke, a youth is twice as likely to begin smoking in high school than if neither parent smokes.

At present, 1 boy out of 5 begins smoking by the time he's in the 9th grade, surveys reveal. The score for girls is slightly less, but 29% smoke before they're out of high school.

Filmed in the Shadow of the Wall



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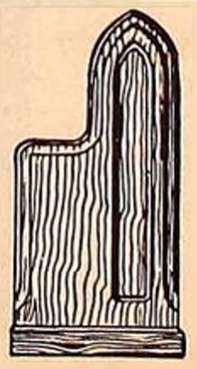

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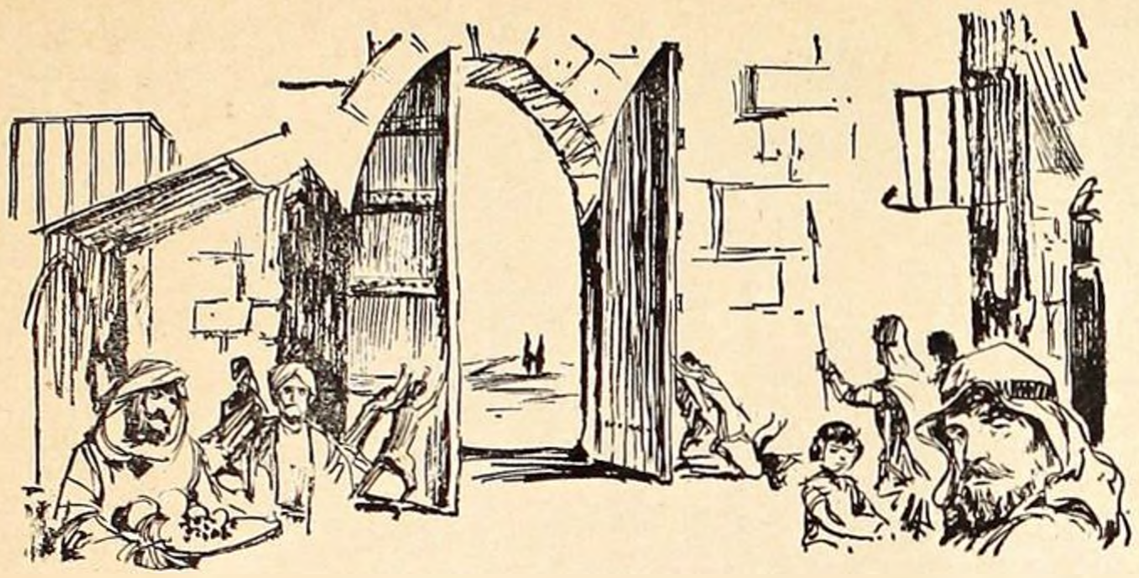

Important Gates*

By Thelma C. Carter

Gates have always been important. They are built for many purposes. Some are for protection and safety. Others are designed for beauty.

History tells us that perhaps the first gates were made of stone. Big stone pieces were pushed into crudely cut holes in stone fences and walls. Cave men built stone fences around their crops and villages. Usually stone gates were at the entrances.

In Bible times, gates were important because entire cities were enclosed by great protective walls. The great gates were of various kinds, stone, metal, iron, or thick wood. Some gates which were the pride of ancient Jerusalem are still standing. Among these well-known gates are the Jerusalem Gateway and the Damascus Gateway.

Near the arched, beautiful gates in ancient Palestine, worship services were sometimes conducted. Business was carried on near certain gates. People gathered near important gates to converse and visit.

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For protection, many ancient gates were made of iron so they could not be set on fire by enemies. Some were made of heavy, massive stone, ten feet high. These gates turned on stone pivots for opening and closing.

Solomon's Temple had gates covered with gold and fine carving. Many rich people had gates with precious stones set in designs.

Gates are mentioned many times in the Bible. In ancient times the word *gate* had a special meaning to Christian people. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name" (Psalm 100:4).

Today we have hundreds of different kinds of gates. Look about you in the area of your home, school, church, public parks, river dams, and reservoirs. You'll be amazed at the many kinds you find.

New Year Prayer*

By Lillie D. Chaffin

Thank you, dear God, for this new year.
Help me to fill each day
With kindly deeds and cheerful smiles.
In Jesus' name I pray.

Animal Pantries*

By Betty Banks

Many animals have pantries in which they store food just as we do. They are busy in autumn putting away food for the winter. Because they cannot go the the corner grocery store or to the supermarket as we can, they put in a big enough supply to last throughout the winter months. They know that often the ground will be covered with snow, and food will be hard to find.

You can watch the busy gray squirrel collecting nuts, seed, and pine cones. He buries these foods in different places in the ground. When winter comes, he leaves his nest now and then to use some of the rations which he has stored away.

The flying squirrel, too, gathers food for the winter months. He, like the gray squirrel has several pantries. He stores his food in trees. He puts them in the bark of a tree, in an old woodpecker's nest, and in other protected places.

Although he sleeps through the winter, the striped ground squirrel puts away provisions for early spring. He will be hungry when he wakens from his long sleep, and food will still be scarce. His underground burrow has several rooms especially made to store his food.

The chipmunk, too, has underground storerooms which he fills with nuts and seed. He does not sleep all winter, but often he sleeps for several days in very cold weather. His well-stocked pantry is close at hand whenever he is hungry.

The muskrat and the beaver have their pantries underwater. The muskrat stores his food near his house. He often has to swim under ice to get to it. When his pantry is empty, he begins to nibble on his own house. The plant stems with which his house is made provide good emergency rations. The beaver's underwater storeroom is filled with wood. He eats its bark for his winter meals.

Not all animals have pantries to fill for the winter. Some animals eat and eat in the autumn so that they will not need any food during the winter. They sleep throughout the cold winter months.

Other animals hunt for food all winter instead of putting in a supply in the autumn. These animals eat frozen fruits, small animals, nuts, dry weeds, and the bark of trees.

Laughs

The church usher's young bride was squirming in her seat. She was beginning to worry about the roast she had left in the oven—and the pastor's sermon stretched on and on. In desperation she took an offering envelope from the rack in front of her, dashed off a note to her husband, and beckoned another usher. She handed it to him with whispered instructions. But the startled usher misunderstood. He slipped down the aisle and laid the message on the pulpit.

The pastor stopped talking and unfolded the note. It read: "Please go home and turn off the gas!"

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A wealthy Texan returning from England was asked by an artistic friend if he'd picked up a Van Gogh or a Picasso.

"Naw," said the traveler. "They're all right-handed drives over there and, besides, I already have three cars."

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If you fool people to get their money, that's fraud; but if you fool them to get their votes, that's politics.

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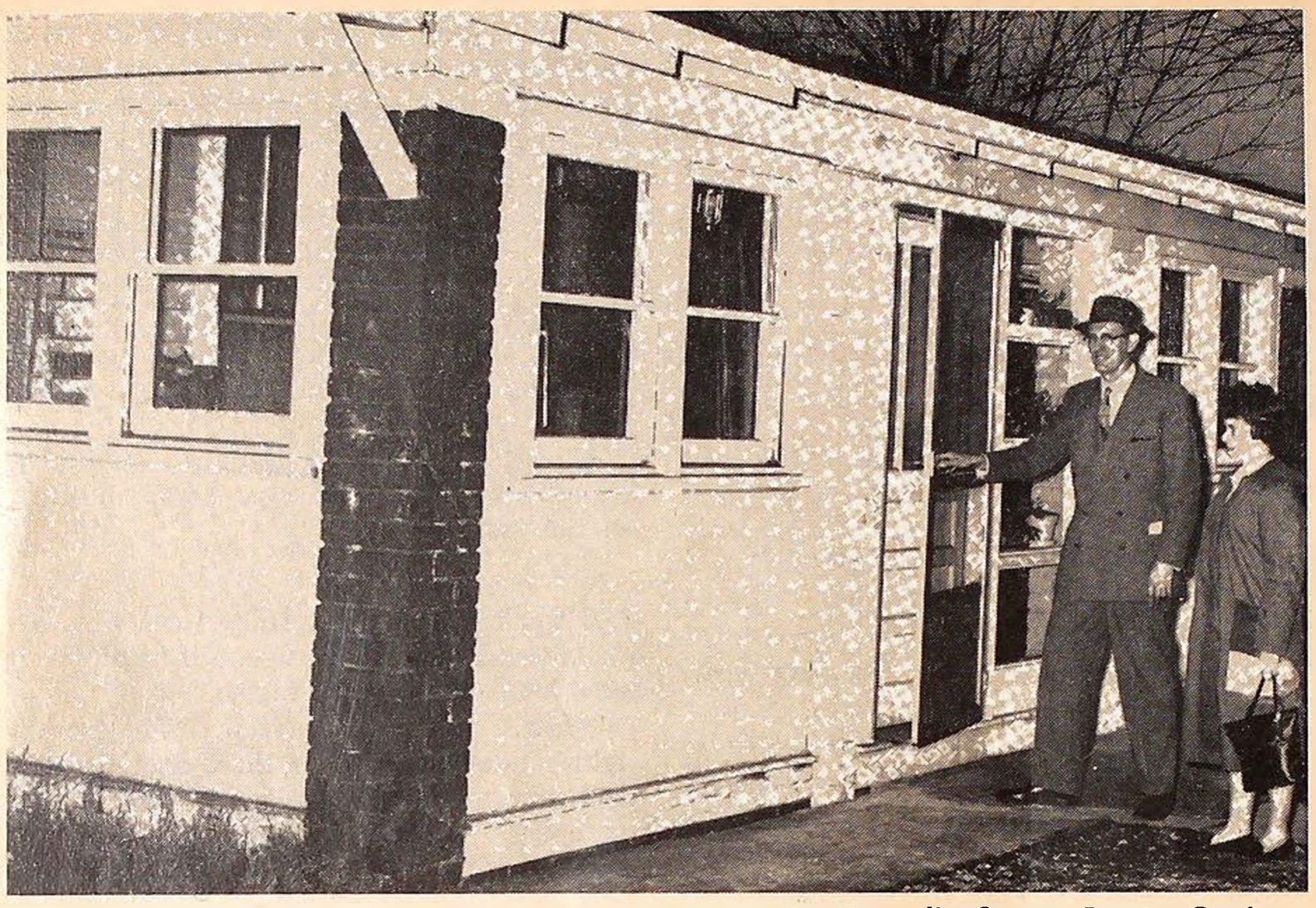

Dr. Nat C. Bettis and Rose Hudgens are entering the Knoxville County Baptist Goodwill Center. It is here each week that several students participate in the in-service training program.

New terms on a Baptist college campus? Maybe, but these are coming into increasing use on Baptist campuses, including Carson-Newman College in Tennessee.

The in-service training program is "a joint ministry of Carson-Newman College, the Missions Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention . . . to train and develop Baptist leadership."

Several years ago on the University of Corpus Christi campus in Texas, it was realized that training, both in the classroom and in actual work experience, was needed by students going into full-time church-related vocations. In the 1958-1959 school year effort was begun to organize a program of in-service training at Corpus Christi, like that used at seminaries for years.

In 1960, Dr. Lewis Newman, who showed great interest in the program while on the faculty at the University of Corpus Christi, was called to the Home Mission Board to set up a program of training that would help meet the needs of the college student.

At present, four Mississippi colleges—William Carey College, Mississippi College, Clark Memorial College, and Blue Mountain College—are using the program on a classroom level. The course offered is like that of Carson-Newman College, "Understanding Baptist life."

The classroom and field-service program is being used at Baptist Bible Institute (Florida), Clear Creek Bible School (Kentucky), University of Corpus Christi (Texas), and Carson-Newman College (Tennessee).

The director on the Carson-Newman campus, Nat C. Bettis, works with the student planning any type of "church or denominational related vocation." After an interview with the student, the director encourages him to find a place of service. Dr. Bettis acts as an assistant, helping the student to find placement. Too, he is a personal counselor, helping the student with problems concerning his work.

Each student has an accumulative record file to which are added his personality and interest inventories and his periodical activity report.

Students in the in-service program at Carson-Newman are serving in churches as pastors, assistant pastors, ministers of music, Sunday school teachers and in the Knoxville Mission Center.

A special feature of the in-service training program is a three-hour semester course, "Understanding Baptist Life." A general survey of the heritage and work of Baptists, it is open to those participating in the in-service training program and other interested students.

During the 1962 fall semester 1291 students were enrolled in Carson-Newman College. Of that number, about 390 were preparing for church-related vocations or social work, with 275 having active interest in the in-service program.

This is the in-service training program—designed and presented in such a manner as to afford the student with the best in Christian training.

Waste In Funerals

S. L. Morgan, Sr., Wake Forest, N. C.

When my tenant farmer's wife died 30 years ago fashion in fine funerals forced him to feel he must give her a fine funeral. So he mortgaged his only property, two mules. A casket and vault, cost $750. "She was a good wife, and it is the last thing I can do for her".

When my precious wife died a year or so ago, with the consent of my children, I publicly registered my protest against the usual waste in funerals by limiting the cost to $200, requesting "no flowers." My will directs that my own funeral cost "shall not exceed $150." My mortician, not having one as cheap, took me to the city, to see the casket and assure me that one can be had for even less.

For 50 years I've been a crusader to free the poor from the slavery of custom of burdensome cost in funerals—the heathen notion that it is a virtue to keep the body from decay—a vain effort!

In *To Live Again* Mrs. Peter Marshall tells of being shown along the crypts in the splendid mausoleum in Washington where many bodies of the great lay. She was thinking, "What a splendid place for the body of my husband!" But she fancied she heard him laughing at her, "Catharine, don't be silly! I dare you to think I'm in that box!" She couldn't forget that he constantly preached immortality—the body mattered little. I protest the pomp and waste in funerals. The emphasis is heathenish, and it puts a burden on the poor too hard to bear.

A cultured woman tells me how happy she is in finding a way out: "Duke medical school will take over my body at my death, with no trouble nor cost to my relatives, students will use it to instruct them in preventing and healing sickness, the remains will be cremated, the ashes sent back for burial, if desired—all no cost nor trouble."

A Christian ex-congressman writes me, "My wife and son and I have gone a long step in the same direction; we have willed our eyes to the Eye-Bank—to give sight to others at our death." I like that.

In vehement inner protests against the soaring cost of funerals I even considered willing by body to a medical college like the woman—subject to the consent of my children. I called together the president and several members of the faculty of Southeastern Seminary to ask their opinion, with the aged seer, Dr. W. R. Cullom, 95. President Stealey said, "The protest ought to be made—I'm not sure about making it that way, but I'd honor you for it, if you do it that way. Dr. Cullom said, "I want my body to be honored when I die; I'd like for it to be wrapped in a sheet at least; I have no concern for it further."