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"Repentance! Not Reform!"



Marshall M. Vaughn, Brainerd Hills Church, Chattanooga.

Have you heard the common statement from the neighborhood sinner that goes like this: "When I join the Church, I'm going to do this, and I'm going to do that!" Yessir! Moral reform has its merits, but it is not the answer to the individual needs today. The answer is found in Jonah's proclamation to Nineveh: "Repent or perish!"

One has said that the song the reformers sing seems to be made up wholly of refrains.



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Readers Write

... Concerned about Proposed Liquor Legislation

● I should like to salute you for your editorial in the Jan. 21 issue of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

The Methodist Church through its agencies is also concerned about the liquor traffic and the proposed Liquor by the Drink legislation. It appears that church people are beginning to make the weight of their opinion known to their public representatives. We must keep the pressure on until it is thoroughly defeated.

The power of the printed word is terrific and your paper makes me envious that we Methodists in Tennessee don't have something to compare with it.—James W. Hawkins, Chairman, Tenn. Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns.

... They Are Not Alone in the Fight

● Let me take this opportunity to commend you for your courage in writing "The Big Lie" editorial.

You have given many fine Baptist preachers across Tennessee an anchor on which to stand in speaking out against the liquor traffic in the past several months. I am sure that at least 25 men in key pulpits in our state have told me that when you take such a stand and speak out, and when organizations like ours continue to print the facts and speak the truth, then they feel that they are

It's no use for a man to pray for a clean heart if he will not wash his face. Every reform needs examples more than advocates. Philosophers, social workers, courts and governments are all crying out for "reform!" But you can't stop a tree from growing by nipping at its branches. To get to the root of the evil and destroy its growth one must do so through the old-fashioned, genuine ax of Repentance.

Fuller said: "You cannot repent too soon, because you do not know how soon it may be too late." Venning said: "Late repentance is seldom true, but true repentance is never too late." But Christ said: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish!" (Luke 13:3) Ezekiel says: "Repent and turn." (Ezek. 14:6). The Gospel according to Matthew says: "Repent ye." (Matt. 3:2) Mark's Gospel advocates "repentance and belief." (Mark 1:15); the Book of Acts (17:30) admonishes "all men to repent!" And so it is with the entire Word of God . . . we hear the beckoning call to repentance. Turn about! Walk away from the old man! Set your sails toward the sandy shores of God's righteousness and exercise the oars of faith and trust! "Repent ye!"

Now here is the heart-warming satisfaction we get from repentance: I John 1:9 says: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Here is our comfort! Here is our hope! Here is the seedling of genuine reform! The transformation will not come through moral reforms. We must repent . . . or perish!

not alone and are much more willing to preach these facts and truths in their own churches.

Thank you so much for walking with us and leading the way in our fight against these who would destroy our morality and increase sin and crime among our wonderful teenagers. May God bless you. We are proud of the B and R.—Phil Padget, UTL, 311 Presbyterian Building, 150 Fourth Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

... Keeping Up With Tenn. Baptists

● Just a word to say that I certainly appreciate receiving the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR each week. It is a source of information and inspiration as well as one of the finest ways of keeping up with Tennessee Baptists that I know.—Samuel A. Debord, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Box 22866, Fort Worth, Tex., 76115.

... Problem For Entire Denomination

● I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the editorial in your Jan. 14 edition entitled "A Serious Situation." You have shown astute insights into a problem for our entire denomination. It is to the good credit of Baptists in general that men like you are given the freedom to speak concerning such "serious situations."

I read with interest your paper each week. All of us tend to respond to those areas which strike familiar chords; this response is certainly one in kind.

Thank you for your good work. We are indebted to you for having spoken a situation which is extremely relevant to the on going of the Church in our age.—Grady L. Nutt, director of alumni affairs and assistant to the president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. 40206.

... Some Reflections on "A Serious Situation"

● Mr. Editor, would you allow a retired minister to think aloud through the columns of your paper—a minister whose memory and ministries reach back across fifty or more years?

For many months we have read all the religious publications coming to our desk and have noticed the growing concern which you in that timely and searching editorial of Jan. 14, dubbed "A Serious Situation." Indeed the lack of young men's entering the Gospel ministry makes for all of us a serious situation. In the *All Church Press*, Memphis *Mirror* of January 22 is a significant article by Dr. Walter W. Benjamin dealing with this matter. The article is entitled "Ways Given To Reverse Clergy Drop" and it is commendable. Truly it pains the heart of every true minister and surely it must pain the heart of God to note this sad decline. All of us would like to know why this has come to pass.

Our Triune God alone knows the why and the wherefore of it; we are left to seek to know the mind of God, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps some reflections may help in this matter.

Let us go back to the days of Doctors Carroll, Sampey, Mullins and Scarborough and relive some of those great convictions and compassion exemplified by them and the other giants of their day. Fresh in the memory of a multitude of us is the emphasis and the impetus of a whole year's convention-wide visitation of Dr. Scarborough in his "Calling Out the Called". Many of us knew many of the young men who were moved by his preaching to surrender to God's call. That clarion call was Spirit-filled and backed up by his own personal experience in surrendering to God's call.

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'Operation Prayerlift' Answers Brazilian Plea

MEMPHIS (BP)—An appeal to pray for the success of the nation-wide Brazilian Baptist revivals has been accepted in behalf of church Brotherhoods by the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission here.

"This is an opportunity for Christian men to show concern for people in other lands in an unusual way," said George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the commission.

The prayer project, expected to involve thousands of churches with Brotherhoods, has been titled "Operation Prayerlift." It will be conducted March through May, during which time the Brazilian revivals will be in progress.

Here is the way it came about.

When Brazilian Baptists were making their plans for the crusade to start 300 new churches and win to Christ 250,000 persons during a three-month period, they were asked what Baptists in the United States could do.

"Pray," replied Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, which supervises the work of 247 missionaries in Brazil, echoed this need. Said he:

"While it is true that we need gifts for Brazil, we need the prayers of Southern

Baptists more for this cause."

Schroeder made these suggestions for churches wishing to participate in the South American crusade through prayer.

The Brotherhood Commission will provide the names of individual Brazilian churches to these Brotherhood presidents and pastors (if the church has no Brotherhood) who request them.

These leaders may write the pastor of the Brazilian church for specific things that church wants them to pray for.

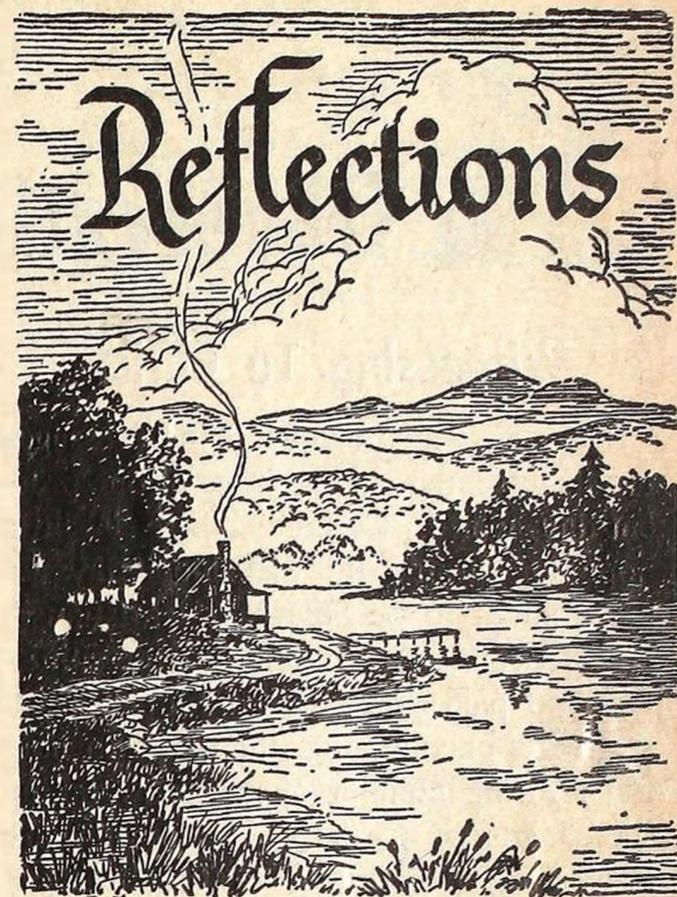
Schroeder suggested the two church leaders also may arrange by mail for a simultaneous prayer period involving members of both churches although they are thousands of miles apart.

Persons requesting names of churches as prayer objects also will receive suggestions for conducting prayer periods, Schroeder said.

Schroeder suggested the midweek prayer service, regular Brotherhood meetings and special prayer breakfasts as possible times for participating in "Operation Prayerlift."

About 2,000 Brazilian Baptist churches and 4,000 preaching points will take part in the crusade. Missionaries and national pastors will conduct the services in Portuguese.

Revivals will begin in South Brazil in March, Central Brazil in April, and North Brazil in May. The final meetings come in June.



It is quite usual to hear almost daily of someone winning a radio or other contest with the most humdrum of answers, but we think that the most brilliant reply we have heard was that given by 12-year-old Lloyd Williams of St. Petersburg, Fla. When asked why he thinks he has the best mother in the world, he announced: "She stays on speaking terms with God and on spanking terms with me."—*American Mercury*

A writer on Russia recorded that when it was discovered that the word God had been printed with a capital letter in some schoolbooks, the initial was changed to lower case in each of a million copies before the edition was allowed to reach the pupils. But it is not only in Russia that it is a political crime to spell God with a capital G, but in other places where the state is elevated to supremacy over conscience.—Halford E. Luccock, *These Times*

Team work is one of the facts of modern life . . . Men who work well together make the best team—but too much congeniality in the gang can easily prove a handicap. Some differences of opinion are stimulating . . . The right number of men for an efficient working group has been established by careful experimentation—never more than 7 and never less than 4. Harvard's Dr. Robert F. Bales observed that as many as 7 men could talk to each other at a meeting. If there were more than 7, some pairs of men were cut off from each other—they failed to communicate . . . Why no fewer than 4 men? Because in a 3-man group, you may find 2 ganging up on the other. A minority of one can be so cowed he might as well not be there at all.—Max Gunther, *Popular Science*



CONVENTION PRESIDENTS CONFER—Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, left, and Rubens Lopes, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, discuss plans for a nationwide evangelistic crusade to be held in Brazil this spring.



Observations by Owen...

A Soldiers Last Will And Testament

Witnessing To Christ

Laymen who become living messages for Jesus Christ are the hope of our present-day world. Certainly there is little hope for turning the evil tide if laymen are content to be "bleacher Christians", mere spectators, leaving it to the ministers and paid evangelists to win souls. It is greatly encouraging, therefore, to note the growing number of men now taking the claims of Christ to heart who are themselves penetrating to the heart of men with a witness to the power of Christ to redeem.

One such layman returning from the Evangelistic Conference in Nashville stopped by to talk to a friend of former days with whom he used to "drink the devil's water" in his place of business. But this time he led him to drink of "the living water" through leading him to a personal faith in Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

This man did not turn his back on the plea for evangelism, but gave himself to it in that kind of personal witnessing that communicates the gospel to twentieth century man. He had the joy of seeing another accept Christ and find newness of life in him.

Anvil of Victory

Winston Churchill rallied freedom's forces when they had ebbed to their lowest point at Dunkirk. He offered nothing but blood, sweat and tears. His countrymen, and countless others everywhere who had a passion for justice and a longing for liberty, took heart. The times were at their worst. But Churchill's indomitable courage and staunch spirit were the anvil on which victory was forged. Men rose to a greatness of which they never had dreamed. He was a monumental figure.

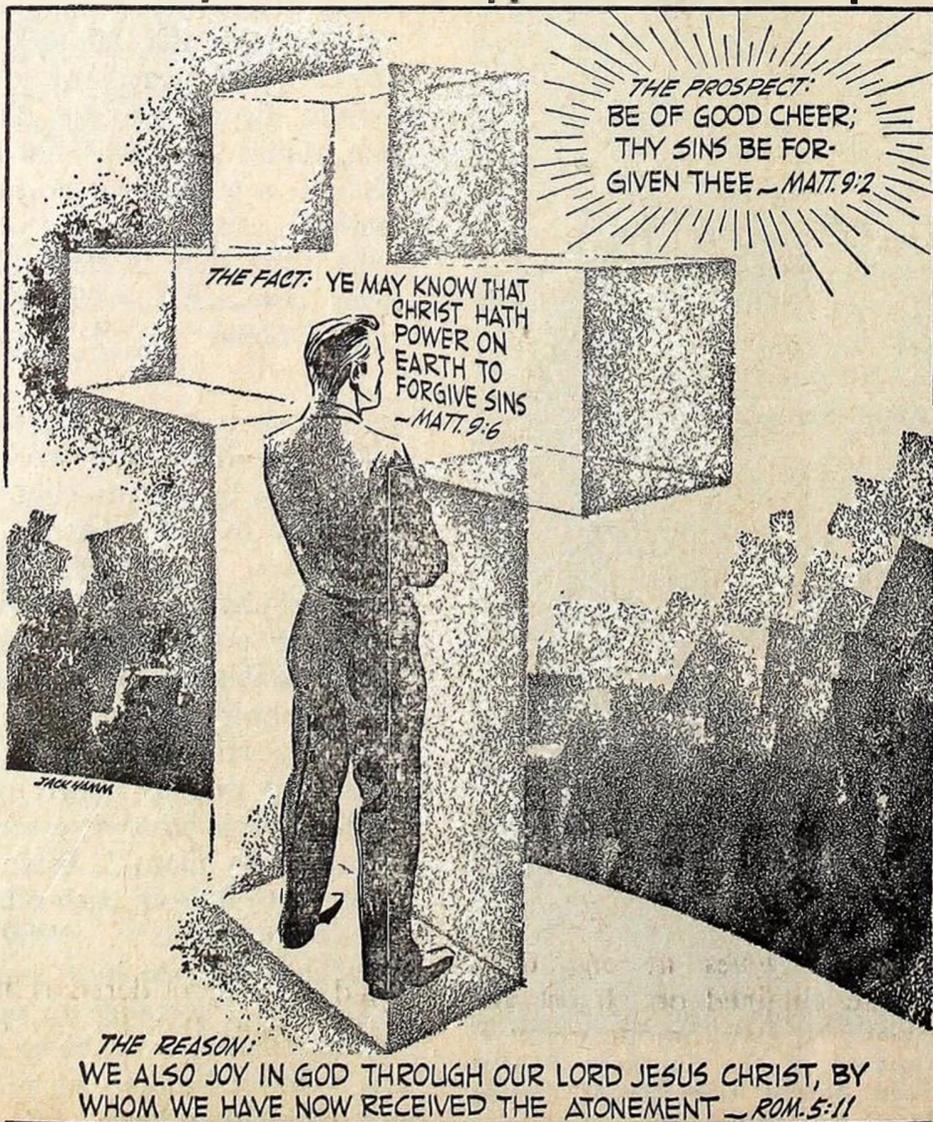
The letter of a 28-year-old soldier killed in action in South Vietnam has been taken by his church as his "last will and testament". Captain Norman W. Peck, Jr., wrote to his pastor that, though he was serving in Vietnam as an advisor to a Vietnamese Combat Infantry Battalion, "I am fairly convinced that the communists cannot be defeated by simply killing Viet Cong".

The young soldier, father of four, was appalled at not finding any missionaries of his faith (Lutheran) working in the area where he was serving. He wrote of the tremendous need for skilled technicians and "people with a strong sense of Christian devotion" to help the Vietnamese. He pointed out that devoted servants of Christ working at the grass roots of the problem could contribute to the defeat of the Viet Cong and thus insure the reduction of the threat of communism to our society. He felt that laymen and ministers were needed in the "field", not to be sent to Saigon but to the outlying areas.

In his letter he wrote, "It is easy to sit back and engross ourselves with the numerous blessings of scientific achievements of our society; but for those who desire richer, fuller life and who would be gratified by contributing to the preservation of our many freedoms, there are many Vietnamese who would be eternally grateful for your assistance." He issued a call to service in Vietnam for "people who are willing to spend a year or two, with the possibility of losing their lives."

The pastor said that his church took this letter as a "last will and testament". "We feel as his wife and parents do that we must do something to carry out his wishes". In writing to his wife the young officer had said "I want you to play an important role in this vital program by informing people of the vital necessity of our mission here in Vietnam and by advising those who think we're needlessly expending lives and money that they, by their indifference or ignorance are directly opposing our struggle to maintain our freedom and our lives."

The Repentance & Happiness Relationship



TV 'Abusers' Spur Delinquency, Senate Prober Tells NRB

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—The staff director of the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Committee urged the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) here to "work with the various segments of the mass media industry to obtain moderation and quality in program content of all kinds."

Speaking before the annual Congressional Breakfast of the group, Carl L. Perian said that despite a code of ethics subscribed to by the television networks, the code serves more as a facade for abuses in programming. These abuses contribute heavily to juvenile delinquency, he maintained.

Mr. Perian said the producers and executives who are responsible for brutality, violence and play on sex introduced into homes via television daily and which are "used as bait that will attract teenagers to the movie houses and to the drive-in theaters" are men who "mutilate the moral and cultural climate in which youth must live."

"Their hunger for profit," he added, "is reflected in the price we pay for delinquency."

He said that while Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D.-Conn.), the committee chairman, and other legislators have pressed for laws which would curb the activities of those who purvey narcotics, lethal weapons and those engaged in the illegal adoption trade, "the most difficult area is in the field of mass communication and entertainment."

In the television and movie industries "The evidence we have obtained during several years of hearings and investigations does not speak well for the motives and goals according to which the television and motion picture industries are run and operated."

The competition for high ratings for programs on prime time has fostered much of the lowering of standards on television networks, he said, holding that through injection of violence, sex and other highly emotive elements, the ratings go up.

The industry has a "split personality," Mr. Perian charged. Network executives make impressive claims for the effective-

As we think of the death of this young officer we recall other fine Christian men, some of our fellow Tennesseans, who have given their lives in South Vietnam. Their sacrifice reminds us of the great need for devoted servants of God willing in the countryside of Vietnam, and other lands, to lose their lives in service for Christ.

ness of their advertising and of the educational value of cultural and public affairs programs. Yet, they flatly deny that the crime and violence that permeates prime time dramatic shows have any effect on the viewer, even in the face of strong scientific evidence to the contrary.

"They reject the use of violence for its own sake, yet, their files show that violence has been ordered to be introduced in specific shows even over the protests of their own broadcast standards officials.

"They propose to search for new program concepts. Yet their output indicates reliance on old formulas.

"They profess interest in scientific experiments on the effects of violence on children, but at the same time hire experts to prove them invalid.

"And they advocate service in the public interest even while the profit motive

Jarman: "A Businessman Looks At The Bible"

On Feb. 17, publication date of his new book, *A Businessman Looks at the Bible*, Mr. W. Maxey Jarman, will speak at the prayer meeting hour at First Church, Nashville. Afterwards, Mr. Jarman will autograph copies of his book at a fellowship period.

Jarman is a top executive in the shoe and apparel industry, is chairman of Genesco, Inc. (with headquarters in Nashville and New York), and has long been active in First Church, Nashville. His new book applies effective business principles in a realistic testing of the Bible as a basis for daily living.

appears to claim a far greater share of their allegiance."

Mr. Perian said it is time for re-direction in the entertainment, mass media field. "It is of vital importance that the false, superficial, and deceptive is counterbalanced by content which teaches stable values, basic truths, and above all, religious faith."

BAPTIST BELIEFS

by HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

The Husband of One Wife

(I Tim. 3:2,12)

"... the husband of one wife ..."

This is one of the qualifications which Paul set forth for both a bishop (pastor) and a deacon. What did he mean by this? Obviously he did not mean that they must of necessity be married men. In all probability Paul was not married. So far as we know the same would apply to Timothy. The early church did not so interpret Paul's words.

In both verses A. T. Robertson comments that Paul meant "one at a time, clearly" (v.2) and one "at a time as in verse 2" (v.12). *The Expositor's Greek Testament* says of verse 2, "What is here forbidden is bigamy under any circumstances." And on verse 12 it refers back to this comment on verse 2. But Matthew Henry takes these to mean that they should not have "given a bill of divorce to one, and then taken another, or not having many wives at once."

The background of these verses was the current practices involved in marriage. Especially among the Gentile pagans a man might have several wives at one time. Divorce might be obtained on almost any ground. This was true even among many of the Jews. The Jewish teacher, Hillel, taught that a man might divorce his wife for any

cause. But another, Shammai, allowed for divorce and remarriage only on the ground of adultery. These two schools of thought were the basis of the question posed to Jesus in Matt.19:3. Jesus apparently permitted one cause (adultery) for divorce and remarriage, although some interpreters do not agree that this was the case. The author holds with A. T. Robertson that He did so allow. Hence Robertson's comment "one at a time, clearly."

This position plus *Expositor's* reference to bigamy must be considered in the light of Jesus' teaching concerning divorce. If one holds that this is not a genuine teaching of Jesus, then he would rule out all divorced persons, regardless of the cause, as being qualified to be a pastor or deacon. But if one holds that this is a genuine teaching of Jesus, then to be consistent he should hold that a man divorced and remarried, and having adultery as the basis of divorce, should be eligible to be a pastor or deacon. For obviously under this circumstance he would not be considered as having two wives at one time. But in any case experience teaches that such a person does face a handicap in this regard.

Tennessee Topics

Feb. 3-4 was an outstanding experience for Miss Eugenia Grace Swift when she entered a statewide competition contest at Chattanooga. In December, 1964, Eugenia entered into a contest stressing poise, personality, and talent and over 17 other young ladies was awarded the title of Junior Miss of Sevier County for 1965. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Swift of Knoxville. A Senior at Harrison—Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, she plans to enter Stetson University in Florida.

Sequatchie Valley Association—Mineral Springs Church has called Charles Fiorello as pastor. His address is 11 Holiday Lane, Chattanooga. Little Hopewell Church called Sammy Putnam as pastor. His address is Pikeville.

New officers of the Tennessee State Group at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., include Dr. Nolan P. Howington, professor of Christian ethics, faculty sponsor; Miss Frances B. Horn, Brentwood, vice-president; Tom G. Henry, Memphis, president; Miss Mary Alice Smith, Martin, secretary, and Ralph V. Samples, Morristown, social chairman. A total of 83 students from Tennessee are studying at the Seminary this academic year.

Tommy Richardson was recently ordained as deacon at First Church, Camden.

Cross Roads Church, Crockett Association, ordained Austin Previtt, Jesse Lee Overton, Sammy Bolding, Larry Kee. Lewis Parrish is pastor.

Edwin McGinnis has been re-called as pastor of Little Flat Creek Church, Corryton. He served the Knox County church for three and one half years prior to going to Prospect Church, Loudon, last year. A native of Shelby, N.C., he attended Gardner-Webb College and received the BA degree from Carson-Newman College. He also attended Southern Seminary.

Baptist Men's Day was held Jan. 24 at First Church, Greeneville, with a Father-Son Breakfast with 61 in attendance. J. O. Cunningham is Brotherhood president. A new record in Sunday school attendance was recorded with 415 present. Fred Sorrells is superintendent and Joe R. Stacker is pastor.

Lloyd Edwards was ordained a deacon by Clear Branch Church, Erwin, Jan. 10.

First Church, Hermitage, gave its pastor and family a reception and house warming following the mid week prayer service Jan. 20. J. L. Stafford is pastor.

Earl A. Jones became pastor of First Church, Friendsville, Jan. 31. He has served Black Oak Heights Church, Knoxville, as pastor since Dec. 3, 1961. There were more than 150 additions to the church.

Gibson County Association—Medina Church has called Bobby Kendig as pastor. He began his new work Feb. 1. First Church, Rutherford has purchased a new \$14,000 home for its pastor.

First Church, Church Hill, recently lost two of its charter members by death. Mrs. W. W. Larkins, 60, had served for a number of years as pianist in the Sunday school and Training Union and was active in all phases of the church. R. L. Long, 88, served for many years as deacon, treasurer of the building fund and teacher.

Paul R. Cates Joins C-N Faculty

JEFFERSON CITY—Paul R. Cates, former secretary of the Brotherhood Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, has joined the faculty at Carson-Newman College.

C-N President, D. Harley Fite, announced that Mr. Cates, a native of Carter County (Tenn) has accepted an appointment to teach in the college's Education and Psychology Department.

Cates began his teaching career at Douglastown school in Carter County. "I had just finished a summer of work at East Tennessee Normal School (Now East Tennessee State University when I was hired to teach at Douglastown. It was a one room, one teacher school in those days, and I had to walk to get there. I got plenty of exercise, since it was four and one-half miles to the school from where I lived," he recalled.

A veteran of World War II, Cates participated in five campaigns, including the Battle of the Bulge.

He is a former tax assessor of Carter County and did public relations work for Belmont College in Nashville several years ago. He holds a masters degree in education from ETSU and has studied at Peabody College. He comes to C-N from the principalship of Cloudland High School in Carter County.



CLEVELAND—Two notes totaling \$60,000 were burned as a climax to the service at Big Spring Church, Jan. 10, signifying that the church is now debt free. The last note-burning ceremony was June 24, 1956. Since then two floors have been added to the educational building, a pastorium built, the auditorium redecorated and the pulpit and choir rearranged.

Participating in the recent noteburning ceremony are l to r, LeRoy Ogle, Pastor M. L. Arbuckle, Samuel Melton, a former pastor who served the church 29 years, Creed Edgmon and Troy Beck.

Readers' Write

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Who can forget his telling of his hearing the cries of Dives in hell while lying on his bed in a college dormitory and his resolution to arise and go find the "five lost brothers" for whom Dives plead? There was fire in his soul and a masterful appeal in his message.

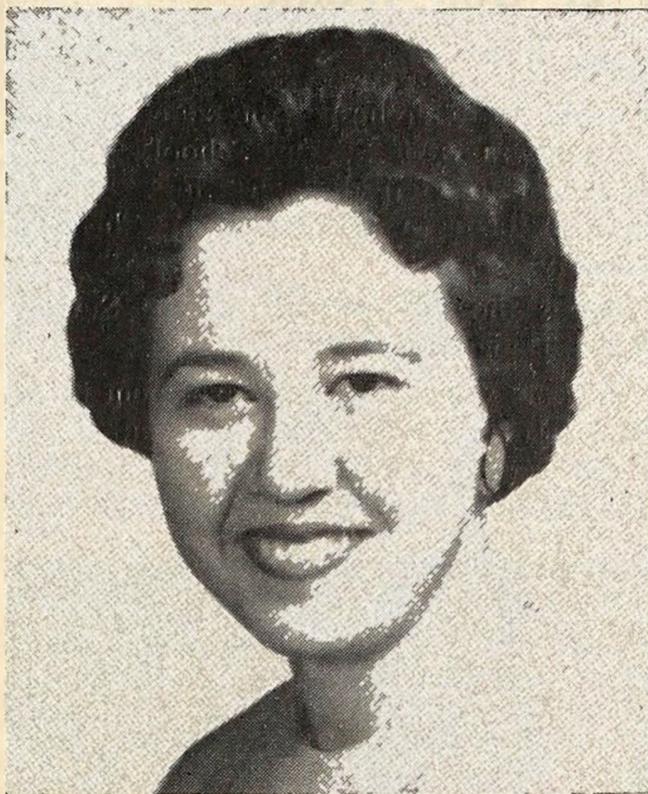
In those days there arose from the pulpit and the pews of our churches a continuous prayer asking God to call young men into the Gospel ministry. How long has it been since any of us has earnestly prayed such a prayer; how long has it been since any of us has heard in our churches a heart-burdened pastor or laymen pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest; how long has it been since we heard some parent, burdened for lost souls, ask God to take his or her son and make of him a minister? We remember having asked a father to come with his son to a place of prayer concerning the son's surrendering to a call which the son and the pastor felt God was making of that young man. That father, a deacon, said, "No. I had rather see Richard dead than to see him become a preacher." Maybe that parental attitude is blocking the door today, as it did that day.

A few years ago a prominent pastor gave birth to this idea: "the need is the call." We are confident he was not meaning to deny the divine call into the ministry, but to us it was slanted in that direction. The need should be a challenge, but we feel God must be the opener of eyes to see that need and the mover of heart to answer the call to service. We are confident the Holy Spirit is still in the business of moving in the hearts of men and making men understand that God is calling.

Invariably whenever and wherever a convention of ministers is polled as to whether the individual minister when called into the ministry was in a rural church or an urban church, the overwhelming majority is found coming from the rural church. If that ratio holds today, then we may well believe this dearth must lie in the country church. The majority of rural churches have pastors who work six days a week as clerks in a store, sellers of insurance or some other secular work. In such situations there is little or no time for the pastor to live with his people, to live with his books and his Bible, to live with the communing Holy Spirit. The sermon has to be sought hurriedly and there is little or no time for it to grow in the minister's soul. In other days—back in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd decades of our century—the country was predominantly rural and the pace was slower. The families had time to be religious and God had the ear of people. What we are trying to say is the youth of that day listened to sermons that gripped them and inspired them, causing the young boy to want to become a preacher. Remember "How Tom Sawyer Whitewashed the Fence"? Great preaching can do just that.

Out from one of our great institutions of training there flowed, it seemed to us, a chilling stream; it was a manifest emphasis of the intellectual and a minimizing of spiritual fervor. A seminary graduate was teaching homiletics in one of our Baptist colleges. He expressed the wish that the day would come when Baptist churches would not consider granting a license to preach or calling a man to be pastor until said preacher had taken college and seminary training. A member of the class dared to speak out, "But, Dr. Northen, by that time the young minister would have lost all his fervor." The teacher stamped his foot and shouted back: "Fervor, fervor, the sooner the preacher loses that fervor the better off the churches will be!" The pupil replied: "When the minister loses his fervor, the world will go to hell!" We believe in an educated ministry, but we hate to think of a minister being devoid of either of the above. Can it be that the fire of the Holy Spirit has burned so low in the ministry that no youth is arrested along the way by "the burning

New Student Director, Lincoln Memorial Univ.



Miss Zelma Mullins assumed her duties as Baptist student director at Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, on Jan. 24. She will serve during the second semester.

Joe McDade, student director during the first semester, terminated his duties Jan. 24. During his stay at L.M.U., the student center was opened and dedicated and the Baptist Student Union was organized.

Miss Mullins is a native of Wise, Va., and attended Clinch Valley Junior College where she was B.S.U. president, and valedictorian of her class. She graduated from L.M.U. in 1960, having been a senior class superlative, member of Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities, and valedictorian of her graduating class. Her

bush"—the pulpit that glows with the light of God's presence and a zeal that eats up the minister therein?

It is highly gratifying to note that one of our six seminaries shows a reversal of the prevalent downward trend; let us thank God for that seminary and for the homes and churches whence come those ministerial students. We believe in God, in answered prayer and in the power of the preached word. May these reflections be blessed by the Holy Spirit and recreate a compassionate concern in all our hearts.—Harvey Gray, 110 N. Moore Rd., Chattanooga, Tenn. 37411

... Concerning Men Stationed in Iceland

● Mrs. Terry and I have been serving with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Keflavik, Iceland, for one year. We have a full church program consisting of Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood, and WMU. We have had the privilege of meeting some wonderful Christian military men. We have seen several become Christians.

Please print this notice in your paper as it is very difficult for us to advertise here. Maybe some parent or friend will pass the word on to the men stationed in Iceland.

Thank you for your help and prayers.—R. W. and Dale Terry, Keflavik Baptist Church, Box 37, Navy 568, FPO New York, N.Y., 09571.

major was mathematics, with minors in physics and history.

Following graduation, she taught one year in high school, then was employed by Goodyear International Corporation as a mathematician. While working for Goodyear, Miss Mullins felt a growing desire to be involved in Baptist student work or some other church related vocation, so she resigned her position and entered Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Arrangements for student work at L.M.U. are made possible through a scholarship provided by a cooperative effort on the part of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and the Department of Student Work of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

DEATHS

Funeral services for Dr. Hardy Bass, a retired Baptist minister who has held pastorates in Tennessee, Texas, and Mississippi were held Jan. 27 at Eldad Church near Gibson. Dr. Bass, 80, died Jan. 24 in a hospital in Asheville, N.C., after a short illness. A native of Eldad, he was a graduate of Union University and Southwestern Seminary. He retired four years ago as pastor of First Church, Meridian, Miss. He was making his home with a daughter, Mrs. Sue Steele in Asheville. He is also survived by another daughter, Mrs. Emma Lou Riker of Natchez, Miss., and a son, Hardy Bass, Jr., of Nashville.

Joseph Creed Brock, 71, Benton, died Jan. 28 in the Veterans Hospital, Johnson City. Funeral services were held at First Church, Benton, where he served as chairman of the deacons and choir director.

Henry Austin (Buck) Carter, 68, a widely known Hawkins County civic leader, died Jan. 29. He was a member and deacon of Choptack Church near Rogersville.

Funeral services for Overton A. High, 91, of Riddleton was held Jan. 27. A member of the Riddleton Church, he served as a deacon for 66 years.

Services for Julian O. Holloway, pianist of 1833 Galloway, Memphis, were held Jan. 30. Holloway, 63, died Jan. 28 after a short illness. He was pianist for Merton Avenue Church where he was a member.

Benjamin H. White of Millington, former Ripley barber, died Jan. 25 after a stroke. He was 84. He was a deacon in Shelby Forest Church.

AN INTERPRETATION OF OUR WORK

by Bob Patterson

What is the Sunday School Department?

The Sunday School Department is a part of the mission program of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Through this department, Tennessee Baptists provide professional leadership for assisting the churches of the state in their program of Sunday School work.

What is the primary *purpose* of the Sunday School Department?

The basic objective of the Department is

to assist the churches of the state, through their programs of Sunday School work to lead men to God through Christ and to develop them to the fullest in Christian maturity.

What is the primary *task* of the Sunday School Department?

It is not the task of the department to do the work for the churches. It is rather the department's task to provide leadership training to enable the churches to do their

job better.

Does this mean training leadership for all the Churches?

This is an almost impossible task, but that is the assignment. However, two factors need to be kept in mind. One is that some churches need assistance more than others. Many churches have well-trained staff and professional leadership, while others have more dire needs at this point. Since our work is state missions, it is our chief responsibility to try to help those who need it most and are willing to receive it. Another factor to be kept in mind is that it is impossible for our staff of five people to visit and assist over 2,700 churches with any degree of regularity and effectiveness. Therefore, we must depend upon the already existing basic unit in denominational life—the association. We encourage and assist our associations in enlisting and training their leadership in Sunday School work.

How does the department go about planning and providing leadership for the churches?

In seeking to plan for helping the churches, we have found that four steps are needed:

1. Discover the needs of the churches
2. Find ways to meet needs
3. Prepare necessary materials
4. Go to the churches with the help

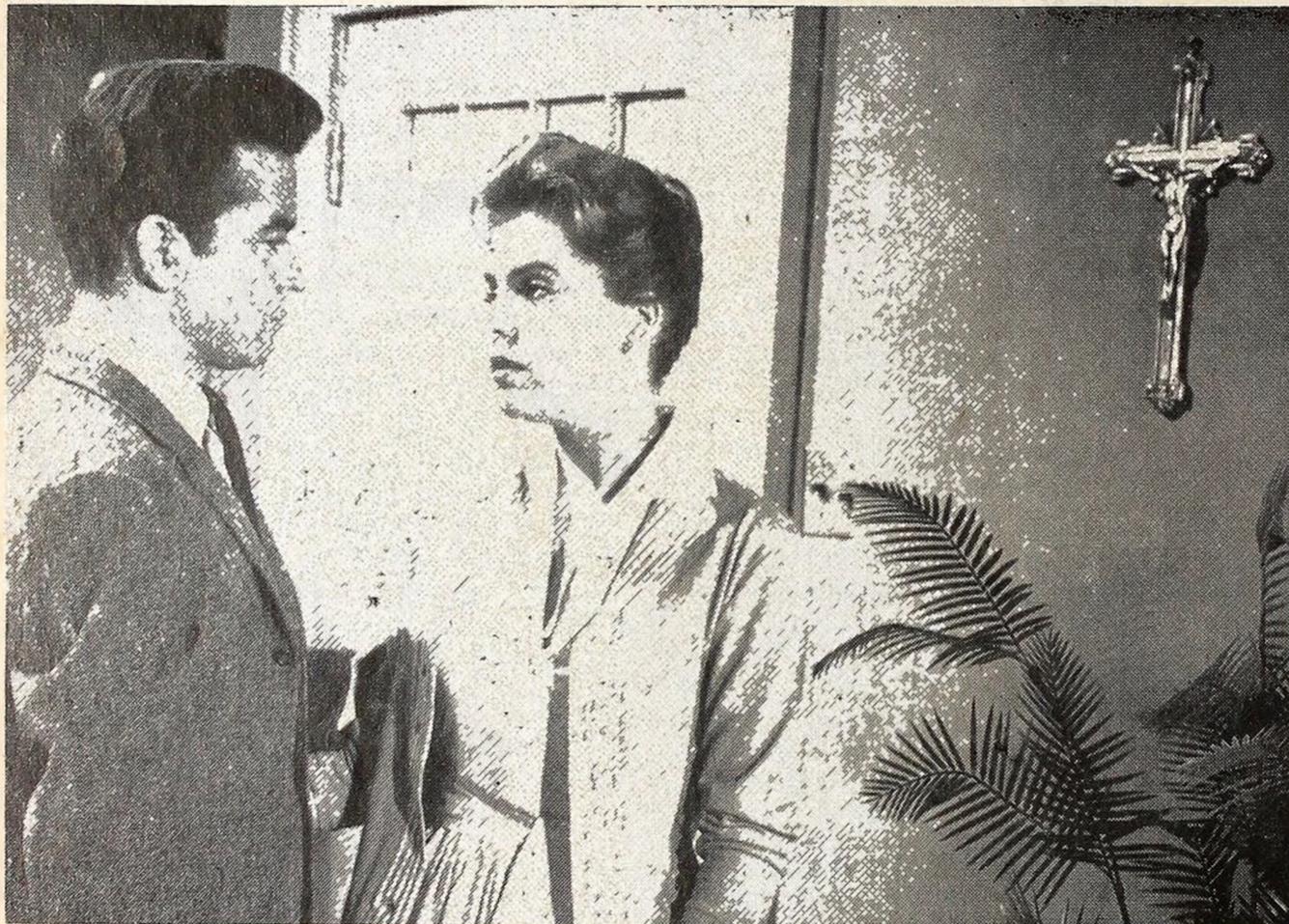
Through what activities does the Department carry helps to the churches and associations?

Basically, there are three avenues through which the Department goes to the churches with assistance. They are:

1. State Projects (initiated and sponsored by the Department)
2. Associational Projects (in which the Department assists upon request)
3. Church Projects (in which the Department assists upon request)

In addition to these projects, there is a great deal of correspondence and personal conferring as individual needs are met. How does a church or association secure the services of the Department?

Ask, and ye shall receive? We prefer to be subject to the requests of churches and associations. We cannot meet all requests, but first come, first serve. We are trying hard to enlist and train helpers who can assist us in many more projects in years to come. Pray for us. Thank you.



SHOULD I MARRY OUTSIDE MY FAITH?—Pete Ames, Protestant, and Jane Sullivan, Catholic, are determined to marry in spite of advice from parents and ministers about the problems which a mixed marriage often brings. For moral support, they turn to friends who seem to be making a success of a Jewish-Gentile marriage. "Should I Marry Outside My Faith?" is one of the 1965 films in "The Answer" television series. Telecast date is Sunday, Feb. 14, over station WDXI, channel 7, at 12:00 noon, Jackson, Tenn.

? COMEQUESTIONCONFERENCE

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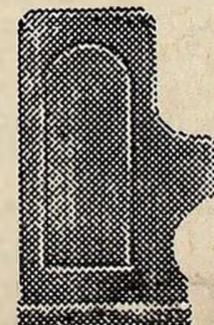
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By Roy J. Gilleland, Jr.

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We like to receive telegrams like the following: "Our church rejoices in the election of Mr. Frank Curbow as your president. Brother Curbow has served faithfully in his own church as chairman of deacons, Sunday school teacher, president of an adult Training Union, leader of our Brotherhood, choir member, and serving on various committees. Are also grateful for his untiring efforts in our Association and community. We are grateful he can serve you in this capacity also. May this be a year of growth and expansion for Baptist men. Our best wishes."—Signed Calvary Baptist Church, Cleveland, Tennessee, J. T. Cline, pastor.

Plan now to attend the State Brotherhood Convention at Woodmont Church Jan. 18, 1966 at 2:00 P.M. The Brother-

hood will join with the pastors at 7:00 P.M. that night at the Evangelistic Conference, meeting in the Municipal Auditorium for an inspiring program and a great prayer meeting.

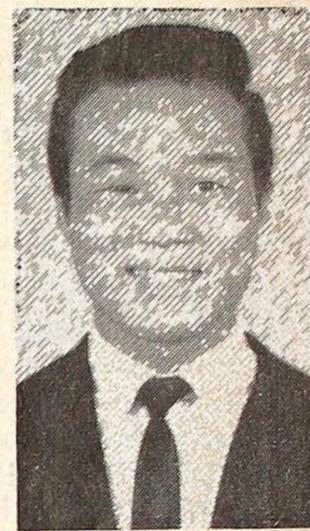
An airlift has already been set up for Jan. 18, 1966. Departs from Knoxville at 5:30 P.M. EST and returns at 11:45 P.M. EST. Cost is \$22.25, plus tax, per person, round trip. Transportation is being handled by Southern Airways using three 40 passenger Martin 404 Aircraft. First come, first served.

Here is an opportunity for some churches to send some key laymen. So write your Brotherhood Department, 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, Tenn. 37212 NOW and keep praying.

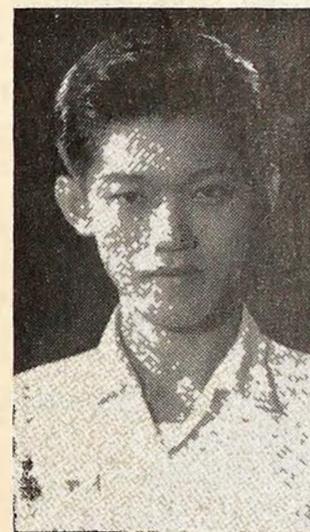
Harrison-Chilhowee More Than An Educational Institution



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Evangelism must be the keyword in schools, hospitals, and children's homes as well as in churches and on the mission fields. True, we usually think of a school only as a place to further our education. However, the greatest lesson any one learns is to know Jesus Christ, according to Charles C. Lemons, president of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy.

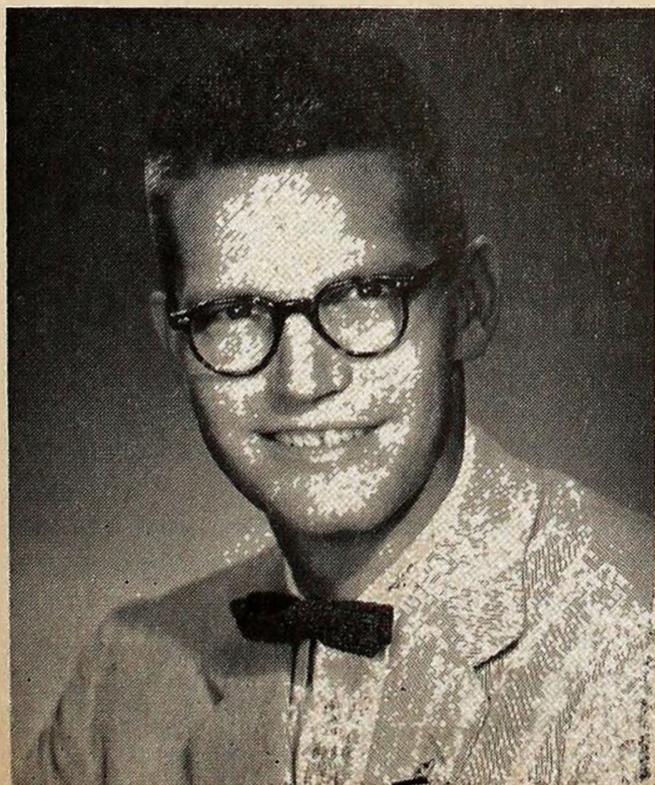
Hasnan Taharin came to the United States from Malaya in search of freedom. He was already a Christian, but not a church member. While at Chilhowee he became a member of Prospect Baptist Church of which Professor W. F. Hall is pastor.

Through the recommendation of missionary Benton Williams, Surachai Lousinthavanont and Vichet Synsatayakul came to H-C for an education. Through the witness of students and faculty members they became Christians and also were baptized into the fellowship of Prospect Baptist Church.

Parvis Sariri came this school year from Iran. His father is chief of Preservation Department for the Iranian International Oil Company and is very anxious that he have an American education. On Sunday, Jan. 24, Parvis was converted to Christ and united with the First Chilhowee Baptist Church.

Surachai and Vichet were converted from Buddhism; Surachai is studying now at Bluefield College, Virginia, and Vichet will graduate at Chilhowee in May.

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The Art of Taking Criticism

By James L. Sullivan

Southern Baptists are schooled and skilled in many arts, but knowing how to take and adjust to criticism seems not to be one of them. Every severe word, whether constructive or unreasonable, seems to upset us. Christ dealt with this matter often. By his example he taught us that criticism is inevitable and can be a compliment.

Perhaps we are uncomfortable in this because historically we have not been in a lead position as a denomination. As a sectional body we were not subjected to intense and unjustified attacks which are now unavoidable. We have been an underdog, with a pioneer or rural background, small and often unnoticed, considered relatively insignificant. If there were criticisms, we were usually the ones dishing them out.

Suddenly, Southern Baptists awaken to nation-wide size and worldwide influence. We find ourselves the largest single body in the Baptist World Alliance. We have become the largest evangelical denomination of North America with the largest Sunday schools in the world.

Such is an enviable leadership position. Nondenominationalists, as well as anti-denominationalists and independent religionists, sharpen their attacks. Professional critics, a multiplicity of rabble rousers, and even some leaders in the more recognized denominations, cast epithets our way. The experience has seemed to upset some of us dreadfully. Our skins have not been toughened by degrees, the change has been so rapid.

Such criticism is not only here, but it is here to stay. Furthermore, it will intensify as time passes because Southern Baptists will continue to grow. So we need to analyze the nature and causes of the criticism, and learn to take it in stride, recognizing that it is the expected price of leadership. At the same time, we must understand that it can be a good ingredient in solid growth and forward movement if we face it courageously and do not panic.

Jesus' Experience With Criticism

Jesus was not exempt from the problem of criticism, even though his life was perfect. If the Master could not escape critics, how can we expect exemption? The more Jesus dug in, the more the criticisms intensified and deepened. Sharp words, like darts, flew faster as his life became more influential and effective.

Analyze Jesus' experience. He was called a glutton—even after he had fasted 40 days and 40 nights. He was called a winebibber,

Dr. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, wrote this article for the Board's News Letter, Feb., 1965 issue.

Sunday School Board Statement

NASHVILLE—The members of the elected Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Nashville on January 25 and 26, 1965, have been fully advised by the administration of the agency regarding the unintentional error listing certain inappropriate books in the Training Union quarterly for Young People seventeen through twenty-four years of age in the third quarter of 1964.

This elected board has also been fully advised regarding the steps taken concerning involved personnel and procedures responsible for permitting such a situation to arise. We have been further fully advised concerning the information that has been made public by the administration in response to inquiries. In addition, we have been shown that every individual letter written on the subject in earnest inquiry has had a reply. The situation was previously reviewed with us in our July, 1964, meeting, and in subsequent executive committee meetings.

This Board joins with Dr. James L. Sul-

livan of the administration and with involved personnel of the agency in expressing deepest regret over the occurrence, recognition that the error was unintentional, satisfaction that appropriate steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence, and understanding that the books at issue have never been stocked in Baptist book stores.

although he lived the most regulated and controlled life of any man. He was called Beelzebub, the prince of the devils, even though he was the Son of God. Of course the criticisms were not justified, but still they came. They hurt him deeply, and they wounded his disciples. The devil could not find fair ways to oppose Christ, so he devised his own foul means of trying to undermine him by innuendo or falsehood. But Jesus would not be intimidated, nor would he be silenced by such injustice.

The principle still holds. The same devil still opposes, continuing to use his ingenuity in manufacturing clever means of opposing any force of righteousness. At times the criticisms may be like thorns in the flesh. At other times they may be like swords in the side. But they will come, and their frequency and size will continue to increase.

Jesus tried to forewarn his disciples of this operating principle which is inevitable in the life of every dynamic spiritual leader and denomination.

Training to Deal With Criticism

Southern Baptists need training in this area. The phrase, "the loneliness of leadership," grows out of the experience of men subjected to this method of attack. Any Christian leader is a prime target; all enemies converge on him.

Jesus told his disciples to beware of the life of which no one would speak evil (Luke 6:26). He knew that if a man were so ineffective, so passive, such a complete non-entity that no one ever noticed him or knew that he existed, no one would ever bother to oppose or criticize him. But who wants

to leave the world untouched by the strong potentials of his life?

Jesus went further in training his disciples. He said, "blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake" (Matthew 5:11). Consider criticism a compliment? That was Jesus' attitude when men hurled distorted accusations toward him.

Critics twisted situations, blew up little incidental circumstances, added exciting half-truths to fact, and even fabricated outright lies to gain points of attack against Jesus. But Jesus did not yield to their injustice. Had he done so he would have been finished. He kept his courage and love. He held his position.

Some critics use the subtle guilt by association technique. When no direct point of attack can be found against the wonderful character and life of a pastor or his family, for instance, the critic seeks and discovers evil in the life of someone else. He widely publicizes that, then tries to prove that the preacher is related either in kinship or partnership in some illicit way to that person of known evil. The same guilt-by-association tactic is used against our denomination constantly. People cannot find enough against Southern Baptists to attack, so they attack others and then try to prove that we have unwarranted relationships with them. Anyone who knows facts and understands the strategy of Satan is not going to be influenced unduly by such goings on of the

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Authorize Hospital Program

DALLAS, TEX. (BP)—A health program to be administered by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board and to be underwritten by Group Hospital Services, Inc. of Dallas was approved by trustees during their 47th annual meeting here, R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the board, said.

Reed said the health program will provide plans to offer hospitalization-surgical-major medical benefits.

He said the Board will direct the promotion of the program and will bill members for dues. Group hospital services (Blue Cross-Blue Shield), the underwriting company, will handle and pay all claims.

Reed said a special committee of the Baptist Hospital Association has worked cooperatively for over ten years with the Annuity Board to bring about this health program.

The committee, whose chairman is Frank Groner, business administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., recommended the Board's health program to the association during its meeting in Chicago in January.

Reed said details of the program is now being drafted with promotion of it to start in early spring. The board hopes to have the health program in operation by Oct. 1, he said.

The health program is one phase of the Annuity Board's protection program struc-

devil. But many innocent people who do not understand how these things work will be upset by them.

Toward Denominational Maturity

Criticisms of the denomination, its churches, and Southern Baptist people, have been and will be on the increase, but we must not fall into the devil's trap and conclude that because of criticism, things are "going to pot." Understand facts. Baptists are gaining in size and influence and are digging in. The devil doesn't like it. He is fighting mad. The best alternative for Southern Baptists is to recognize how criticism is developed and used, accept it in stride as a price of leadership, and try to live as much like Christ as possible. We need to recognize that the more the people of the denomination become like Christ, the ranker and fiercer such criticism will become against us.

Are we mature enough to face to the nature, causes and trends of unjustified criticism? Are we courageous enough not to back down every time the devil points his finger or hurls an angry dart our way? History will reveal the kind of maturity we show.

ture adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1962.

In his report to the trustees, Reed highlighted the Board's work during 1964. He said \$3,450,470 was paid in benefits to annuitants. Some \$182,558 of this amount went to relief beneficiaries. This brought the total paid in benefits by the Board since its beginning in 1918, to more than \$47,000,000.

Reed said funds held in trust for more than 35,000 ministers, church and denominational employees rose to \$135,354,421, an increase of \$15,807,642 over 1963.

Last year, 1392 persons and 589 churches joined the Southern Baptist protection plan, a slight decrease from 1963, Reed said. This decrease had been expected, however, Reed added.

"We have reached the leveling off plateau created by previous enlistment of most of the larger churches. Consequently, new members added in this plan are less this year, and probably will continue to be smaller in number in the future," he said.

Reed said 125 of the 176 agencies in the Convention now have retirement plans for their employees, an increase of seven over 1963.

Air Force Baptists Restore Old Church

LONDON (RNS)—A 104-year-old Methodist church near Luton, north of London—recently closed and put up for sale—has been restored to Christian service by a group of Baptists serving with the U.S. Air Force in Britain.

The group bought the building and restored it as a Baptist church under the ministry of Cecil Holliday, an Air Force sergeant.

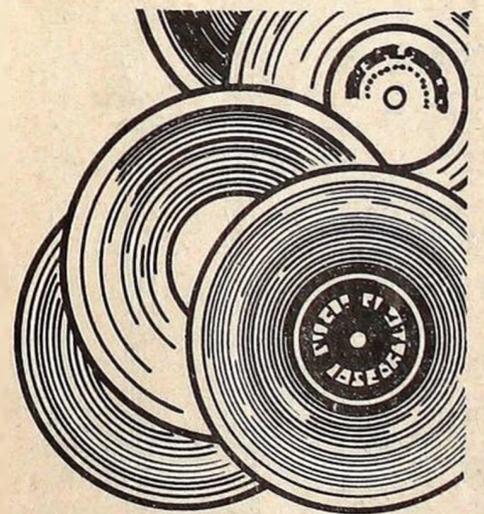
Previously, these Americans had been worshipping in a hall at nearby Sharpenhoe village which they had made into a mission of the First Baptist church of North Highlands, Cal., a Southern Baptist Convention congregation.

Mr. Holliday was quoted by the Baptist Times here as saying;

"We have very good relations with Baptists in England. A number of English people have been baptized into the church, which at the moment has a membership of 93 and attendance at the Sunday school is about 56."

The church was closed as a Methodist house of worship when a large part of its congregation moved to other areas.

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January 31, 1965

Alcoa, Calvary	174	66	6
First	478	231	6
Alexandria, New Hope	56	20	
Antioch, Mt. View	197	98	1
Athens, Central	130	77	
East	376	174	2
First	535	241	
West End Mission	62	29	
Bemis, First	294	75	
Bolivar, First	429	109	1
Brownsville	570	125	
Camden, First	239	92	
Natchez Trace	45	20	
Carthage, First	202	56	
Chattanooga, Brainerd	840	288	3
Calvary	268	82	
Central	596	198	4
Meadowview	35	25	
Concord	412	178	2
East Brainerd	192	78	
First	894	262	1
Morris Hill	294	117	
Northside	372	140	1
Oakwood	362	115	3
Red Bank	1016	317	5
Ridgedale	474	201	
Second	127	64	1
Silverdale	181	98	
White Oak	493	175	
Woodland Park	287	140	2
Clarksville, First	1046	362	12
Pleasant View	219	78	
Cleveland, Big Spring	311	132	
Maple Street	109	70	
Stuart Park	147	87	
Clinton, First	579	166	
Second	423	132	
Collierville, First	297	108	1
Columbia, First	413	109	1
Highland Park	344	156	
Northside	109	63	
Pleasant Heights	209	81	
Concord, First	287	148	3
Cookeville, First	504	205	2
Washington Ave.	134	73	
Bangham	33	43	
West View	123	51	1
Crab Orchard, Haley's Grove	126	75	
Crossville, First	195	36	
Homestead	170	63	
Daisy, First	280	107	
Denver, Trace Creek	121	59	1
Dickson, First	207	73	
Dresden, First	216	70	
Dunlap, First	137	57	1
Dyersburg, First	570	174	
Hawthorne	153	74	2
Elizabethton, First	353	173	
Immanuel	206	112	
Siam	156	89	
Etowah, First	283	86	
Galloway	86	52	
Gleason, First	192	45	1
Goodlettsville, First	518	236	2
Grand Junction, First	129	76	
Greenbrier, Ebenezer	106	60	
Greenfield, First	159	43	
Greeneville, First	324	142	
Second	131	42	
Harriman, Big Emory	114	51	1
South	439	162	1
Trenton Street	331	118	
Walnut Hill	187	87	
Henderson, First	213	58	
Hendersonville, First	538	108	2
Mission	46		
Hixson, First	307	122	2
Memorial	278	120	3
Humboldt, First	462	168	3
Jackson, Calvary	475	169	4
East Union	74	40	
First	714	262	
Highland Park	139	68	
Nashway	97	65	
Parkview	339	140	3
West	863	441	
Jellico, First	159	88	
Mission	12		
Johnson City, Central	465	194	2
Clark Street	195	67	
Pinecrest	122	72	
Kenton, Macedonia	91	48	
Kingsport, Colonial Heights	415	171	2
First	928	271	3
Litz Manor	244	102	1
State Line	198	98	
Kingston, First	452	204	
Knoxville, Black Oak Heights	191	60	
Broadway	849	301	
Central (Bearden)	712	252	3
Central (Ft. City)	1130	366	1
Fifth Avenue	687	168	
First	942	216	
Grace	417	187	

Immanuel	355	116	
Lincoln Park	942	272	4
McCalla Avenue	835		
Meridian	654	266	5
New Hopewell	266	120	2
Smithwood	722	281	2
Wallace Memorial	658	262	
West Hills	302	101	
LaFollette, First	263	113	
Lawrenceburg, First	185	74	
Meadow View	70	31	
Highland Park	264	136	1
Immanuel	381	164	
Rocky Valley	88	45	1
Lenoir City, Calvary	207	58	
First	426	165	
Kingston Pike	101	59	
Lewisburg, East Commerce	125	40	3
First	295	116	
Livington, First	182	90	
Loudon, New Providence	153	107	
Union Fork	93	73	
Louisville, Zion	107	55	
Madison, First	434	115	6
Madisonville, First	261	84	
Manchester, First	291	129	1
Trinity	141	101	4
Martin, First	362	116	
Southside	97	31	
Maryville, Broadway	551	272	
Dotson	144	88	
Everett Hills	475	208	8
Grandview	211	105	
Monte Vista	217	124	
Old Piney Grove	106	69	
Piney Grove	122	82	
Pleasant Grove	156	68	
Stock Creek	180	73	
Wildwood	127		
McKenzie, First	336	134	
McLemoresville	80	39	
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	377	96	4
Forset Park	93	61	
Shellsford	161	69	
Mt. Juliet	190	75	
Memphis, Ardmore	644	270	3
Bartlett	380	165	1
Barton Heights	178	82	1
Bellevue	1410	659	10
Boulevard	358	134	2
Cordova	127	49	
Dellwood	450	180	9
East Park	203	108	
Elliston Avenue	319	148	2
Eudora	990	357	1
Fairlawn	548	290	6
First	1368	353	1
Forest Hill	89	44	
Georgian Hills	517	211	5
Glen Park	358	178	8
Highland Heights	1143	605	1
Kennedy	516	232	2
LaBelle Haven	707	279	4
LeaClair	485	210	1
Leewood	807	276	7
Lucy	145	91	
Macon Road	195		5
Mallory Heights	208	209	2
McLean	514	184	1
Millington, First	505	271	3
National Avenue	316	162	1
Oakhaven	466	169	2
Prescott Memorial	424	111	
Rugby Hills	306	182	2
Scenic Hills	225	120	2
Second	505	236	
Seventh Street	383	112	10
Sky View	319	176	1
Southmoor	240	108	
Speedway Terrace	572	285	4
Temple	887	248	1
Trinity	643	330	6
Wells Station	668	216	7
Westmont	144	43	2
Whitehaven	767	180	2
White Station	166	81	
Milan, First	438	115	
Morristown, Bethel	191	100	
Buffalo Trail	196		
Calvary	390	100	1
Hillcrest		110	
Montvue	251	78	
Whitesburg	66	33	
Murfreesboro, First	684	186	
Calvary	113	55	
Maney Avenue	92	31	
Southeast	170	107	
Third	308	105	
Woodbury Road	211	87	
Nashville, Belmont Heights	901	316	
Madison Street	66	23	
Westview	73	58	

Dalewood	399	130	3
Donelson, First	772	183	7
Eastland	494	147	1
Eastwood	201	68	5
First	1290	494	6
Carroll Street	172	80	
Cora Tibbs	88	21	
T.P.S.	415		
Freeland	98	35	
Gallatin Road	404	185	5
Grace	687	219	2
Harsh Chapel	185	77	
Haywood Hills	375	173	4
Hillhurst	226	93	
Inglewood	764	224	
Cross Keys	27	23	
Joelton	218	119	1
Judson	417	102	3
Benton Avenue	82		
Junior League Home	32		
Lakewood	495	126	
Lincocya Hills	219	62	
Lockeland	532	145	4
Maplewood	166	87	1
Park Avenue	798	267	3
Riverside	317	86	
Rosedale	179	85	
Third	189	37	
Tusculum Hills	395	167	1
Woodbine	540	187	1
Berea	23	18	1
Niota, First	107	30	
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	656	224	2
Old Hickory, First	485	177	3
Peytonville	17		
Rayon City	205	68	
Temple	272	157	
Oliver Springs, First	97	86	
Paris, First	500	191	
Parsons, First	205	61	
Portland, First	259	74	
Pulaski, First	322	97	
Mission	72	11	
Ripley, Curve	116	65	
Rockwood, Eureka	94	59	
First	457	175	2
Rogersville, Henard's Chapel	122	100	
Savannah, First	238	78	
Selmer, First	239	89	
Seymour, Dupont	144	74	1
First, Chilhowee	188	96	2
Sevierville, First	493	146	3
Shelbyville, First	451	143	1
Shelbyville Mills	175	90	1
Smyrna, First	290	96	2
Sparta, First	215	67	
Springfield	485	132	
Sweetwater, First	364		
Murrays	98	64	
Trenton, First	506	179	1
Union City, First	629	101	2
Watertown, Round Lick	154	74	
Waverly, First	202	66	1
Waynesboro, Green River	140	99	
White House	173	62	
Winchester, First	213	81	
Southside	46		

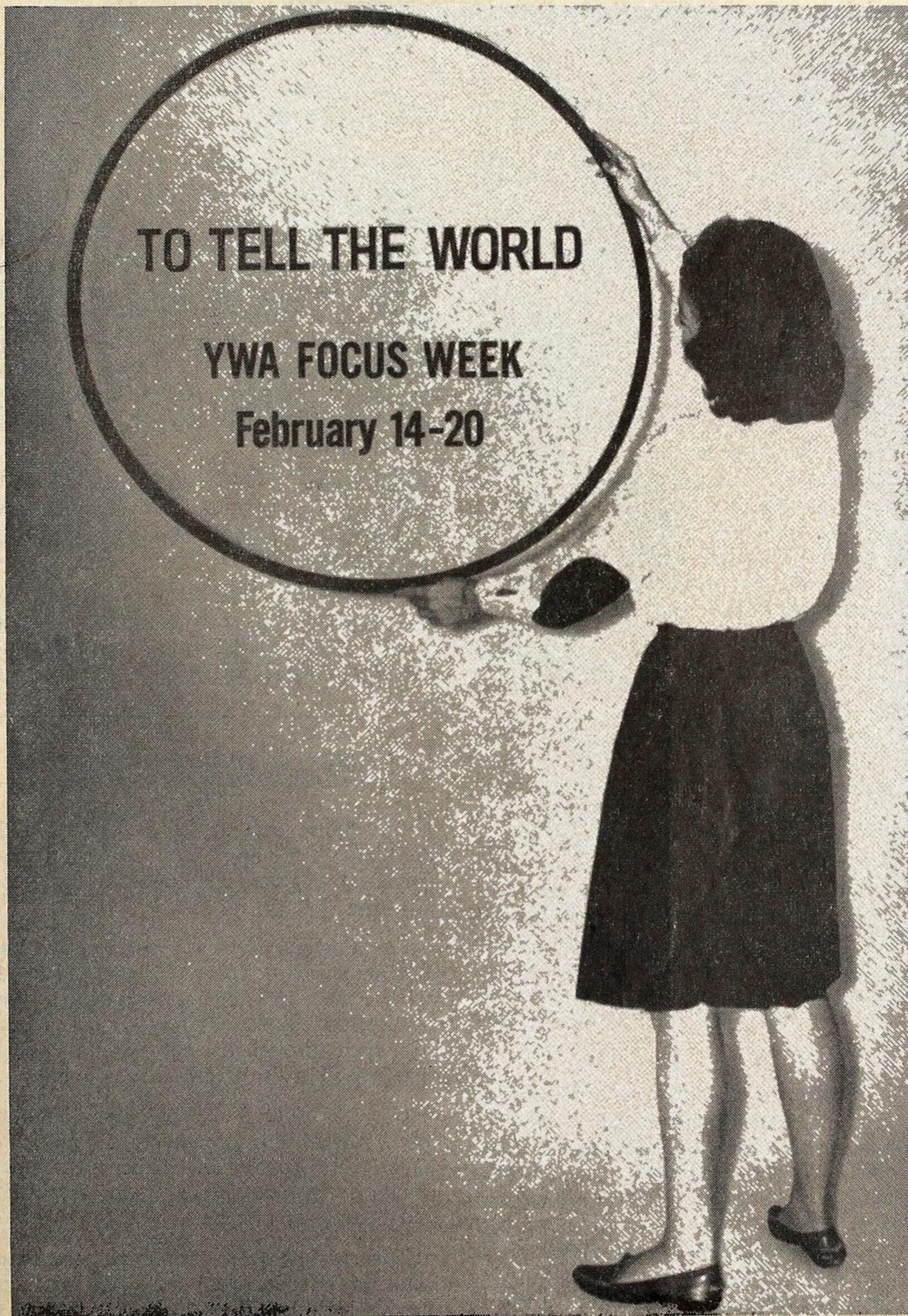
Harold D. Campbell of Neale Church, Washington, Ind. has accepted the call to become pastor of Oakland Church, Springfield. Product of Robertsville Church, Oak Ridge, he graduated from Carson-Newman and Southern Seminary, Louisville. Mrs. Campbell is the former Sherry Fondren of Elizabethton. The Campbells moved to the Oakland field the second week of March.

Steve L. Daran resigned Macedonia Church to accept the pastorate of Union Friendship, Western District Association, Rt. 1, Henry. He began his new work Jan. 24.

Maplewood Church, Nashville, ordained Carl Douglas Gant as a deacon climaxing "Baptist Men's Day" activities Jan. 24, in which men of the church led the services, R. F. Carroll bringing the morning message, Frank Watts serving as organist, Stan Oster as pianist, and Sidney Hughes directing the men's choir.

Mrs. Fern Marshall, 76, who died Jan. 31 had been a member of First Church, Memphis, since 1903, active in WMU and as a teacher for more than 20 years in the Sunday school.

"To Tell The World"



YWA Focus Week Theme

Centering on a world missions theme, "To Tell the World," YWA Focus Week, Feb. 14-20., offers every member of Young Woman's Auxiliary opportunities to sharpen her missionary concern. Theme development this year will focus on the world-wide mission of Southern Baptist churches. YWA members will give personal expression to this concept through enlistment efforts, mis-

sion study, and special mission projects in the community. Associational YWA Councils in Tennessee will have banquets, mother-daughter teas, and inspirational programs where the young women will plan and direct the activities.

YWA Focus offers each church a unique opportunity to look at and evaluate the distinctive purpose and the activities of this

McDonald Nominated

LITTLE ROCK (BP)—Editor Erwin L. McDonald of the Arkansas Baptist News-magazine Little Rock was one of five Arkansans nominated by the readers of Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock daily newspaper, for 1964 Man of the Year in Arkansas. The designation went to Joshua K. Shepherd, Little Rock insurance counselor and past president of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Burrows Named Asst. Chaplain

Charles W. Burrows has been named assistant chaplain in the department of pastoral care at East Tenn. Baptist Hospital, Knoxville. Burrows, a native of Texas, came to his new work from Baptist Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, where he served as emergency room chaplain and later as associate chaplain and director of student activities.

organization. This is a time to take stock of the provisions provided for all young women 16-24 years old in our churches.

Many churches will find they need to provide another organization for the Career Young Women, leaving the High School Young Women in the present organization. Some of the churches will find they have not provided a missionary organization for their young women. They will want to provide the leadership and materials to set up the program. Churches needing assistance may contact the state WMU Office, 1812 Belmont Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. 37212

Present statistics show that 46% of the population of the United States is 15-24 years of age. This tells us something of the task we have to provide missionary education for our youth. If we "Tell the World" with the 5,000 missionaries the Foreign Mission Board expects to send in the next few years, these young people must be made aware of the needs, brought into the atmosphere where they can hear and be willing to answer God's call to be used of Him to go.

Through the program of Young Woman's Auxiliary the young woman is made aware of the needs and is involved in finding ways she can use her abilities to meet the needs today as well as looking at tomorrow. She is provided with events both state and convention-wide that bring her in contact with missionaries, other YWA members, and enlarges her world.

Coming events are:

1. State YWA Banquet, Apr. 9 in Knoxville
2. Mission Tour and Convention YWA Conference, Glorieta, N. Mex.—July 24-Aug. 4, 1965
3. State YWA House Parties, Gatlinburg—Oct. 1-3; Paris Landing—Oct. 8-10, 1965

- Tradition And Christian Duty -

TEXTS: Matthew 14 and 15 (Larger)—Matthew 15:1-20 (Printed)—John 10:10 (Golden or Memory).

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." The words of this the Golden Text are those of our Lord. The experience of Christians across the centuries since they were spoken shows conclusively that to follow Jesus Christ truly brings the Abundant Life. Such a life is full as well as satisfying, wholesome as well as disciplined, and helpful as well as joyful. Such a life recognizes duty and seeks to perform it, it has a place for tradition but never allows it to compromise or neutralize the religious teachings of the Bible. The beginning-point of evaluating human life and conduct is with Jesus' own words and example. The printed text of the lesson provides a fair sample of both. An approach is given as follows.

Tradition Turned Transgression (vv.1-6)

Some critics of Jesus were accusing His disciples of breaking the tradition given by the elders concerning the washing of hands before taking food. Such a tradition was originally intended for sanitary purposes but it had been completely distorted in actual practice during this particular time. For instance, the one about to eat food must be sure that his hands had not been "defiled" by having come in contact with a person of another race. His attitude of exclusive snobbishness was entirely ignored. Jesus answered His critics by pointing out that they had covered up their own transgression of the Fifth Commandment by a clever recitation of a sort of formula. If a parent needed help from a child the help could be denied to him merely by his saying, "It is a gift". Thus the financial aid ordinarily expected was "legitimately" disallowed. It

was just that simple. It was a clear-cut example of a tradition that had turned to actual transgression of the oral Law. The underlying principle of deviation in this case must be applied to all similar rationalizations at present.

Ceremony Circumventing Commandment (vv.7-11)

Jesus uses a strong word in condemnation of the conduct of His critics: hypocrites. Its etymology suggests one who plays a part, such as actor on the stage. He often wore a mask as an aid to his play-acting. A hypocrite, then, was one who merely played a part. It has come to mean one who is entirely different from what he appears to be. Jesus refers to the prophecy of Isaiah as describing what His critics were doing in this present instance. They were in essence circumventing the commandments of God by observing certain rites and ceremonies and doing so in a very scrupulous manner. Their lips were saying one thing but their hearts and lives were saying the exact opposite. Their food was clean ceremonially but their inner lives were polluted and defiled by their perverted attitudes and their base desires. The underlying principle of deviation is frequently observed in our own time. For instance, some persons imagine that if they conform to certain religious rites and ceremonies they are free to engage in most any kind of sinful and vicious practice. The New Testament clearly teaches that the Christian religion is concerned with not less than all three items of one's life: heart, head and hand (and perhaps in that order).

Religion Revealing Reality (vv.12-20)

The Christian religion begins in personal commitment of one to Jesus Christ. If this is not true it is only a question of time for the religion to deteriorate into first a cold system of ethics and second to formality with its tendency to ceremony and tradition. It continues and grows by one devotedly trying to live as Jesus lived while on earth. In this continuous process religion becomes real and meaningful. The real meaning of human life here and now, as well as its eternal destiny, can be seen in deeds and words day by day upon the part of the Christian. And this is the kind of revelation the world needs so desperately to see at present—one aspect of true religion. If the heart is right, the head makes religion intelligent and the hand makes it practical. Let it be remembered that all three must be involved. To attempt it otherwise is to present a faulty and distorted picture.



ON MATTERS OF
Family Living
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ARE ALL BABIES CAPABLE OF ADVANCED MENTAL GROWTH?

Barring physical defects, all children are capable of advanced mental development," said Dr. Joseph Church, prof. of child development at Vassar. He rejected the widely-held theory that normal babies are born with varying degrees of intelligence, observing that "the child's great potential can be dulled by lack of stimulation or by active discouragement."

Don't give up on a child because he is dull now, urged the child development specialist. "Perhaps he has been made dull by his environment."

Dr. Church cited laboratory test evidence that ordinary rats can be made mentally superior when reared in "rat nurseries" designed to encourage optimum development.

NEW BOOKS

Go Home and Tell by Bertha Smith; Broadman; 154 pp.; \$2.75. How answered prayer undergirded an adventurous witness in China.

The Pilgrimage of Christianity by Pope A. Duncan; Broadman; 128 pp.; \$1.50. A concise and readable survey of Christian history, this book tells how God has dealt with man through his church and how, in turn, man has dealt with God's church.

How to Make Your Teaching Count by Joe L. McMillin; Broadman; 55 pp.; 75¢; paper. New possibilities in personal understanding between Sunday school teachers and their class members.

The Anchor Bible "Jeremiah" translated with an introduction and notes by John Bright; Doubleday; 372 pp.; \$7.00. This is Volume 21 of The Anchor Bible, a new translation in 38 volumes, each with an introduction, notes and comment.

A Businessman Looks at the Bible by W. Maxey Jarman; Revell; 160 pp.; \$2.50. A prominent businessman expresses the truths he has discovered in and concerning the Bible. Using effective business principles, he approaches this testing of the validity of the Bible and relates his conclusions. It is a businessman's statement and not that of a theologian; practical, not theoretical.

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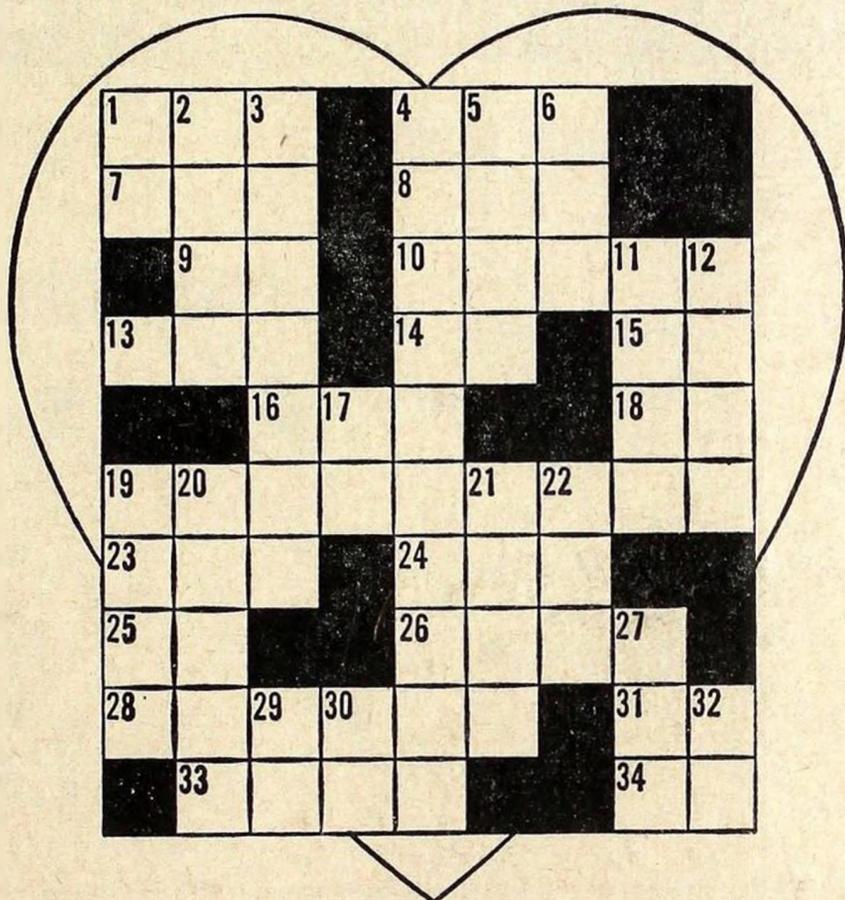
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ACROSS

DOWN

1. Everyone
4. Existed
7. Siamese people
8. Lincoln's nickname
9. Inside
10. What bears do all winter
13. Bowlike curve
14. Masculine pronoun
15. Roman numeral for six
16. Japanese sash
18. An adjective ending meaning "made of"
19. "Be my _____"
23. Hotel
24. Obtain
25. Negative
26. Trial
28. Inventor of electric light, motion picture, and phonograph
31. Advertisement
33. Famous English boys' school
34. River in Italy

1. Near
2. Animal home
3. Our sixteenth President
4. Father of our country
5. Having power to do something
6. Observe
11. Level
12. Evergreen tree
13. First letter of alphabet
17. To exist
19. Climbing plant
20. Positive terminal in electricity
21. Your age after twelve
22. Possessive pronoun
27. A light blow
29. Pronoun
30. Thus
32. Perform

Answers

ACROSS: 1. all, 4. was, 7. Tai, 8. Abe, 9. in, 10. sleep, 13. arc, 14. he, 15. VI, 16. obi, 18. -en, 19. valentine 23. inn, 24. get, 25. no, 26. test, 28. Edison, 31. ad, 33. Eton, 34. Po

DOWN: 1. at, 2. lair, 3. Lincoln, 4. Washington, 5. able, 6. see, 11. even, 12. pine, 13. A, 17. be, 19. vine, 20. anode, 21. teen, 22. its, 27. tap, 29. it, 30. so, 32. do

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GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD * THE SINGING OF BIRDS

By Thelma C. Carter

Even before the winter ends in our part of the world, February is preparing the earth for spring and summer. Snow may be on the ground, but under this cold covering are millions of seeds waiting for spring sunshine.

If you take a moment to observe the ever-green trees and shrubs in the area of your home, you will find the first springtime birds arriving. Robins, thrushes, and bluebirds toss their silvery notes into the chilly air as they search for insects and nesting places.

The first bluebirds and robins never seem to mind the snow, chilled air, and gray skies. Their cheery songs fill the air as though they are trying to waken every seed, bud, and creature of God's wondrous world.

An ancient legend tells about Valentine Day being the time when birds begin their housekeeping. The paper valentines we give to our friends often have pictures of bluebirds and robins on them. Take a moment to study your valentines this year. In ancient Rome, Valentine Day was a special time of feasts and spring festivals.

February, the second month of the year and the last month of the winter season, is a changing month. One day we may have sunshine. The next may bring a blizzard and screeching winds.

Wonderfully true is the fact that all nature is getting ready for flowers, gardens, wild creatures. That is God's plan. "The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come" (Song of Solomon 2:12).

Laughs

An aircrew trainee was sitting at a table explaining his importance to a visiting girl friend.

The young lady asked him what rank he held.

"Section 'I' optician," he replied.

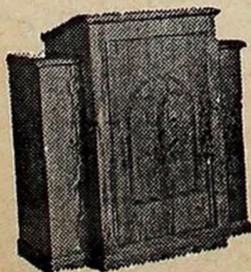
"I've never heard of that before. 'What are your duties,' she asked.

He replied softly, "Scraping the eyes out of potatoes."

A lady came to the station attendant complaining that her car was jumping. The attendant checked the spark, found that one cylinder wasn't hitting.

"Lady, you have a cylinder missing," he told her.

"I don't see how that could be," she frowned. "I keep my garage locked all the time."



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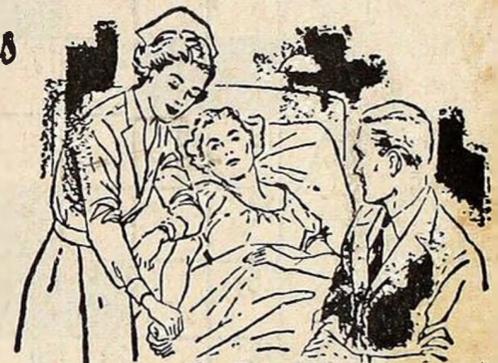


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