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Readers Write

... How Low, Oh God!

● How low is God going to let man stoop before He lets His wrath fall upon sinful man? Men are degrading themselves, wallowing in the sin of the liquor habit today to such an extent it is a disgrace to the human race. Numerous examples in the Bible tell us when men get so low, living in sin, then God sends His wrath upon them.

Booze-heads, and some politicians, are trying to make intoxicating beverage available by the drink, in addition to the bottle. If they succeed, what are we going to do? It isn't safe to drive on our roads now! I can not forget the scene I witnessed on a highway one night. In that twisted, torn mass of metal that was once a car, lay a wife, and her mother, the pallor of death upon them. And the two young daughters of the man who had been driving were being sped to the hospital, while that still drunk husband sat on the side of the road so drunk he could hardly sit up. That was not the first time, nor the last, that I have seen blood flow on the road because of liquor.

When we come into this world, God has provided a wonderful food for us, milk. And as we continue to grow milk makes it possible for us to have strong and healthy bodies. Truly it is a blessing from God. Who can deny this? And I wonder just how angry God is as He looks at the advertisement in the "LOOK" magazine, Feb. 23, 1965 issue, Vol. 29, No. 4 pages 52-53? I feel this is a disgrace to the goodness and love of Almighty God!

Let us pray that men will repent and turn from their wicked ways before God sends His wrath upon us, a liquor-soaked America.—Lloyd M. Smith, 1900 East Belmont Circle, Nashville, Tenn.



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125 Iowa Lives Sacrificed

In its first full calendar year (1964) of legal sale of spirits by the drink, (1) Iowa's motor vehicle fatalities increased 213, soaring to 831, a 35 per cent increase over 1962, the last full year in which spirits sales were restricted to package sales only.

These 1964 state data, to be published by the National Safety Council in its March issue of *Accident Facts*, are reflected in city statistics from Iowa showing that motor vehicle fatalities in the six largest Iowa cities in 1964 totaled 74, an increase of 24 over 1962, or by 48 per cent.

Factors other than alcohol may have influenced national auto death rate which increased nearly 20 per cent in the same period. This would indicate Iowa made payment for the pleasure of drinking spirits by the glass (in taverns, saloons, hotels, etc.) by sacrificing 125 Iowa lives.

This number is based on the assumption that motor vehicle deaths throughout Iowa also would have increased at the same rate as they did nationally, had there been no liquor law change in Iowa.

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| (1) Change in law became effective July 4, 1963. | |
| Previously sales were by bottle only. | |
| (2) Iowa increase motor vehicle fatalities..... | 35 % |
| National increase | 20 % |
| Excess increase in Iowa | 15 % |
| 15 per cent of Iowa's total deaths (831) is 125 | |

... Yes, Southern Baptists Are In Chicago

● We Southern Baptists in the Chicago area have a real problem. I feel that you can be of great help to us by simply printing this letter in your state paper.

Our problem is that again and again we are hearing from those who come to our area to work that their former pastor or church told them that they would not find any Southern Baptist Churches in the Chicago area, or if they find any they will be small and uninviting.

Brethren, these things ought not to be so. We are here, and we are in business for the King. It is true that there are many small, struggling missions and churches. These need your prayers and support. It is also true that there are many fine churches that would give some of the older Southern churches a "run for their money". Our church here in Harvey, just 20 miles from downtown Chicago, is 23 years old and has a membership of 655. Our church plant is very adequate and attractive.

Here is the message Brother Pastors of Southern Baptist Churches located in southern areas: Tell your members who move to the Chicago area that we are here with one of the largest, and the fastest growing associations in the state of Illinois.

Your sheep need the attention of a shepherd in the Chicago area. Tell them to call us at: The Harvey Missionary Baptist Church, 154th at Lincoln Avenue, Harvey, Illinois, Phone 333-2624. Tell them to come and worship with us. You do not know what it will mean to them to receive a good old Southern Baptist handshake, and a hearty welcome.

The address of the Chicago Southern Baptist Assn. is: 4636 S. Cicero Ave., Chicago 38, Illinois.
—Billy J. Chitwood

Devotional

Trees and Christians



Roger Shelton, Haywood Hills Church,
Nashville

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together . . ." Heb. 10:25

Trees and Christians grow and produce best in the climate most suited for their natures.

Orange trees which grow well and produce abundant fruit in Florida will not even sprout in Tennessee. Redwood trees grow into giant-like statures in California, but in Indiana they only wilt away. The failure of the redwood in Indiana is not because it is a delicate plant. The truth is that they are one of the most rugged of all plants, but they must be in a climate in agreement with their nature before they can live and grow.

A foreign climate is just as detrimental to a Christian as it is to a redwood or an orange tree. Many Christians have sadly wilted who could have grown strong and produced much in the climate of Christian fellowship.

It is apparent that God planned for the redwood to live and grow in the climate of California. And Heb. 10:25 makes it just as apparent that God planned for the Christian to live and grow in the climate of the Church. There he finds the climate necessary for his nature. There he finds the spiritual nourishment and fellowship which is essential for his growth and development.

The Lord Jesus Christ was a regular participant in spiritual assemblies. And His word admonishes us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together lest we wilt as a plant which is denied the proper climate it needs for growth.

1966 SBC Budget Goal Hits Peak \$21.8 Million

NASHVILLE (BP)—The proposed 1966 Cooperative Program goal for the Southern Baptist Convention is a record \$21.8 million.

The goal was approved here by the executive Committee of the SBC. It will be recommended to the 1965 Convention session at Dallas for passage. It includes \$19,016,000 for operating budgets of SBC agencies; \$2,244,750 for their capital needs, and an estimated minimum advance for missions of \$539,250.

The advance would be divided two-thirds for foreign missions and one third for home missions. Very likely the advance will go over \$539,250, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee.

The Convention's 1965 Cooperative Program goal is \$20,335,600. Of this \$17,590,850 is operating funds for agencies, another \$2,244,750 is for capital needs, and the expected advance is at least \$500,000.

During 1964, however, receipts from state Baptist groups for national and worldwide work supported through the Cooperative Program reached \$20,891,636. This included \$14,626,500 for operating needs; \$3,372,000 for capital needs of 1964, and \$1,188,855 to make up unpaid 1963 capital needs—for a total Operating and Capital Needs Budget of \$19,187,355.

Though no advance goal was set, the advance receipts amounted to \$1,704,281 last year, which added to the previous total makes \$20,891,63.

The 1966 budget, which coincides with the calendar year, marks the first time \$10 million has been allocated to the Foreign Mission Board from Cooperative Program funds for operations. The allocation recommended is an even \$10 Million, up \$700,000 over 1965.

The six SBC theological seminaries are proposed to receive \$3,633,000 together, an overall hike of \$205,000 above the current year's budget, to meet operating needs.

The seminaries divide this \$3.6 million among themselves according to a formula based on enrolment and other factors.

An increase in operating funds of \$355,650 is recommended for the Home Mission Board over the 1965 allocation. The 1966 amount is \$3,203,000.

The Radio and Television Commission's recommended boost of \$100,000 over the present operating allocation brings its 1966 total to \$900,000.

An increase of \$20,000 is in the Brotherhood Commission's proposed operating allocation, making it have \$205,000 for 1966. The Christian Life Commission would be raised to \$90,000 with its \$18,500 increase for the year.

The Stewardship Commission would re-

ceive \$18,000 more than in 1965 and be allocated \$83,000 for 1966 operations. The Public Affairs Committee's operating allocation would rise by \$15,500 to a total of \$98,000 for next year.

The Education Commission's proposed share is \$88,000, in increase of \$11,500. The Historical Commission's operating amount for 1966 of \$83,000 contains a hike of \$5000.

The Southern Baptist Foundation would be increased from \$54,000 this year to \$60,000 for operations next year.

No changes were made in the allocation, from 1965 amount to 1966 recommendation, for the Annuity Board, \$250,000; Southern Baptist Hospitals \$35,000; and Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary, \$88,000.

The Convention Operating Budget would remain constant at \$200,000. The Baptist World Alliance support from Southern Baptists comes through this Convention Operating Budget. The Alliance's amount would jump from \$80,000 to \$82,500.

The Convention Operating Budget receives funds from other sources than the Cooperative Program, including \$300,000 from the Sunday School Board.

Out of the Convention Operating Budget also comes funds for the SBC Executive Committee. There is no change in its funds from 1965 to 1966; they stay the same at \$233,000.

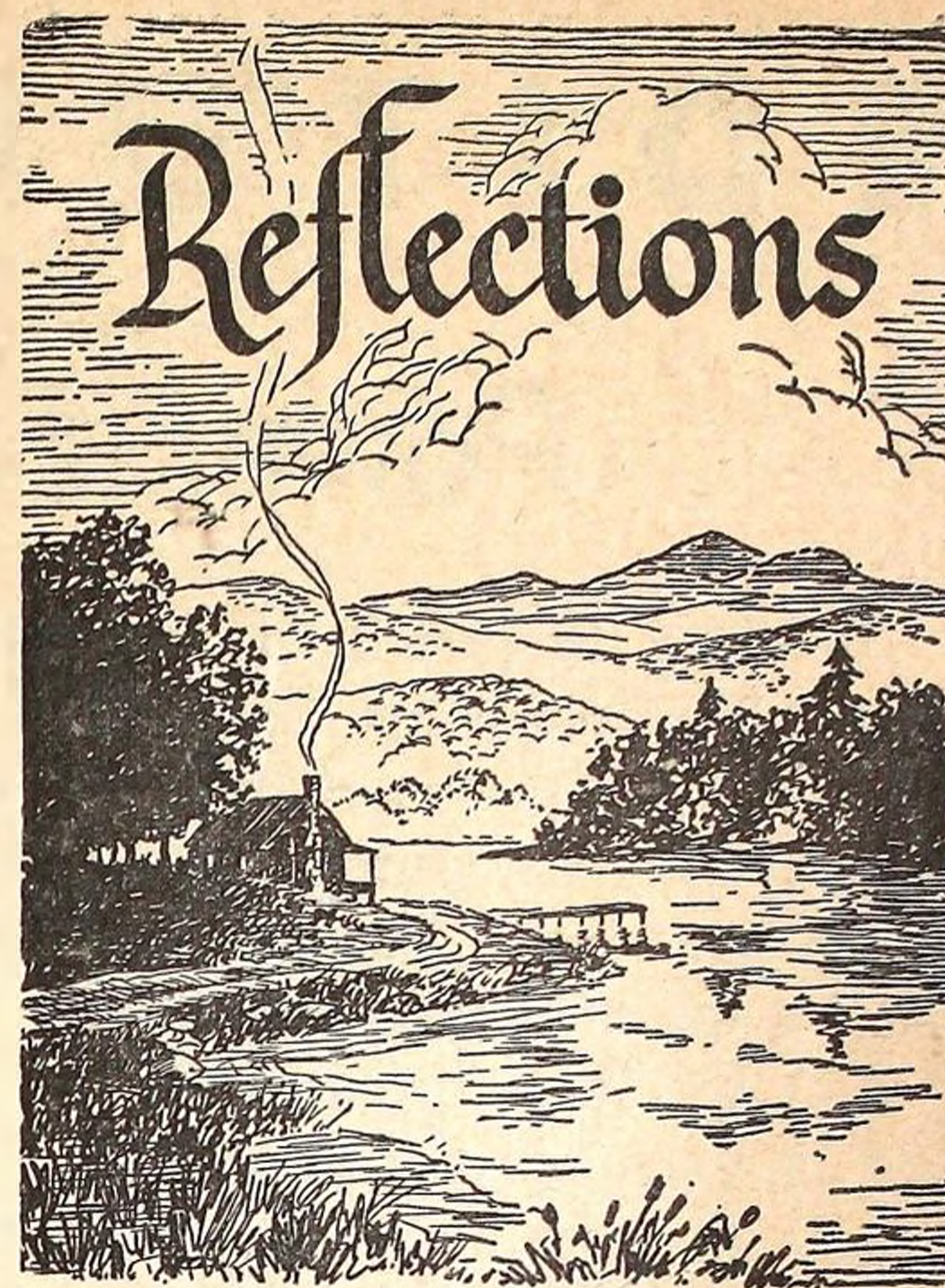
The Convention Operating Budget also allows \$75,000 for convention expense; \$18,000 for the work of Special SBC committees, and \$14,000 for operating and maintaining the Southern Baptist Convention building in Nashville in which the executive Committee and several other agencies, not a part of the Sunday School Board, are housed.

All SBC agencies receive Cooperative Program funds except for the Sunday School Board, which gets its funds from sales of literature and other operations.

The Foreign Mission Board said it planned to use its additional \$700,000 in operating funds in 1966 to make a general increase in the support of missionaries and their work.

It will provide for the increasing number of foreign missionaries under appointment, including 50 single young adults in the initial group of missionary journeymen serving two years each to assist lifetime Missionaries around the world.

The Home Mission Board's \$355,650 hike will help advance the work of language missions, permit church extension projects in large cities, and allow for a nationwide rural church conference to be held in March, 1966, The Board said.



Said an ancient friend, "It's hard to realize that most of the people I talk to don't know there can be such a world as I once knew and therefore don't even start looking at things as I do. When I grew up the Civil War was over, this country was at peace and . . . nothing seemed to threaten the welfare of the world . . . Kids today have known nothing but war and threats of war, with inborn apprehensions we never had to face when young. We old codgers should be mighty gentle with young people. They never have seen "Peace on earth, Good will among men" as a living condition even temporarily. No wonder they seem to us like a new kind of human being. The miracle is that in spite of what they know and face, so many are so fine."—S. A. C. Sidelights.

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There was never a man so empty as the man who is full of himself.—*Survey Bulletin*

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A calm hour with God is worth more than a lifetime with man.—Geo. H. P. Harmon

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Empty pews mean empty lives.—Arnold Glasow.

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Couples who hope for a happy marriage will do well to remember that in "wedding" the "we" comes before the "I". —Robert Brault, *Information*.

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When we are out of sympathy with the young, then I think our work in this world is over.—George MacDonald

Power For Revolutionary Times

Few are the periods of time when conditions are static. The foment of change is ever at work. There have been revolutionary days before ours. But as one observer put it recently, "Today five revolutions are going on at once." Purser Hewitt listed these as:

- (1) the inflationary spiral
- (2) the racial revolution
- (3) the population explosion
- (4) the scientific revolution
- (5) the moral conduct revolution

Hewitt, who is executive editor of The Clarion-Ledger of Jackson, Mississippi asked,

"How can we handle these revolutions and other problems?"

The question must be faced by Christian people. We cannot isolate ourselves from the great ferment seething through the world. It is a world rapidly changing, menaced by great evils, yet at the same time malleable to the power of good.

Greatest Event in History



Some think the Christian faith is finished. The Bible is under massive attack by destructive critics. The moral code set forth in Scripture is denounced by rebels who relegate the Ten Commandments to the ash heap, who question miracles, the reality of heaven and hell and the very existence of God Himself.

Population explosion is most alarming among the people who have no food for hungry mouths. The racial revolution puts the white face out of fashion in many of the world's areas. The inflationary spiral rises upon melting gold reserves and currency suspect of diminishing power. The scientific revolution probes the surface of the moon and gropes for a way to the stars amid the chatter of electronic brains.

The moral revolution thumbs its nose at judgment and accountability.

We cannot shut our eyes to these volcanic forces erupting in modern life with the hope they will go away. In some expressions they are new, but the forces are as old as human nature, and we are not the first generation confronted with the problems they present.

How can we handle these five revolutions and other problems? Some would answer that only a police state can cope with them. We believe that the only answer lies in the renewal of the churches and the rededication of Christian people to the purpose for which they have been saved. Mr. Hewitt in discussing these problems held out the hope for their solution in Christian evangelism. God designed the church to bring men to Him in Jesus Christ through repentance and faith that issues in rebirth and commitment.

Too often today, we've been looking for better methods, but God is looking for better men. Jesus said his people were to be the salt of the earth, the light of the world. To lose our saltiness is to become useless. To hide the light is to defeat the reason for being. What we need to do cannot be done in our own strength. It will have to be done in utter dependence upon the spirit of God. God will do it through us if we come to the point of willingness to let Him use us for His own glory. The redeeming power of His love is the greatest revolutionary force of all time.

We Need More Men Like Senator Taylor

Senator Robert C. Taylor is a man of conviction and courage. He has stoutly withstood the pressure of liquor-by-the-drink proponents in our state legislature. We are proud of Sen. Taylor's unequivocal "no" against the desperate maneuvers of some in the Davidson County delegation to spread liquor sales throughout the county by way of the liquor-by-the-drink scheme.

It is high time liquor-by-the-drink advocates realize there is a rising tide of indignation against the liquor business in Nashville and throughout the state of Tennessee. Sen. Taylor in voting "no" is in line with the thinking of a great segment of our people. We tip our hat to him. Tennessee needs more men like him in public office. He can't be bought or bullied by the liquor industry, nor whipped into line by its proponents. We hope the day is on its way when all the liquor outlets in Tennessee can be dried up in the interest of a sober citizenship.

BAPTIST BELIEFS

by Herschel H. Hobbs

The Center of the Universe (Col. 1:17)

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

The theme of Colossians is the Person of Christ. Gnostic philosophy held that God was absolutely good, and matter was absolutely evil. How then could an absolutely good God create an absolutely evil universe? To resolve this problem they posited a series of beings called *aeons* emanating from God in a descending order. Each *aeon* possessed a little less deity than its preceding one. The last one possessed enough deity to create, but possessed so little deity as to enable it to create evil matter. When the Gnostics came into contact with Christianity they identified Christ with the last *aeon*. So to them He was a demigod or demon. Christian teaching does not hold to the essential evil of matter. Nor does it regard Christ as less than God Himself.

So in reply to this Gnostic position Paul declared that Christ is the "image" (exact personal manifestation) of the invisible God, before all creation, and the Source, immediate Agent, and Goal of all creation (Col. 1:16). "For in him and in no one else is permanently and abidingly at home all of the very essence of deity, the state of being God in bodily form" (Col. 2:9, author's translation).

With respect to creation Paul says that "he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Col. 1:17). The first "all things" (*panton*) in Greek is without the definite article. It means every part of the universe severally (cf. atoms). Thus Christ antedates every atom in the universe. The second "all things" (*ta panta*) with the definite article means the universe as a whole. "Consist" means "hold together." So Christ as Creator antedates every single atom in the

universe. He is the very essence of deity, not one possessing one small amount of deity. And as such He is the Creator.

Furthermore, "in him the universe as a whole holds together" (author's translation). Prior to Galileo men believed in a geocentric (earth centered) universe. After him they believed in a heliocentric (sun centered) universe. But present-day astronomy holds that there are billions of solar systems, each centered in its own sun. Obviously, therefore, the universe as a whole is not centered in our sun. What then is its center?

Almost two thousand years ago Paul by inspiration wrote that "in him [Christ] the universe as a whole holds together." So he taught a Christo-centric universe, or a universe which centers in Christ. Therefore, we may say that the universe centers not in the *sun* but in the *Son*. The more man learns about the natural universe the more it enhances the glory of Christ.

A nuclear physicist from Los Alamos, New Mexico, speaking on Col. 1:17, said that the most unstable element known is the atom. Nuclear physicists refer to the force which holds the atom together as the "Colossian force," a term derived from Col. 1:17. So nuclear physics itself testifies to the glory of Christ, the center of the universe.

Guaranty Fund May Widen Loan Usefulness

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board received authority here to work with state Baptist groups to make available a guaranty loan fund.

The guaranty loan fund might multiply the usefulness of the Board's loan funds five times, and perhaps even more, without making the Board legally or morally responsible beyond the guaranty loan fund deposit.

The fund would implement a church loan program within the State Baptist Conventions. Either a bond program, or bank financing, or both would be involved.

One advantage of the guaranty loan fund would be that it would help churches in pioneer mission areas establish a credit rating with local banks. The Home Mission Board would make a guaranty loan deposit with the banks, at the request of State Baptist groups, and the banks would make the loans to churches.

The action of the SBC Executive Committee here in granting authority to the Home Mission Board was in keeping with an earlier decision of the SBC proper.

Kentucky Pastor Heads Christian Life Agency

NASHVILLE (BP)—John R. Claypool, pastor, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, has been elected chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He succeeds layman Orba Lee Malone, an attorney from El Paso, Tex., who will rotate off the Commission membership this year.

Elected Commission vice-chairman was Jack P. Lowndes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Ga. Harold O. Marsh, pastor, First Baptist Church, Gallup, N. M., will serve as secretary.

Foy Valentine, Nashville, Commission Executive Secretary, also fills the treasurer's post.

Commissioners holding their annual meeting here voted to conduct summer Christian Life Conferences in 1966 at Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C., under the theme, "Toward a Christian Interpretation of sex."

The 1965 themes were already adopted. The Glorieta Conference will discuss gambling and the Ridgecrest Conference the problem of alcoholism.

Tennessee Topics

Services for Joseph E. Philpot, Memphis, who died Feb. 24 were held Feb. 25 at LaBelle Place Church. He was a deacon and trustee in LaBelle Place Church.

For the past seven years, Henry Guy Jackson has served as superintendent of missions for Madison-Chester Association. Under his leadership, the number of churches has increased from 44 to 51, total membership in the association from 14,425 to 15,200. Gifts to all mission causes are now \$37,000 per year. Jackson has accepted a new position as superintendent of the Holston Valley Association and will be moving to Rogersville, to begin work there March 1.

Oakfield Church, Madison-Chester Association, ordained Barney Crews Jr., Dwight Morrisch, Jesse Trull, and Robert Waldrop. Oakfield has completed a new three bedroom brick parsonage. Adrian Knipper is pastor.

State Line Church, Kingsport, ordained O. B. Anderson, O. W. Ferguson and C. R. McGlothlin as deacons.

O. R. Stansberry, 88, of Clinton died Feb. 18. He was a member of the Baptist Church 64 years, being active in the choir and young people's work in First Church, Lake City. He transferred his membership to First, Clinton, after moving from Lake City. He served the Clinton Church as a deacon and trustee and as moderator of the Clinton Baptist Association for two years.

Terry Mack Joyner was licensed to the ministry Jan. 17 by Second Church, Millington. A Junior at Union University, Jackson he is available for supply.

J. Lowell Knupp, pastor of Highland Park Church, Columbia, reports the gift of 1.86 acres adjoining the Masonic property in the Northway Shopping Center by Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Taylor, area developers. Last May the church extended a mission arm into North Columbia, conducting services in the Masonic Building. Plans are now being developed to construct a church building on the gift property when vacated by its present occupant. Don Hammons, assistant pastor of Highland Park Church, leads in the work at Northside Chapel as it is presently known.



TENNESSEE NATIVE RECEIVES DOCTORAL DEGREE—Thomas G. Smothers (center), native of Fayetteville, Tenn., is hooded with the academic regalia which signifies attainment of the doctor of theology degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Assisting with the hood are Dr. Wayne E. Oates (left), director of graduate studies for the School of Theology at the Seminary and Dr. Hugh Peterson, academic dean.

Leadvale Church, Nolachucky Association closed out the church's indebtedness on the pastorium and two acres of land recently purchased for future expansion. A note was burned that represented over \$10,000 the church had paid for the property. Speaker for the note burning ceremony and dedication was former U.S. Senator Herbert S. Walters of Morristown, whose father was once pastor of the historic old church, now entering its 114th year. Bill Jenkins is the present pastor. Mrs. Minnie Baxley Messer is the oldest living member of the congregation.



BAXTER—Groundbreaking services were held Feb. 14 for construction of a new sanctuary for First Church here. The building will have 14 classrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen, and educational space for 200. The auditorium will seat 250. The building will be centrally heated and air-conditioned. Completion date is expected to be early summer. Since August the church has experienced 41 decisions.

L to r, is Wendell Presley, Hugh Lollar, Oscar Davis, associational missionary, Willie Presley, Isaac Wood (far right) and J. L. Shepherd, pastor.

Tennesseans To Attend Southern Seminary Meeting

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Three Baptist leaders from Tennessee will be included among the 56 trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here when they convene for their annual meeting on the Seminary campus Mar. 16 and 17.

They are G. Frank Cole, vice-president and trust officer of First American National Bank, Nashville; W. H. Roden, dean of students at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City; and Carroll Owen, pastor, First Church, Paris.

The 56 trustees of the Seminary come from 17 states and the District of Columbia.

Missionary Personnel

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Bethea, missionaries, left the States Feb. 20, after furlough. Though under appointment to Indonesia, they will spend the next year in East Africa, where Dr. Bethea will help relieve a personnel shortage in medical mission work. They may be addressed at the Baptist Tuberculosis Hospital, Box 723, Mbeya, Tanzania, East Africa. Born in Hattiesburg, Miss., he grew up in Memphis, Tenn.; she is the former Lizette McCall, of Memphis.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Ralph Brunson, missionaries to Malaysia, have moved from Penang to Alor Star, where their address is 46 Jalan Tunku Abdul Halim, Alor Star, Kedah, Malaysia. Born in Allendale County, South Carolina, Mr. Brunson grew up in Newton, N.C.; Mrs. Brunson is the former Charlotte Hicks, of Hamilton County, Tenn.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Shirley, missionaries, have returned to the States for furlough following their first term of service in Argentina. They are living in Johnson City, Tenn., his home town (their address: Rte. 8). She is the former Lois Parsons, of Elizabethton, Tenn.

Rev. and Mrs. Hubert R. Tatum, missionaries to Hawaii, are moving from Kailua to Honolulu, where he will serve as director of development and activities at the Hawaii Baptist Academy. (He has resigned the pastorate of Kailua Baptist Church, where he has served for more than eight years, effective Mar. 1.) Mr. and Mrs. Tatum expect to come to the mainland for furlough in April. Meanwhile, they may be addressed at 1920 Keeaumoku St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96822. He is a native of Cornelia, Ga.; she, the former Margaret (Peggy) Gasteiger, was born in Bramar, Tenn., and grew up in nearby Johnson City.

Hays Receives Award For Role In Ethics

NASHVILLE (BP)—Brooks Hays, a former chairman of the Commission, returned to Nashville to accept a plaque from the Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission commending Hays' contributions "in the interest of world peace, racial justice, and Christian citizenship."

The award was presented by Roy Valentine, Nashville, executive secretary of the Commission.

Hays, a former Southern Baptist Convention president, is now Arthur Vanderbilt professor of government at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. He teaches both there and at the Rutgers Law School in Newark, N. J.

Hays said he spends about four days a week in New Jersey, the rest in Washington, where he remains a white house consultant.

On Opening Session, Royal Ambassador Congress



JAY CHANCE

The opening session of the Twelfth Tennessee Royal Ambassador Congress meeting in Jackson, Apr. 16 and 17, will feature representatives from the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.

The initial devotion for the Friday night meeting will be an unusual dramatization of the Easter theme. Frank Black, field service representative in the Royal Ambassador Department, will be joined by his wife and Jack Childs, circulation supervisor, in presenting this inspirational worship.

Presenting a message from the athlete's viewpoint, Jay Chance, leadership training representative for the Royal Ambassadors, will speak Friday night. Chance, a native Oklahoman with a Master's Degree in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, set state collegiate track records in the high and low hurdles while attending Oklahoma Baptist University.

During his two year tour of duty in the Army, Chance served as one of the six liaison members for the Seventh Army Athletics and Recreation. In this position, he toured Europe on a good-will track team.

At the close of the night session, the drama, "Set Us Afire, O Lord," will be presented by local Jackson personalities.—William H. Brown



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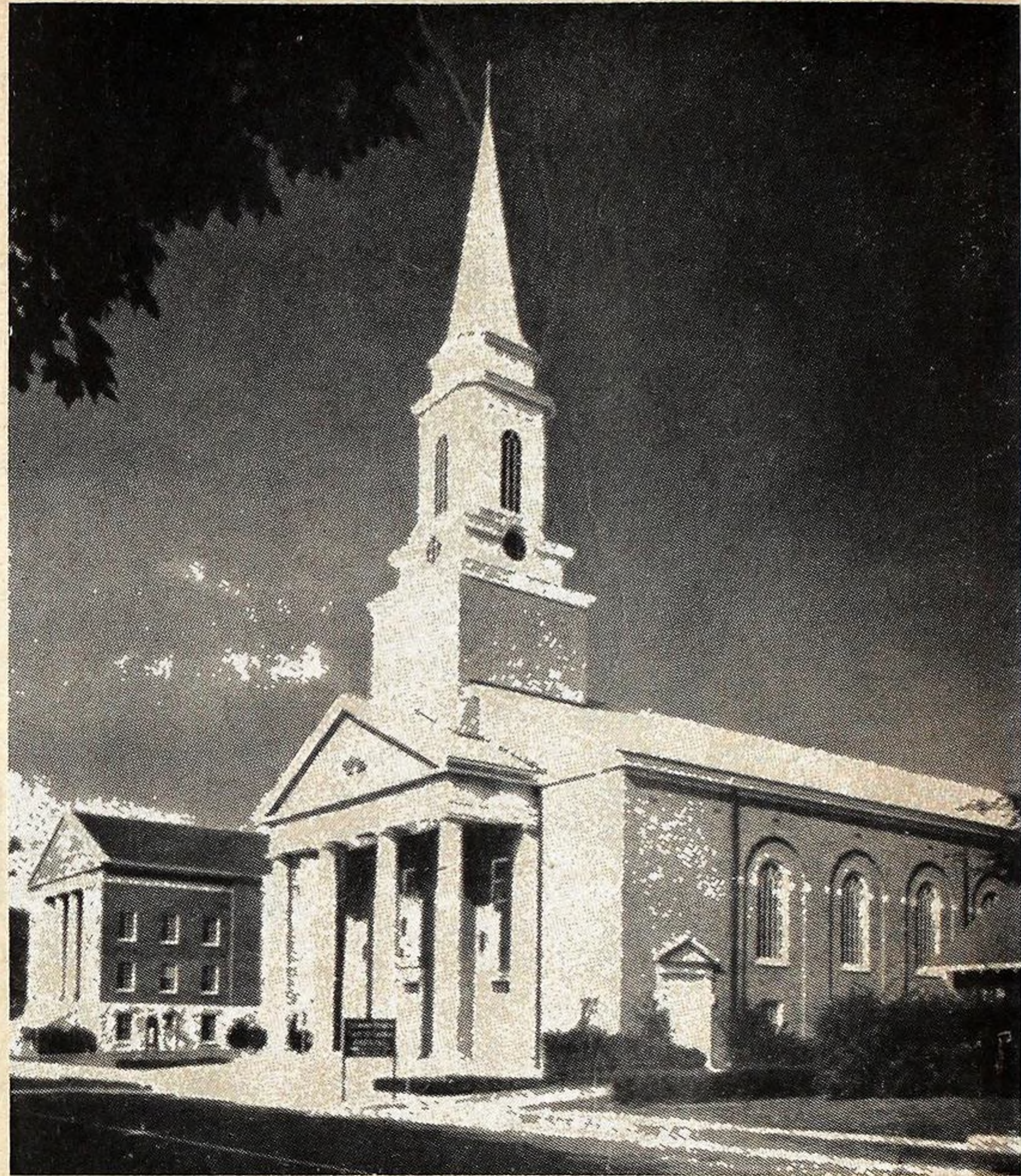


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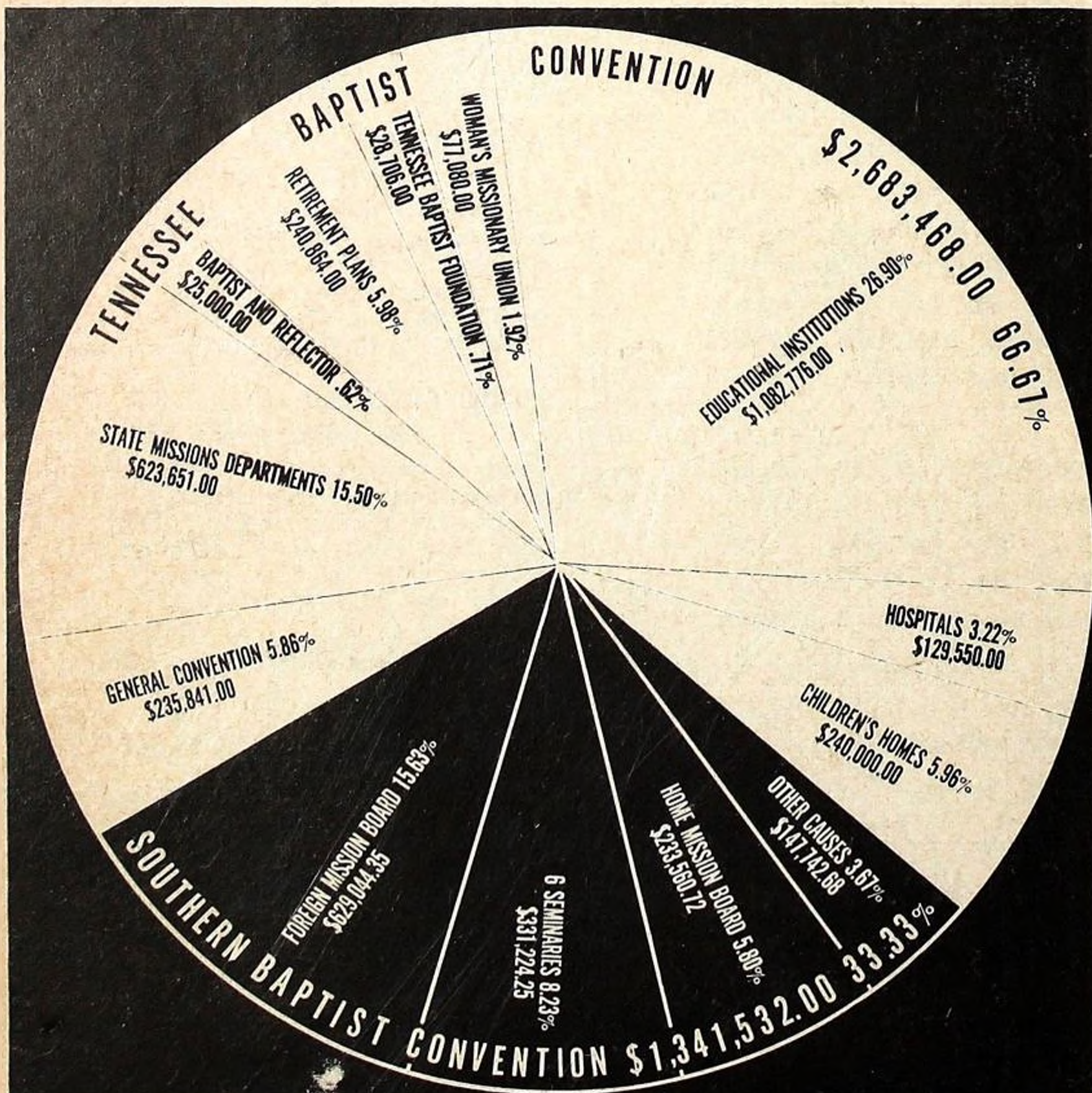
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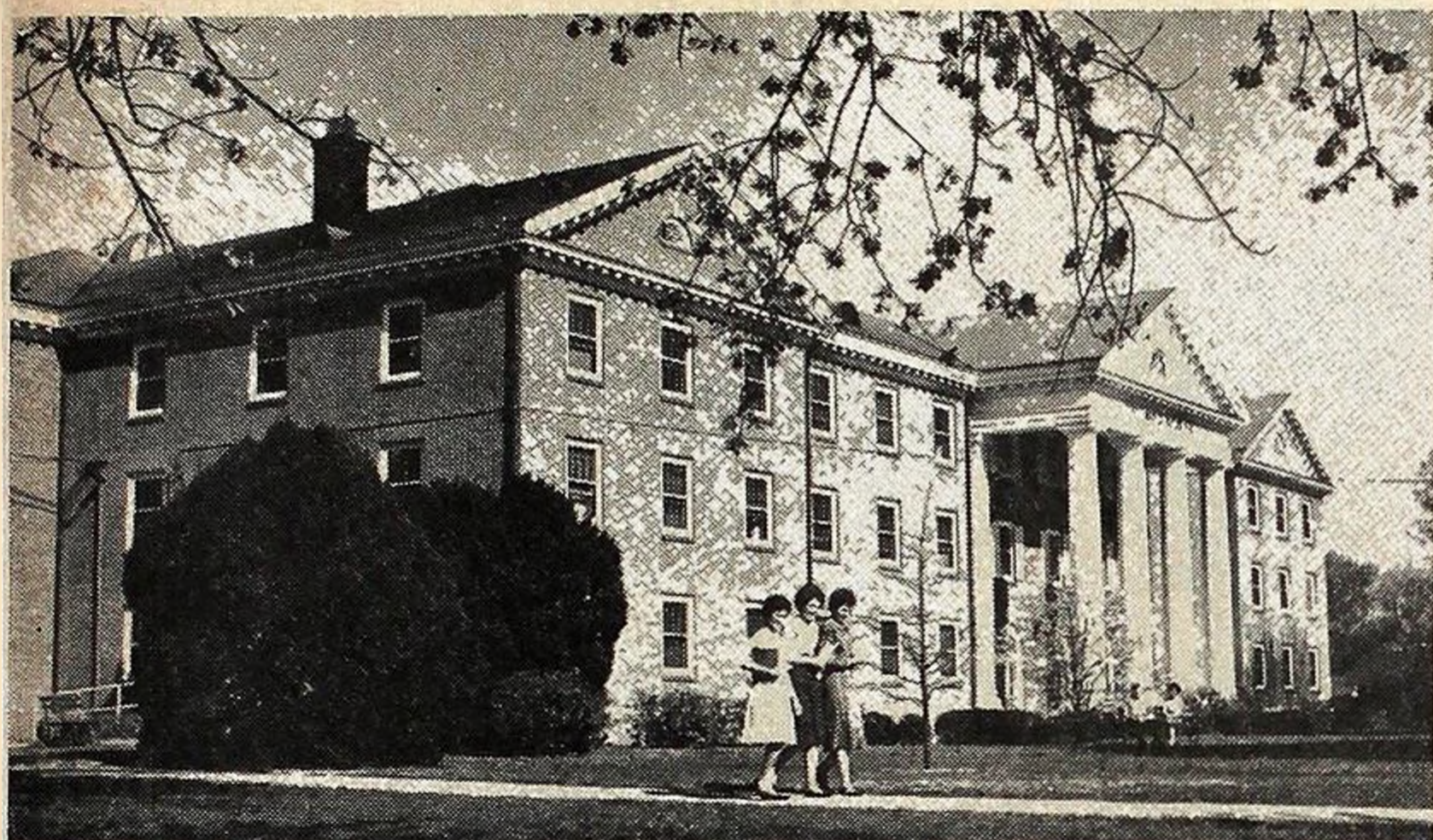
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Credentials Committee Proposed To Convention

NASHVILLE (BP)—The naming of a Credentials Committee has been proposed to assist the Southern Baptist Convention registration secretary "regarding the registration and seating of messengers" to the annual conventions.

This proposal, coming from the SBC Executive Committee, will be voted on in June in Dallas by the 1965 session of the SBC.

The Registration Secretary would have the assistance and advice of the proposed Credentials Committee when someone without credentials wished to register as a messenger, or when there was a question of how many messengers a church was entitled to register, or on other similar matters.

Several changes in the wording of the SBC constitution are recommended and other procedure changes proposed affecting messenger registration. These all developed from the study by a three-member special committee on registration and procedures, authorized by the SBC in Atlantic City.

The Committee included two former SBC presidents and a seminary professor of church history, J. W. Storer of Nashville, now executive secretary of Southern Baptist Foundation, an SBC agency, was chairman. The other former convention president was J. D. Grey, New Orleans. Robert A. Baker of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth completed the committee.

Other recommendations from the special committee, approved by the Executive Committee for convention voting, in Dallas, include (1) A rephrased statement in the SBC constitution designed to make clearer the method of election of messengers in the churches, (2) Provision for earlier registration of messengers at the convention city and (3) Microfilming of registration cards of messengers for legal and historical reasons.

The special Credentials Committee would be named by the SBC president each year in conference with the vice-presidents of the Convention. The Committee, appointed at least 30 days before the Convention was to open, would consist of seven qualified members of churches cooperating with the SBC.

The present language of the SBC constitution at one point concerning appointment of messengers in the churches is: "The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10)."

Election of messengers would be interpreted thus: "That a messenger to the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention must be a member of the church that elects him or her. This election to be done in a business session of the church, and the registration card to be signed and dated by either the pastor, moderator or church clerk."

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Workshops To Feature Dennis Conniff



Mr. Dennis Conniff

The two Youth Workshops scheduled for April by the Tennessee Sunday School Department will feature Mr. Dennis Conniff, associate in charge of youth work in the Mississippi Sunday School Department.

Mr. Conniff has had a wide range of experience in Youth Work. In recent years he has served as Minister of Education in First Baptist Church, Birmingham; Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham; and Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala. Mr. Conniff has also worked as associate for several years in the Alabama Sunday School Department. He has contributed extensively as conference leader and youth speaker in state and convention wide meetings.

In recent months in Mississippi, Mr. Conniff has sponsored and conducted several Study Workshops in Mississippi. To these Workshops were invited specific workers with youth who shared the results of planned interviews conducted with young people prior to the workshop. Through this method an intensive study has been made of the "drop-out problem."

Through these workshops, Mr. Conniff, and many youth workers assisting him, have gained deep insights into the problems and needs of today's youth. Many of these needs are highlighted in a booklet entitled, *Listen! Young People Are Speaking*. The concepts disclosed in this booklet and in the studies conducted among the youth of Mississippi will be shared with youth workers from Tennessee in the two workshops to be held in April:

Knoxville, McCalla Ave.—Apr. 5 and 6.
Memphis, First—Apr. 12 and 13.

The opening session for each workshop will be 7:00 p.m. in the evening of the first day. Three sessions will be conducted the second day: in the morning at 9:00, in the afternoon at 1:45, and in the evening at 7:00.

In addition to Mr. Conniff, other featured leaders will be Mr. Mancil Ezell, Mr. Joe Haynes, and Mr. Franklin Farmer, all of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and Mrs. Myra Motley, of the North Carolina Sunday School Department. Mrs. George Stuart of Nashville, Mrs. Kenneth Yeakey of Knoxville, and Miss Lyn Brasfield of the Tennessee Sunday School Department will also be among the leadership.

Says Mr. Conniff, "Our churches and Sunday Schools must make a greater effort to understand the drives that motivate young people if we are to reach them for Christ. We must see the dilemma of today's young people if we are to communicate with them. We cannot make Bible study relevant until we understand the pupil's problems, needs, and drives. The Bible must be taught by one who first of all lives by what he teaches and professes. It must be studied in such a way that pupils will be involved in the teaching-learning process."

All Sunday School workers with Intermediates and Young People are cordially invited to attend these Workshops.

Credential Committee

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The bylaws of the Convention would be "So interpreted as to allow for Monday registration when said Convention begins its sessions on Tuesday evening."

The special three-member committee said they hoped the Credentials Committee would have its first effect in 1966 at Detroit.

Storer said the special study group was aided in research by the SBC Historical Commission. This research found that at the 1963 Convention in Kansas City, Mo., "only 6,643 of our 32,351 churches were represented or about 20 per cent."

The Convention had about 10.5 million members of cooperating churches. Kansas City registration was 12,971, or about .012 per cent of the membership. "And the figures further revealed that although Convention regulations provide that no church have more than 10 messengers, a great many churches had more than 10, one church having 29."

The Committee noted that the Convention has no authority over churches or individual Baptists, but it can recommend its rules or procedure, bylaws and business and financial plan.

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Alamo, First	264	101	1
Alcoa, Calvary	202	68	
Central	208	67	
First	523	205	3
Alexandria	183	60	
New Hope	60	28	
Antioch, Mt. View	227	112	3
Athens, Central	250	95	
East	410	192	
First	556	235	3
West End Mission	79		
Auburntown, Prosperity	133	68	
Bemis, First	316	66	
Bolivar, First	438	115	
Brownsville	623	158	2
Allen	79	89	
Brush Creek	110	42	
Camden, First	280	105	
Natchez Trace	31		
Carthage, First	225	59	2
Chattanooga, Brainerd	872	285	1
Calvary	305	86	
Central	713	216	4
Meadowview	36	20	
Concord	523	201	
East Brainerd	196	80	
East Lake	525	116	
First	1079	276	3
Morris Hill	328	112	2
Northside	451	127	2
Oakwood	426	134	
Ooltewah	197	70	
Red Bank	1129	289	
Ridgedale	516	212	
St. Elmo	405	112	4
Silverdale	213	98	
White Oak	556	148	1
Woodland Park	287	110	
Clarksville, First	1140	316	10
Hilldale	121	48	
Pleasant View	251	84	1
Cleveland, Big Spring	350	153	3
Maple Street	119	55	
Stuart Park	179	90	
Denton, First	658	163	
Second	491	164	
Collierville, First	315	101	1
Columbia, First	418	111	
Highland Park	361	156	
Northside	112	45	
Pleasant Heights	180	78	
Cookeville, First	557	117	2
Washington Ave.	156	89	
Bangham	55	34	
Corryton	239	101	
Crab Orchard, Haley's Grove	132	76	1
Crossville, First	220	42	
Homestead	159	51	
Oak Hill	104	56	
Daisy, First	361	111	
Denver, Trace Creek	161	56	1
Dickson, First	228	86	11
Dresden, First	239	73	
Dunlap, First	137	51	
Dyer, New Bethlehem	182	84	

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Dyersburg, First	444	147	
Hawthorne	142	77	
Elizabethton, First	509	140	
Immanuel	253	109	
Oak Street	184	72	
Siam	197	91	
Etowah, First	346	75	
North	358	81	
Fayetteville, Prospect	108	67	
Flintville	171	74	
Friendsville	206	113	
Galloway	74	49	
Goodlettsville, First	481	193	
Grand Junction, First	159	92	
Greenbrier, Ebenezer	124	51	
First	368	150	
Jordonia	58		
Greenfield, First	191	49	
Harriman, Big Emory	130	69	
Piney Grove	187	37	
South	494	167	
Trenton Street	380	123	3
Walnut Hill	271	109	
Hendersonville, First	599	118	8
Hixson, Central	266	140	
First	360	98	5
Memorial	306	115	
Pleasant Grove	158	68	
Humboldt, First	492	150	4
Jackson, Calvary	540	216	
East Union	91	51	
First	893	258	2
Highland Park	169	54	
Parkview	354	154	
West	878	410	4
Jefferson, First	665	269	2
Johnson City, Central	710	184	4
Clark Street	294	69	8
Pinecrest	222	87	1
Unaka Avenue	378	115	
Kenton, Macedonia	79	38	
Kingsport, Colonial Heights	451	199	3
First	943	265	2
Litz Manor	243	106	
Lynn Garden	413	123	
State Line	223	74	
Kingston, First	553	207	1
Knoxville, Beaver Dam	305	108	
Bell Avenue	674	186	3
Black Oak Heights	223	62	
Broadway	928	248	
Central (Bearden)	726	253	4
Central (Ft. City)	1243	364	1
Cumberland	429	164	2
Fifth Avenue	733	198	
First	1003	214	3
Grace	457	209	2
Immanuel	437	123	1
McCalla Avenue	911	221	
Mt. Carmel	166	43	1
Meridian	704	283	8
Smithwood	772	272	1
South	588	190	5
Wallace Memorial	774	296	2
West Hills	263	96	
LaFollette, First	314	83	
Lawrenceburg, First	219	78	
Meadow View	81	40	
Highland Park	288	134	
Lebanon, Fairview	334	102	
First	635	165	1
Hillcrest	147	66	
Immanuel	431	188	1
Rocky Valley	103	48	
Lenoir City, Calvary	233	75	
First	470	158	
Lewisburg, East Commerce	148	46	
First	350	108	
Livingston, First	178	60	
Loudon, New Providence	150	119	1
Union Fork	97	72	
Louisville, Zion	116	56	
Madison, First	425	103	1
Parkway	253	88	1
Madisonville, First	312	100	
Manchester, Trinity	127	80	4

Move of '68 Convention To New Site Proposed

NASHVILLE (BP)—Moving the site of the 1968 Southern Baptist Convention session from Jacksonville, Fla., to Miami Beach has been recommended.

Because of limited housing close-in to the Jacksonville auditorium and the request of the Jacksonville Baptist Pastors' Conference that their city be host at some later date than 1968, change will be recommended to the SBC at Dallas in June.

Jacksonville was formally approved by the Southern Baptist Convention which met in Kansas City in 1963.

The SBC met in Miami Beach in 1960. The same convention hall there will be used this summer for the meeting of the Baptist World Congress. Miami Baptists said they would welcome the Convention if it were moved to Miami Beach.

The Dallas Convention also will vote on the site of the 1970 Convention session, but no recommendation has been made so far on the 1970 location.

The SBC Executive Committee, which handles convention arrangements, studies the invitations to the convention for future meeting places and informs the SBC committee on time, place and preacher or those which meet the requirements for auditorium and housing.

The recommendation of site, made five years in advance, comes to the messengers for voting through the report of the committee on time, place and preacher.

Martin, Central	279	78	2
First	375	105	
Mt. Pelia	150	31	
Southside	92	28	
Maryville, Armona	186	90	
Broadway	614	312	6
Carson Island	32	19	
Dotson	178	88	
Eagleton Village	20		
Madison Avenue	204	97	1
Monte Vista	247	95	
Oak Street	127	51	2
Old Piney Grove	117	68	
Piney Grove	123		
Pleasant Grove	129	79	
Salem	147	80	2
Stock Creek	219	90	
Wildwood	121	73	
McKenzie, First	357	121	
McLemoresville	86	44	
McMinnville, Gath	112	53	
Magness Memorial	387	94	
Forest Park	93	58	1
Mt. Juliet	202	83	2
Memphis, Acklena	110	38	
Ardmore	667	259	3
Bartlett	425	172	
Barton Heights	195	71	2
Bellevue	1578	753	5
Boulevard	393	123	
Cordova	132	67	
East Park	233	95	4
Ellendale	162	58	
Eudora	1023	360	5
Fairlawn	621	265	12
First	1468	335	
Forest Hill	96	42	
Georgian Hills	532	197	9
Graceland	673	222	
Havenview	158	58	7
Highland Heights	1246	578	
Kennedy	526	235	3
LaBelle Haven	727	246	1
LeaClair	518	222	3
Lucy	139	77	
Macon Road	210	99	2
Mallory Heights	243	101	
Millington, First	542	274	6
National Avenue	348	151	
Park Avenue	678	230	6

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Raleigh	542	177	4
Rugby Hills	301	167	3
Second	522	202	4
Sky View	404	193	4
Southern Avenue	714	232	3
Speedway Terrace	638	312	
Temple	969	231	
Trinity	673	309	9
Union Avenue	848	185	
Wells Station	708	221	
Woodmont	140	41	3
Westwood	469	143	2
Whitehaven	805	180	
White Station	161	83	
Woodstock	130	76	
Milan, First	400	117	2
Morristown, Alpha	98	43	
Bethel	210	107	
Brown Springs	79	32	
Bulls Gap	100	46	
Buffalo Trail	249	60	
Calvary	413	125	1
Cherokee Hills	121	69	4
Fairview	120	35	
First	762	189	3
Hillcrest	272	131	
Manley	209	100	
Montvue	426	85	6
Westview	191		2
White Oak Grove	169	74	
Whitesburg	95	31	1
Murfreesboro, First	637	144	
Calvary	104	60	
Green Hill	96	58	1
Immanuel	85	35	
Maney Avenue	103	51	2
Southeast	205	112	
Third	339	112	
Woodbury	223	87	5
Nashville, Antioch	181	55	1
Belmont Heights	1011	308	9
Westview	64	58	
Crievewood	664	194	4
Mission	155		
Dalewood	439	99	
Donelson, First	822	198	5
Eastland	516	151	
Fairview	160	63	
First	1486	483	10
Carroll Street	204	73	
Cora Tibbs	40	22	
T.P.S.	424		
Freeland	109	34	
Gallatin Road	434	137	5
Glenwood	283	68	5
Grace	771	222	3
Haywood Hills	412	152	
Hermitage Hills	319	156	1
Hillhurst	238	94	4
Inglewood	795	220	
Joelton	263	99	
Lakewood	496	126	4
Lockeland	537	149	1
Park Avenue	829	205	2
Radnor	421	173	
Riverside	349	74	
Tusculum Hills	470	160	2
Two Rivers	159	83	
Niota, First	139	28	
Oak Ridge, Central	546	159	
Robertsville	743	217	
Old Hickory, First	476	170	
Oliver Springs, Middle Creek	143	91	
Paris, First	500	155	1
Parsons, First	207	57	1
Philadelphia, Cedar Fork	168	124	
Pigeon Forge, First	291	119	1
Portland, First	362	94	
Pulaski, First	352	87	1
Highland	65	12	
Rockford	140	59	
Rockwood, Eureka	112	63	1
First	467	145	
Rogersville, Henard's Chapel	143	102	
Savannah, First	282	67	1
Selmer, Falcon	83	51	1
First	239	83	2
Sevierville, First	514	148	
Seymour, Dupont	194	112	
First Chilhowee	223	78	
Shelbyville, First	501	121	2
Shelbyville Mills	202	84	1
Southside	96	24	
Smyrna, First	305	89	
Somerville, First	310	123	3
Sparta, First	224	60	3
Springfield	561	153	
Summertown	129	34	
Sweetwater, First	414	144	2
Murrays	109	91	
Townsend, Kinzel Springs	58	36	
Trenton, First	542	137	
Union City, First	535	77	2
Second	274	131	1
Walland, Oak View	79	60	
Watertown, Round Lick	204	72	
Waynesboro, Green River	141	100	
White House	169	67	
Winchester, First	235	78	3
Southside	66		
Oaklawn	113	52	
Woodbury	202	59	

Survey Asked To Probe Church Vocation Field

NASHVILLE (BP)—A survey has been requested to find out if there is a reduction in the number of young people entering church-related work and whether a personnel shortage looms in denominational life.

The survey, asked for here by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, would be made by the Research and Statistics department of the SBC Sunday School Board. The Vocational Guidance Program leader would work with the Research and Statistics Department.

"For several years Southern Baptists have been disturbed about the apparent reduction of the number of young people entering ministry and other church-related vocations as revealed in enrolment reports of the colleges and seminaries," the Executive Committee was told in a resolution introduced by Committeeman Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss.

"The natural and warrantable assumption is that if the decline increases or even remains at the present rate, there will be shortages of personnel for the churches and convention agencies," the statement continued.

No "really comprehensive study of the total picture of needed supply and demand" has been made to back up the statement with statistics, the Executive Committee learned further.

The survey requested would take into account the needs of churches for pastors, ministers of education and ministers of music at the present rate of SBC growth or if the rate accelerates. It would also consider the personnel needs of agencies of state Baptist conventions and the SBC.

The extent of education obtained by

church-related vocational workers would be involved in the survey.

The factors associated with present call into church-related work would be suggested as a part of the survey. Answered too would be the question, why are young people leaving the various ministries after professional training and long experience?



EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES—W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, center, has been elected president of the association of executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions which cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention. Roy D. Gresham, Baltimore, at right, is vice-president, and Fred D. Hubbs, Detroit, is secretary. Kendall is with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Gresham with the Baptist Convention of Maryland and Hubbs with the Baptist State Convention of Michigan. (BP) Photo.



PRESS ASSOCIATION—New officers elected by the Southern Baptist Press Association include from left Erwin L. McDonald, Little Rock, president; Lynn M. Davis, Jr., Columbus, Ohio, vice-president; James O. Duncan, Washington, representative to Southern Baptist Interagency Council, and Richard N. Owen, Nashville, representative to Advisory Council of Southern Baptists for Work with Negroes. Each edits the weekly Baptist paper serving the state from which he comes. Not pictured is Gainer E. Bryan Jr., Baltimore, secretary-treasurer. (BP) Photo.

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--FITNESS FOR THE KINGDOM--

TEXTS: Matthew 21 and 22 (Larger)—Matthew 21:28-31; 22:1-14 (Printed)—Matthew 7:21 (Golden or Memory).

The Golden Text, found in the Sermon on the Mount, emphasizes the folly of confession without conformity. It is futile, if not sacrilegious, for one to profess to be a follower of Christ and at the same time make no effort to live in accord with His teachings. Our Lord, in the Sermon, illustrates this truth in his story of the Wise Man and the Foolish Man as each builded his house (the first upon a rock and the second on the sand).

The larger text, with two selections from each chapter of Matthew for the printed text, occurs during Passion Week before the Crucifixion. Jesus confronts His enemies who had by that time determined to have Him put to death. In so doing He teaches that they were wholly unfitted to be members of His kingdom. And from such teaching, as seen particularly in the printed text, we may derive some three characteristics necessary for what is suggested in the topic of the lesson: Fitness for the Kingdom. What are they?

Repentant Attitude (Mt. 21:28-31)

The first son, in the parable, refused to do the bidding of his father to work in his vineyard but later changed his mind and worked. The second son said he would work but later refused to do so. To the question of Jesus as to which one did the will of his father, His enemies were forced to reply that it was the first son. Such persons are like publicans and harlots in that they have changed their hearts and conduct and thus will enter the Kingdom instead of all who imagine they have no need of repentance. An attitude of repentance is

necessary for both entrance into and growth within the Kingdom. One of our greatest perils today is that we shall after coming into the Kingdom come to feel that repentance is no longer necessary upon our part. It is to be a life-long attitude for each one of us, as the New Testament so clearly teaches.

Responsive Action (Mt. 22:1-10)

This another parable teaches that God has provided all that is necessary for one to receive His gracious provision for salvation. In addition, He earnestly invites all to accept. But acceptance by each one is essential for God's grace and mercy to become operative so far as the individual is concerned. Some today, as in the parable of the wedding feast, treat the matter lightly and are therefore indifferent. Others today, again as in the parable, are hostile and defiant to God. In the days of Jesus, such persons were actually plotting to put Him to death. All such persons are dangerously near to damnation. God wants all nations and races to hear and respond to His invitation to come to His "wedding feast" and thus throws open the gates to all everywhere. He cares just as much for those "across the tracks" or in the slums as He does for those who live in wealth and culture. The color of a man's skin or the depth of his iniquity are both within His forgiveness. But each person must respond and actively commit his entire being into His gracious hands. Apart from such active response to His invitation, the Kingdom has no value and significance for that one. The Lord made each one free to accept or reject.

Renewed Acceptance (Mt. 22:11-14)

The Wedding Garment in the parable represents initiatory and continued acceptance of the Lord. This involves righteous living upon the part of each person who has received the Lord's pardon. This involves a rejoicing upon his part that forgiveness has been extended. This involves, also, continuous renewal of faith and loyalty upon his part. At no time is it becoming that the pardoned sinner should become presumptuous and feel that God owes him something or that he is good enough within himself to demand God's acceptance. Humility before God and prayer for further deliverance from sins must never be overlooked if one is to become fit for the Kingdom. More and more areas of one's life must be yielded in glad submission to His will and purpose. Usefulness and joy suffer if this is ignored.

ON MATTERS OF *Family Living*

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Man's Search For Meaning

"How to Be Unhappy on \$20,000 a Year" is the title of a book which has not yet appeared, and probably won't. There wouldn't be much market for it. The knack of being miserable on a large income is already widely known.

Psychiatrists, playwrights, novelists and other perceptive observers attest to the existence of a great many people who have big homes, fine cars, cabin cruisers and country club memberships, but who nevertheless are chronically unhappy.

What's bugging them?

According to the great Viennese psychiatrist, Victor Frankl, who spoke in San Antonio recently, they are suffering from the most widespread neurosis of our day. They are living in "an existential vacuum."

"Our age, having called everything into question, and having undermined the authority of the religions of the past, casts many individuals into a moral vacuum in which they not only don't know what they ought to do, but in which they increasingly feel that nothing is really worth doing."

In short, they become "doubtful that life has any meaning."

Dr. Frankl contends that man's need for meaning is as basic a drive as sex or hunger. When a person is deprived by the radical skepticism of his culture of confidence in any ultimate values, he desperately seeks a substitute.

Man in the existential vacuum may try to make meaning out of the accumulation of material things. He may try to lose himself in his work. He may substitute sex adventures and sensationalism for meaning, or simply try to drown his anxieties in alcohol. He may secretly long for war as an outlet which, at least for the moment, gives life a limited meaning and requires dedication.

But none of the substitutes work for long. The inhabitant of the existential vacuum finds himself shuttling between "compulsive hyperactivity" and "periods of extreme lethargy and despondency."

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THE MANY-COLORED BIRD*

A Legend

Retold by O. J. Robertson

A long time ago all birds were gray. They were so unhappy because of their dull, drab color that they decided to consult the king of birds.

The king listened carefully and then said, "Soon you will all have lovely colors. The next time there is a rainbow, I will give its bright colors to you. Just be patient."

The birds began to watch for a rainbow, but unfortunately weeks passed without even a shower of rain. Lakes and rivers ran dry. The birds grew weary with thirst.

One day a finch found a little pool deep in a forest glade. She was so elated that, even before drinking, she told the good news to all the other birds. The others flocked around the pool, pecking and shoving to get to the water. The finch was pushed away. After all the other birds had drunk, no water was left in the pool.

"Foolish bird, why didn't you push, too?" asked a golden buttercup.

"That isn't the proper way for a bird to act," answered the finch. "After I rest a bit, I'll look for another pool."

"Some dew is in the bottom of my cup," said the flower. "You may have a drink. Here," and the buttercup bowed over to let the finch drink the dew caught among its petals.

"Oh, thank you," said the thirsty, gray finch.

"Now don't forget," cautioned the buttercup. "If you want to get anywhere in the world, remember to take you part. Push and shove just as much as the other birds do."

A few days later, dark clouds began to gather in the evening sky. Thunder began to rumble. The lightning zigzagged down to the horizon.

"A storm is coming," called out the king of birds. "Hurry, my friends. Find shelter if you can."

Just as the finch settled down in a hole in an old oak tree, a jay darted up and squawked, "What do you mean coming up here? This is my hole. Get out!"

The finch hopped out and let the jay have the cozy shelter.

"Silly, silly bird," said the oak tree. "That hole didn't belong to that jay. Why don't you demand your rights around here?"

"Oh, maybe I'll find some other place to keep dry," sighed the finch.

"You'll drown if you fly out into this

DOUBLE CROSSWORD*

By Margaret Murray Ridenour

1.	2.	3.
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1. Man whose wife turned to salt
2. Rock containing mineral
3. The number after nine

Answers

1. Lot, 2. ore, 3. ten

rain," said the oak tree. "See that limb on my right which arches like a rainbow? A tiny twig is underneath. On it you can sit and be sheltered from the storm. I'll bow down some of my nearby branches to keep the rain from blowing upon you."

"You are kind," said the finch.

Soon night came. The finch, tired and weary, slept the whole night through. When morning came, it awakened to hear doves cooing, swallows twittering, and other birds chirping and caroling with glee.

What has happened, wondered the finch? Why are the birds so happy?

"Hurry, sleepyhead," called the oak tree. "The rain is over and the sun is out. A magnificent rainbow is in the sky. The king of birds is about to give out the colors. Don't settle for any but a very bright one. You deserve it."

The finch flew down to join the other birds, who pushed and shoved madly to get near the king.

"Give me lots of red," screamed the parrot.

"I want only blue," said the jay.

"Yellow for me, please, King," cried the oriole.

The finch could not make herself heard above the clamor. Soon the rainbow's colors were all gone. The birds, delighted with their bright feathers, looked into the rain-pools to admire their new beauty. They smoothed their wings with their bills until each feather shone. Then the king of birds saw the poor finch, as drab as she had always been.

"A bird that is still gray!" the king exclaimed with displeasure. "What is the matter, Finch? Didn't you want a new color, too?"

A farmer, tired and discouraged, made up his mind to sell his farm. He called a real estate man out to look it over and had him put an ad in the local paper. The morning the ad appeared the farmer came rushing into the real estate office clutching the paper. "I ain't gonna sell my place," he shouted, "Why, that's the kind of a farm I've always wanted."

A golfer hit a new ball into the lake, another new ball out of bounds into a highway, and another new ball into the woods. "Why don't you use an old ball?" said the caddy.

Replied the golfer sadly, "I've never had one."

Wife (to husband inquiring what she thought of his speech): "You didn't make the most of your opportunities."

Husband: "What opportunities?"

Wife: "Why, the opportunities you had of sitting down."

A preacher coming into a new location was invited to join one of the civic luncheon clubs. In introducing him, the speaker facetiously said they were electing him to be the "chief hog caller" for the club.

In responding, the preacher said: "Gentlemen, I certainly appreciate the very great honor you have conferred upon me. When I came to this community, I had expected to be shepherd of a flock; but of course you know your crowd better than I do."

Mom: Tommy, sit down and tell me your school grades.

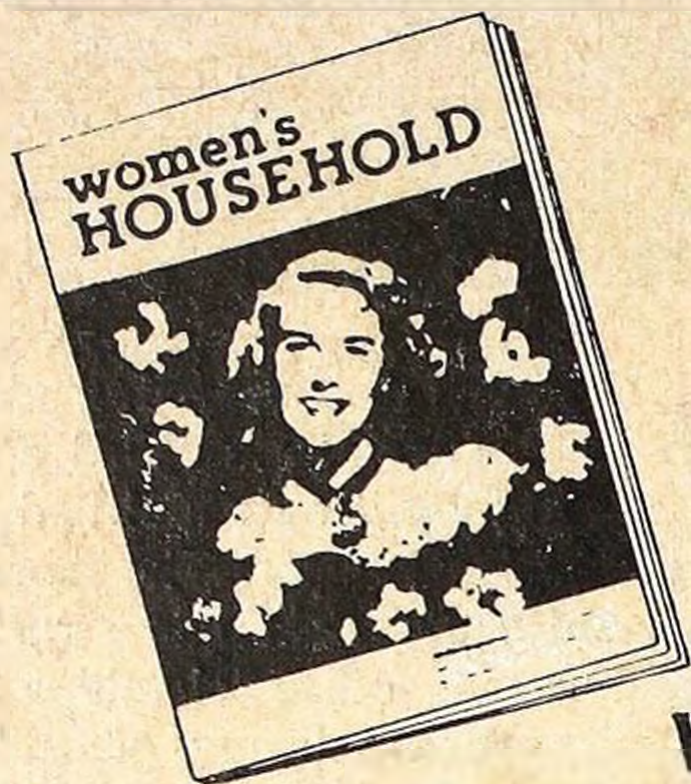
Tommy: I can't sit down, I just told Pop what they are.

"Oh, yes," faltered the finch, "but I—I waited my turn. I didn't want to push and shove as some birds were doing. Isn't there just a little bit of color left—enough perhaps to tint the tips of my tail and wings?"

"You waited?" The king of birds was surprised but pleased with the finch's behavior. "The colors are all gone, but you deserve better than that coat of gray. I shall give you a special reward for your patience. Come and stand here at my side."

The king of birds called all the other birds to gather round him. He took a bit of color from each bird and gave it to the finch. When he had finished, the finch shone with all the colors of the rainbow. To this day, it wears its beautiful many-colored coat.

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