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Ask Questions Now!

NASHVILLE—A Question-and-answer format will be used June 2 by the Baptist Sunday School Board in presenting its report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas.

Dr. James L. Sullivan, the Board's executive secretary-treasurer, suggests this method in order to give SBC messengers the greatest amount of information in the time allotted for the report.

Questions about the work of the Sunday School Board should be sent immediately to the questioner's state paper editor, and identified as "SBC Questions."

A committee of state paper editors, headed by Gainer E. Bryan Jr. of Maryland will accumulate the questions and give them to a moderator at the time of the Sunday School Board's report.

Dr. W. Fred Kendall of Tennessee, president of state executive secretaries, will moderate the question-and-answer period, Dr. Sullivan said.

Two-thirds of the 40-minute period allotted for the report will be used in receiving and answering written questions turned in prior to the Convention, as well as those given from the floor.

To avoid lengthy speeches in question form, ground rules will be established by the moderator.

In answering the questions, Dr. Sullivan will be assisted by the Board's division directors and department heads, as well as

the president of the elected Board.

"Our aim in using the question-answer method is simply to achieve the best possible understanding of our work," Dr. Sullivan said.

"Communicating the results of complex ministries like those of the Sunday School Board is not easy. The true stewardship of any denominational agency cannot be measured in financial or statistical form. The real measure of its work lies in the fruit of its ministries harvested in the lives of individuals. We do feel this is the best way to aid understanding."

List of Medical Men Attending SBC Needed

DALLAS (BP)—An appeal for names and addresses of physicians, dentists, nurses and other medical personnel who will attend the Southern Baptist Convention here has been issued by the Texas Baptist Brotherhood department.

During the Convention June 2, a breakfast for medical personnel will be sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

Personal invitations will be mailed to those in medical, dental and nursing professions whose names are received.

Purpose of the 7:00 a.m. breakfast at Holiday Inn-Central is to present opportunities for Baptist medical personnel to give short periods of time to medical missions.

An address by SBC Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen will follow a visual presentation of medical missions at the breakfast meeting.

W. L. Smith, Texas Baptist Brotherhood department secretary who is handling ticket information, said that new emphases of the Foreign Mission Board offer opportunities for medical personnel heretofore unavailable, except on a continuing missionary basis.

Names of physicians, dentists, nurses and other medical personnel who plan to attend the Convention should be sent to Smith at 410 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

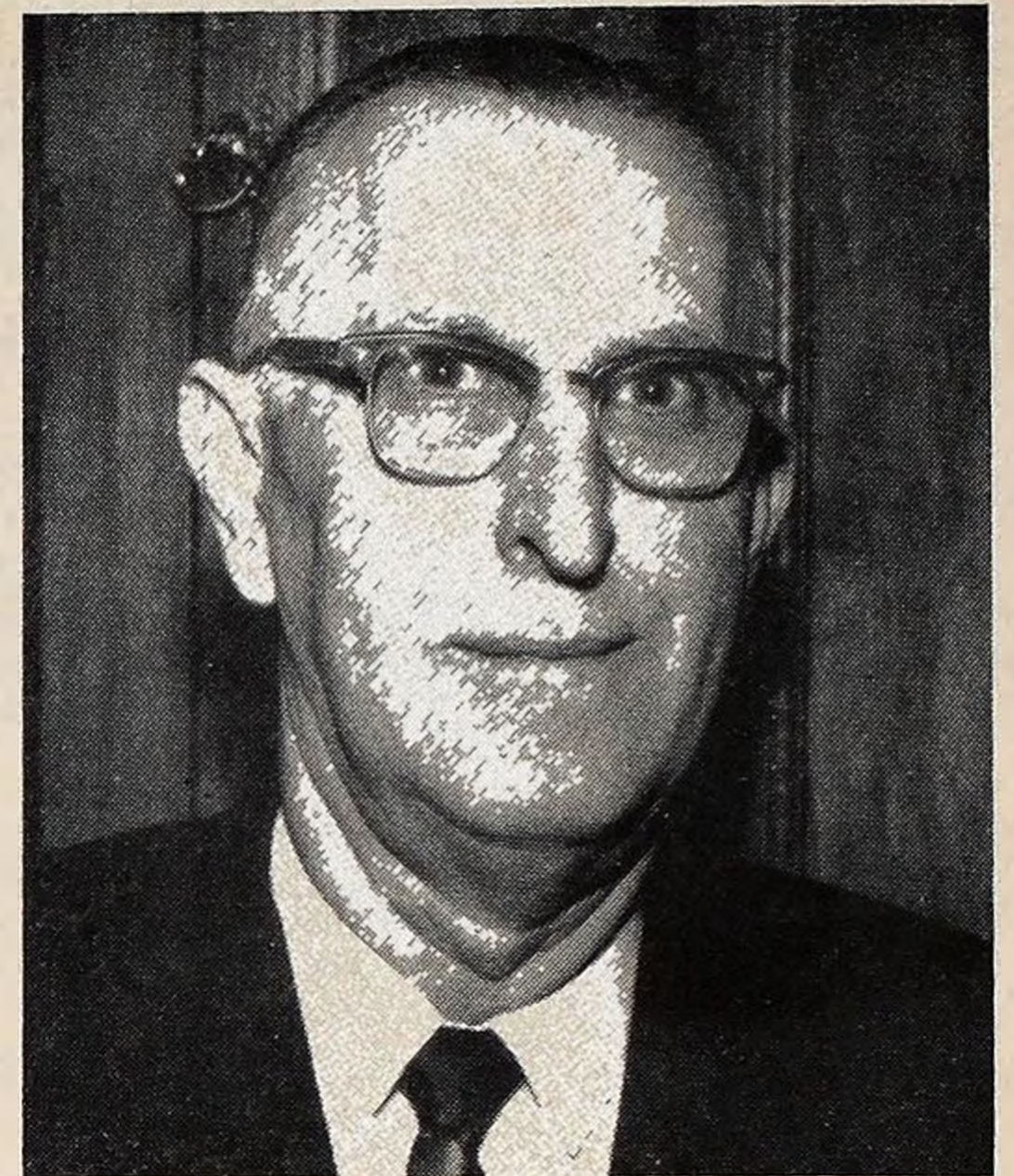
Johnston's Death

Loss to S.C. Baptists

COLUMBIA, S.C.—The death of Senator Olin D. Johnston here Apr. 18 has been termed a distinct loss to Baptists. Horace G. Hammett, executive secretary of the S.C. Baptist Convention said the death of the US Senator is a "distinct loss to the Baptist denomination of South Carolina and of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was a faithful deacon and Sunday school teacher."

Devotional

Spiritual Attractiveness



Euman M. Holt, First Church, Etowah

As we grow older and the bloom of youth fades from our cheeks we may not be as physically attractive as we once were, but a Christian has an attractiveness coming from within that will overcome his physical unattractiveness.

Attractiveness, after all, is more than skin deep. Real beauty stems from an inner radiance. Personal beauty is rooted in qualities of personality rather than physique. Lasting charm radiates from an inner core of personality rather than the outer shell of the body.

This spiritual radiance will be maintained through good physical habits and the freeing of ourselves from negative, hostile, impulses that make us unattractive. I refer to such things as: (1) a complaining spirit, (2) a bitter, irritable, resentful disposition, (3) and boresome conversations.

We will develop an attractive personality when we think with Paul, (Eph.4:8) upon things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. We will maintain such a personality when with Paul, (Phil. 3:13-14) we forget the things that are behind and keep reaching forward to the future, maintaining our interest in and love for others, and growing in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, receiving Him as Saviour and following Him as Lord.

Just as we have a physical check-up occasionally, it may be wise to have a spiritual check-up with our Spiritual Adviser, or a close friend, to see if we are maintaining our spiritual attractiveness.

Johnston served two terms as governor of S.C. before going to the Senate where he served 20 years. The Senator and Mrs. Johnston attended the Southern Baptist Convention at Atlantic City last year.



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A Former President Speaks His Piece

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

My good friend, Editor John Jeter Hurt, Jr., has called upon the former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention to express themselves more freely on vital issues before our people. This article is in response to his request.

Two of the most important matters to be considered by the messengers in the forthcoming Convention in Dallas are the report of the Committee on North American Baptist Fellowship and the length of the term of office for the Convention's president. Both should have the prayerful consideration of every messenger.

In my judgment the messengers would do well to adopt the report of the Committee on North American Baptist Fellowship or "Committee." I came away from Atlantic City with the feeling that the Convention did not reject the idea as such. They seemed to feel that the matter required more study before it was adopted. The committee to which it was referred, composed of competent and trustworthy men, has done its work well. Many questions have been answered, and points of differences have been clarified. By this time the report will have been published in the state Baptist papers. Having been afforded ample opportunity to study it, I believe that the messengers will adopt it.

However, on the other hand, it is my judgment that the messengers would be wise to reject the proposal to change the Constitution so as to limit the term of the Convention presidency to one year. Such a proposal was voted down overwhelmingly in Kansas City. But the Convention one year later in Atlantic City voted its first approval of a similar proposal. If it should be approved a second time in Dallas it would, I presume, take effect at the next annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention. But the question at this point is as to the wisdom of voting this second approval. Let me seek to analyze the matter as I see it.

Several reasons have been given to support this change in the Constitution. Let us look at them briefly.

First, it has been suggested that a two-year term is too hard on the church, if the president happens to be a pastor. Admittedly, it is hard on the church. But hard in what way? It means that the staff and membership must take on additional responsibilities. However, this can prove to be a blessing rather than a hardship. Shortly after my election to the presidency, and without my knowledge, the church of which I am the pastor adopted unanimously a recommendation of the deacons that the pastor be relieved from all duties necessary for him to carry out the responsibilities of the office. Furthermore, the membership and staff

agreed to assume whatever additional duties that were necessary to see that the program of the church did not suffer. During the two years of my presidency I was not out of my pulpit but about six Sundays, other than vacations and one trip to Latin America and Africa. Doubtless there were times when the membership would have liked to have the pastor readily available. But the work went forward in spite of his absence.

On the other hand, the church is benefited by its pastor being in this office. And if a church and its pastor assume this responsibility, they owe certain obligations to the denomination. This is not to discount the importance of the local church. But it can be a blessing to the broader aspects of the cause of Christ by assuming a bestowed leadership both on its own part and through its pastor.

Second, it has been suggested that a two-year term is too hard on the president himself. And it is a hard job, to be sure. But it is not that hard. I do not recall that any man has ever fallen under the load, unless there were other contributing factors.

Mention has been made of my illness in Kansas City. But this was due to a "bug" and to strong antibiotics, not to the office of president. The day before this illness I had spoken for one hour with no ill effects, *unless it was the fatigue of the audience*. The momentary weakness the next day was brought on by the "bug" and antibiotics, the pressure of the importance of the occasion, and by becoming overheated in a crowded auditorium. But it was soon passed. And I am still going strong.

On the other hand, when one accepts this office, does he not also knowingly assume the hard work which goes with it? If he is not willing to pay the price, he should not let it be placed upon him.

Third, it has been suggested that there are many men capable of serving as president of the Convention. Certainly this is true. In fact, it would be impossible to use them all. However, the issue is not as to how many could serve. The question is as to how many those who are chosen best serve the Lord through this position. The answer should be given not on the basis of the abundance of available talent, but on the basis of what is best for the Convention itself. Could one man provide abler leadership over a period of two years; or could two men do a better job with one year each?

Fourth, someone has suggested that the *honor* should be passed around. It is an honor to be chosen for this office. But is one chosen simply for the purpose of honoring him? To be sure, not. He is chosen to do a hard job and *to provide a measure of leadership*.

And this latter factor should be the determining one as to whether he should be eligible to serve for one or two years. Therefore, what may be said against the proposal of a one-year term?

In the first place, it takes one a year to get accustomed to being the president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Speaking as one who has been there, it is a terrifying experience suddenly to realize that you have been elected to this position. One moment you are just one of over ten million Southern Baptists. The next moment you are, to the general public at least, the Representative Southern Baptist. You are no longer yourself. You are a symbol. Everything that you say or do is *news*. Wherever you go you are confronted by the Press. Even though you realize that you are just one Southern Baptist speaking for himself, the outside world regards you as speaking for Southern Baptists. So whether you wish it or not, you must speak in that context of public opinion. You are caught up in a whirlwind of activity, going to new places within the nation and without, meeting new people, and are supposed to be conversant with almost every topic of the day.

As a consequence, the first year is well along before you begin to feel at home in the newly-bestowed responsibility. If at the end of that year another man is elected, in effect the Convention loses the experience gained by the former.

In the second place, the Convention must decide what it expects out of its president. If it wants him merely to preside at the annual meeting and to be an inspirational speaker at various denominational meetings, then a one-year term will suffice. But if it wants him to provide leadership in the denomination, and especially for any given program, then a two-year term is more desirable.

The Southern Baptist Convention is so large that it, of necessity, moves slowly. Time is required for planning, informing, and promoting. The very nature of the office of president makes it an ideal symbol about which to rally our organizational and spiritual forces. At least one year is necessary in which to formulate a program. If the president is a vital part of the planning he can be more effective in calling our people to perform that which has been planned. For a new president to come into such a project with a "cold collar" would lessen his own effectiveness and enthusiasm in it. Not that the new man would not do his best. But human nature being what it is, the "best" of one who inherited a project would not be the "best" of one who had had a part in bringing it into being.

Someone might argue that if a two-year term would enhance a man's usefulness, then why not make it a lifetime job? But, of course, this will not stand the test of analysis. We need a president, not a king. We need fresh leadership, not merely an officeholder. But when we elect a man to

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EDITORIALS.....

Law And Order

Two policemen in our state trying to carry out their duties were recently set upon by a gang of youth and beaten up just outside one of our metropolitan centers. This is but one example of what seems to be a rising tide of disrespect and hostility toward constituted authority. It is likely to increase, as long as some names prominent in the news choose what laws they will obey and feel free to violate those laws with which they are not personally pleased. What can be gained by new laws demanded by those who disdain present laws? Disrespect for law and order is likely also to continue so long as TV cameras and news media ignore or play down the taunts and provocations made against police yet inflame the public as they spotlight nightsticks and tear gas used against defiant demonstrators. How objective are the news media in presenting what actually happens—in its entirety?

"Something is happening to the world," William F. Buckley, Jr. commented recently, "when there is a general atmosphere of hostility to the police." The editor of *The National Review* was cheered by members of the New York police department as he addressed

them on our present-day situation. Buckley said, "The doctrine that a man is innocent until proven guilty seems to have been stretched to the point where the man who apprehends the criminal is guilty until proven innocent". To be sure law enforcement is now made very difficult. Men of the police force felt Buckley was in line with facts on quipping: "Nobody is more sacrosanct these days than the man who strikes a policeman." Last year seven policemen were killed, 13 sustained gunshot wounds, 19 were stabbed and 90 were injured by "objects thrown from buildings," in New York City. In that city alone 1,602 of its police suffered injuries during the year. Who hates the police? The criminal element and those who aid and abet the evil-doer.

A society that allows derision of law and order to continue unchecked is already in dissolution. One single issue of a newspaper included a story of forty youths in Brooklyn battling with clubs, tire irons and automobile antennas; a story of a jeering mob in Uganda, Africa ripping a United States flag to shreds; the revelation of a plot of pro-Castro communists to blow up the Statue of Liberty, the Washington Monument, and the Liberty Bell; the report of a bomb exploding at an entrance to Vatican City in Rome; the sickening story of a pregnant woman in Manhattan, stabbed eleven times as she fought off a youth attempting to rape her in a hospital hallway. This was but one paper's reporting of part of one day's expressions of contempt for law and life.

With crime increasing to giant proportions how long can America last if our police are falsely made to appear as if they were oppressors of the innocent rather than the protectors of the innocent which they in fact are. Prevalence of crime means police are needed as front line soldiers to battle the rapist, the thief, the felon, the murderer. While all these expressions of violence erupt police protection is demanded for demonstrators. Too much manpower is drained off in such assignments which is needed far more to protect society itself against the criminal element.

Men who flout laws in the name of Civil Rights may be playing into the hands of those who are intent on overthrowing all law and order. Pitirim Sorokin in his "Crisis of Our Age" years ago warned that rising criminality, revolution, war, suicides and mental breakdowns throughout history have been symptoms of dying civilizations.

A Solemn Trust



BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs

Baptist Congress Theme Song

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BWA)—“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” a hymn written in 1779, will be the theme song of the 11th Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach next June 25-30.

The hymn selection was made by the Baptist World Alliance administrative committee when it met here to approve a program outline for the world meeting.

W. Hines Sims, secretary of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and director of music for the Congress, asked the committee to designate a hymn which can be used to open all Congress sessions.

Suggestion for “All Hail the Power” was made by Theodore F. Adams, past president of the Alliance, and was unanimously approved by the group.

The hymn has, in fact been the unofficial favorite of the Alliance since its first Congress in London in 1905. Records show that it has been sung at the opening meeting of all ten prior congresses.

Beyond that, Dr. Sims pointed out, the hymn belongs particularly to the worldwide Baptist fellowship because of its connection with John Rippon, a London minister and editor, who published it in his hymnbook in 1787. Dr. Rippon is credited as being the “father” of the idea of the Baptist World Alliance because he proposed a world meeting of Baptists as early as 1790.

“All Hail the Power” is known and sung by Baptists around the world, though churches on various continents sing it to different tunes. Dr. Sims said that “Coronation” will be the tune used predominantly at Miami Beach, but that “Miles Lane” and “Diadem” also may be used on special occasion.

Did Jesus Claim Deity?

(John 10:30)

There are those who insist that Jesus did not claim deity, but that it was thrust upon Him by His followers. Will this position stand up under examination?

For the sake of brevity let us look at only one verse. “I and my Father are one”, (John 10:30). Literally, “I and the Father are one.” Note the order, “I” before “Father”. The emphasis is upon “I” or Jesus.

Jesus was in Jerusalem for the feast of Dedication. On previous visits He had revealed Himself to the Jewish rulers in various ways or by many terms. But He had refrained from using the term “Christ”, since to them it carried a highly nationalistic meaning. Had he used it to them they could have accused Him to the Romans of plotting a revolution against their empire. So on this occasion they challenged Jesus, “If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly” (John 10:24).

In reply, Jesus still did not use the word “Christ”. Instead, He reminded them of His previous revelations, including the works He had done in His Father’s name. But because they were not His sheep, they did not believe Him. His sheep hear and follow Him, and He gives them eternal life. No one can snatch them from His hand or from the Father’s hand.

Then He said, “I and the Father are one” The verb “are” expresses essential, eternal being. It is the same verb used four times

in John 1:1-2, and in John 8:58, literally, “Before Abraham came into being, I always am”. So in “I and the Father are one”, Jesus claimed eternal essential being with the Father. Thus clearly He claimed deity. Since the Jews had asked Him to say “plainly” who He was, He emphasized His being (“I”) along with that of “the Father”. In essence, He said, “I have deity even as the Father has deity. For we are one”. One in essence, one in being and one eternally.

The Jewish rulers so understood Jesus’ claim. For they took up stones to stone Him to death. This was the penalty for blasphemy or claiming deity. So enraged were they that they “took up” or *took up* stones elsewhere *and bore* them to the place for that purpose. The italicized words give the full meaning of the verb.

When Jesus asked why they were about to stone Him, they replied, “. . . because that thou being a man, *makest thyself God*” (John 10:33), author’s italics. In John 5:18 they sought to kill Him for “making himself equal with God.” But now He made a stronger claim. “Thou being a man, *makest thyself God.*”

Certainly these Jewish rulers had no desire to thrust deity upon Jesus. When He *made Himself God*, they sought to kill Him instead. So from His enemies, not His friends, the record is clear that Jesus did make the claim to being deity or God.

John R. Chiles

John R. Chiles was truly a man of God. His death at 85 years of age was the translation into a higher realm of more service and joy in the Lord. Brother Chiles, who led the Rogersville Church for over 30 years as pastor, was a man of disciplined living.

Tribute paid him was that he walked over the hills of East Tennessee preaching the gospel and establishing missions which are now flourishing self-supporting churches. He was unsparing of himself in his ministry to others. He did not seek prominent places of service nor honors for himself. He was courageous in his preaching of the Word of God and fearless in his advocacy of Baptist principles.

Going to Florida at the age of 65, he said that he did not believe in *retirement*, he believed in *refirement*. That he kept the spiritual fires going is evident in that

when past 65 he led in building two new churches in Florida, one of them after he was 80 years old.

He was a man who held out that way of hope to others. His son-in-law, pastor George Lovell, Jr., of First Church, Conway, South Carolina, who shared with Pastor Pitts of the Rogersville Church in the funeral services, related how Brother Chiles, in his last days in the nursing home took him along to visit with an old man across the hall who, he felt, did not have long to live. Brother Chiles pleaded with the old man to make his peace with God through Jesus Christ. And then he quoted with him, as tears of joy flowed down his cheeks, the words of the 23rd Psalm.

Tennessee Baptists will always be grateful that for so many years John R. Chiles bore witness here in our state to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world,

Tennessee Topics

Rossville Church, Rossville, was led in revival services Apr. 5-11 by Keith Wilson of Memphis. Music was under the direction of Donald Garrison of the Rossville Church. Pastor Leo Moore reports five rededications, three professions of faith and four additions by baptism.

First Church, Friendsville, was led in revival services by Pastor Earl A. Jones doing the preaching and Music Director Clifford Lacy leading the singing. There were six baptisms and 39 rededications. The church also participated in a school of missions the following week with a total attendance of 288.

Madison-Chester Association—Clover Creek's pastor, H. B. Roane, resigned to accept Hebron Church in Hardeman Association. Hiram Barefoot is serving as interim pastor. C. R. Story, pastor of Friendship Church, Pinson, has resigned. North Jackson Church, Lewis Lynch, pastor, has called Don Behm as minister of music.

Woodville Church, Dyer Association, requested the ordination of Jimmy Clay to the ministry. He was ordained Apr. 25 by First Church, Ripley, where he was a member. Bernard Scates is pastor of the Ripley Church.

W. W. Bunyard, 7863 Commodore, Millington, is able to supply or serve as interim pastor after an enforced three months rest required by his physicians.

Six by letter and seven for baptism resulted in revival services at Lawrenceburg's Highland Park Church when Pastor J. Arnold Porter was assisted by R. B. Winchester of Hazel, Ky. as evangelist. H. C. Edwards directed the music.

First Church, Grand Junction, ordained Bill Taylor, D. W. Smith, Howard Sherian and Carl Williams as deacons, Apr. 4.

First Church, Waverly, was led in revival services Apr. 4-11 by Richard Patton, pastor of First Church, Portland. There were four additions by baptism, 10 by letter and seven rededications. Maurice Coleman is the Waverly pastor.

Woodlawn Church, Bristol, engaged in revival services Mar. 28 and continuing through Apr. 4 with three ministers doing the preaching. Carlos Owens, missionary to Tanzania, East Africa, preached from Sunday through Friday. Charles Taylor preached Saturday night and the pastor, John W. Outland, preached in the closing services Apr. 4. There were 16 additions to the church, seven by baptism and nine by letter and three other professions of faith.

First Church, Greeneville, was led in revival services Apr. 4-11 by Harold Sorrells of Nashville as evangelist and Jim Coomer as director of music. There were 12 additions by profession of faith, 14 by letter, 11 rededications and one surrendered to full-time Christian service. Joe R. Stacker is pastor.



SPARTA—First Church here dedicated this new building Apr. 11 with Fred Kendall, executive secretary, TBC, Nashville, as guest speaker at the 11 o'clock service. This climaxed a week of revival services. Other speakers during this week included Foy Valentine, director of SBC Christian Life Commission; Herbert Gabhart, president of Belmont College; F. M. Dowell, secretary of Evangelism, William Pitt, secretary of Stewardship, and Charles Roselle, student secretary, all at TBC, Nashville.

First three units to be built, the structure contains office suite, kitchen facilities, fellowship hall, Sunday school capacity for 350, and an auditorium seating 310. Completely air-conditioned, the unit was built and furnished for \$151,000. Harlan F. Reynolds is pastor. Dedication services closed Sunday night with baptism of nine.

Rev. J. R. Chiles Dies

Rev. John R. Chiles, 85, was buried Apr. 9 at Rogersville. For over 30 years Brother Chiles served First Church, Rogersville, as pastor. Prior to that he served at Jonesboro and Johnson City.

He was educated at Carson-Newman College and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was the youngest man up to his time to graduate from seminary.

Following a long ministry in Tennessee, at the age of 65 he went to Florida spending the last 20 years at Lockhart, and built two new churches, one of them after he was 80 years of age. A man of remarkable physical stamina and of staunch faith he served with unwavering commitment to further the cause of his Lord. He preached his first sermon at 16 and his last when 83, missing few Sundays in between, according to Rev. S. George Lovell, Jr., his son-in-law, who is pastor of First Church, Conway, S.C.

Rev. Tom Houston, 61, of Evensville, pastor of Mount Zion Church, Spring City, died Apr. 12 in Rhea County Hospital in Dayton. Funeral services were held Apr. 14 at Smyrna Church with C. E. McDonald and John Hipshire officiating.

Dallas Pollard, a deacon and music director of First Church, Sparta, died in Veterans Hospital, Nashville, Apr. 2. He died of Leukemia. Mrs. Pollard is the former Oleta Meek who served with the State Sunday School Department as an elementary worker for four and one half years. Pollard is also survived by two sons, Jim and Charles.

Funeral services were held Apr. 11 for Jesse Henry Newman, 75, Clinton, who died of a heart attack Apr. 8 at his home. He was a member and deacon of First Church.

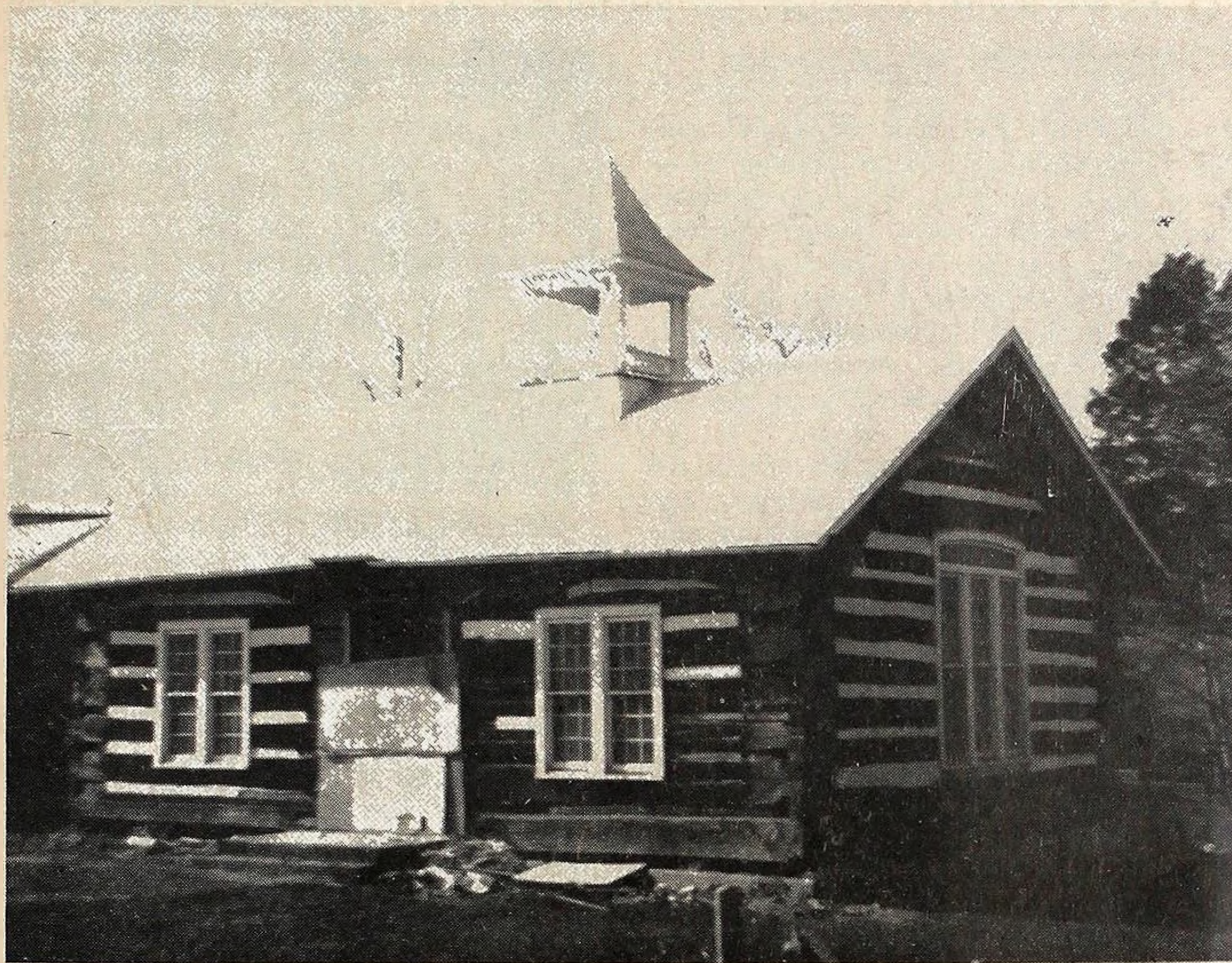
H. B. Woodward, Bells, pastor of Maple Springs Church, Mercer, recently held revivals at Johnson Grove Church, Crockett Association, and Madison Church, Madison-Chester Association.

Rev. Ernest A. Petross, pastor of Deadrick Avenue Church, Knoxville, in the late 1940s, died Apr. 18 at an Orlando, Fla., hospital. Petross, about 78, had retired from the ministry. He left Knoxville to accept the pastorate of a church in Hamilton, Ohio.

Dillard Hagan became pastor of Buffalo Trail Church, Morristown, the latter part of April. He has served Beaumont Avenue Church, Knoxville, for over four years.

There were 26 additions by baptism, six by letter and statement and one profession of faith which did not join the church in revival services at Shelby Avenue, Nashville. Allen Buhler was the evangelist and Richard Gunn led the singing. Richard D. Lucas is pastor.

Seek To Keep Historic Church Building



ELIZABETHTON—Efforts are underway to save the old Sinking Creek Baptist Church house located between here and Johnson City as a landmark of Tennessee Baptist history. Considered the oldest Baptist church now standing in Tennessee and said by some historians to be the oldest church in the state, the old structure was about to be torn down to make way for a parking area when leaders of Watauga Association took steps to purchase the old structure and restore it on its present site. The association itself, however, did not have the \$10,000 to \$15,000 necessary for the restoration project and a fund for future maintenance. It is hoped that those who are interested in Tennessee Baptist heritage will share in this project of restoring and saving one of the oldest church structures west of the Appalachian Mountains.

Organized in 1772, the Sinking Creek Baptist Church in 1924 remodeled its old structure of hewn logs with the assistance of some interested Baptists outside of the congregation itself. In 1942 the building was again remodeled to provide Sunday school space and a larger sanctuary. Last year the church built a new building just west of the old log structure and decided that the site of the old structure was needed for a parking area and gave the building to a Mr. Campbell who was going to tear it down and move it to an area just west of Elizabethton in the Rio Vista section. It was then that the Executive Committee of Watauga Association took action to purchase and save the old structure on its present historic location. This building, not far from Sycamore Shoals on the Watauga, is a tie with a pioneer past that should be cherished by all Tennessee Baptists.

W. B. Mount, Shouns, Tennessee, is

moderator of Watauga Association. Fornia Peters, Cashier at the Carter County Bank, Elizabethton, Tennessee has been designated as temporary treasurer to receive contributions from historically minded people across our state who are interested in preserving this old building. These should be sent direct to Mr. Peters for the restoration and preservation of the old Sinking Creek Baptist Church house according to word from the Restoration Committee working to save the historic old structure.

TENNESSEE TOPICS

Resolutions drawn up by the deacons of LaBelle Place Church, Memphis, concerning the death of one of their members and signed by Hoyle E. Roberts, chairman, and Matthew A. Waddell, secretary, have been sent Baptist and Reflector. They state: "The late Joseph E. Philpot was in all ways an exemplary Christian, and outstanding church member, a consecrated deacon, and a devoted leader among his brethren of the LaBelle Place Church . . . did by his example and precept, light the way of salvation for all who followed in his footsteps, manifesting at all times a love and understanding for his fellow-man, that was beyond the ordinary."

New Church Organized In Madison-Chester Assn.

Woodland Church was organized Apr. 4 in Madison-Chester Association. The new church had its beginning last fall under the name of Northwest Jackson Baptist Fellowship. Since Jan. 10 regular services have been held at Ellis Chapel, Union University, Jackson.

W. C. Boone, who has served as pastor for the group, was called as pastor. Officers and committees of the Northwest Jackson Fellowship were elected to serve in like capacity. Jas. G. Simmons, A. D. Rushing and Carman Wallis were elected as trustees.

The new church voted Apr. 7 to purchase property on Wallace Road at Shady Lane. The Madison-Chester Association has been petitioned to receive the new church and to lend further assistance in getting established on the new property so the church may expand its program. No church sponsored the Fellowship.

James H. Cox Named Copy Editor

NASHVILLE—James H. Cox of Nashville recently assumed the position of copy editor in the Sunday School Board's Retail Advertising and Sales Promotion Department.

Cox went to the Board from Belmont College, where he was director of public relations for the past two years.

A former employee of the Board, Cox served on the staff of Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly during the summers of 1957-59 and was press representative there 1960-61. During 1962 he was a summer intern (reporter) for "The Atlanta Constitution."

Cox was news copy writer in the Board's service division and later in the office of denominational relations from 1959-63.

He is a member of the Baptist Public Relations Association, which he served one year as newsletter editor. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.

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Missionary Staff Reaches 1,931

By Ione Gray, Director of Press Relations

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in Richmond, Va., Apr. 8, appointed 15 missionaries, reappointed two others, appropriated \$20,000 for earth-quake relief in Chile, learned that \$10,869,896.76 has been received thus far from the 1964 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions, and heard reports of major evangelistic campaigns in Thailand, Malaysia, Brazil, and Mexico.

The new missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are W. Mack Burriss and Carolyn Thrasher Burriss, both of S.C., for Malaysia; W. Arthur Compere and Doris Meek Compere, Miss., for Nigeria; A. Jack Green and Gypsy Williams Green, La., for Brazil; S. Dennis Hale, Ga., and Judith Greene Hale, Tenn., for Spain.

Also, Wheeler Kidd and Marie Lansdell Kidd, Ala., for Malaysia; Harold W. Lewis, Ohio, and Martha Teague Lewis, S.C., for Trinidad; Raymond V. Lindholm and Laura-lee Horner Lindholm, Calif., for Nigeria; and Clara Williams, Tenn., for Brazil.

Rev. and Mrs. Sidney R. Flewellen, formerly missionaries to Ghana, were reappointed for service in Nigeria. Mr. Flewellen is a medical technologist.

The Southern Baptist overseas mission staff now totals 1,931 (including 43 missionary associates).

Dr. Cauthen, Dr. Winston Crawley, the Board's secretary for the Orient, and Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development, are sharing in the evangelistic campaign in Thailand (Apr. 11-24) and the one in Malaysia (Apr. 25-May 9). While in the Orient Dr. Cauthen and Dr. Crawley plan to visit Vietnam and Indonesia. Dr. Cauthen called for special prayer for missionaries who are continuing their work with "poise, calm, and commitment" in Vietnam.

Dr. Frank K. Means, the Board's secretary for Latin America, reported on evangelistic campaigns in Brazil (Mar. through June) and in northern Mexico (Apr. 4-11). "Initial reports from the nationwide crusade in Brazil are very thrilling," he said. "If the pace can be maintained through the rest of the campaign, the results are apt to be phenomenal."

He explained that the evangelistic campaign in northern Mexico was the second half of a nationwide effort launched in the southern part of the country last fall.

Dr. Means said that Baptist radio and television ministries, student work, and medical mission work received "a tremendous boost" through functional conferences held in Latin America within the past few months.

Baptist Witness Continues In Communist East Europe

Dr. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe

and the Middle East, reported on the situation of Baptists living under Communist regimes in eastern Europe. He recently visited three Communist countries, Romania, Hungary, and Yugoslavia. Southern Baptists once stationed missionaries in these lands, but World War II and the subsequent establishment of Communist governments have made regular mission work impossible for more than 20 years.

On his trip to Romania, Dr. Hughey was accompanied by Dr. Roy F. Starmer, missionary who formerly served in that country. They were the first official Southern Baptist representatives to visit Romania since the war.

Dr. Hughey made several general observations about Baptist work in the Communist lands of eastern Europe. First, he drew attention to the fact that "the situation as regards religious freedom is not uniform." In Hungary, for instance, the first new Baptist church building to be constructed since the war is nearing completion. Two Hungarian Baptists hope to be allowed to leave the country next fall for study in the international Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. Polish Baptists are already permitted to go to Ruschlikon for study.

Communism everywhere hopes for the eventual death of religion, but religion lives on, Dr. Hughey said. Religious leaders in Communist countries live under great tension and mission work in the usual sense is probably impossible. However, visits are permitted, offering "wonderful opportunities of preaching."

"We ought to help Baptists of the Communist countries in every way possible—through encouragement, financial assistance where that is feasible, and prayer," Dr. Hughey concluded.

Ghana Convention Plans Evangelistic Campaign

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, who recently returned from overseas, said he encountered "challenging opportunities" during a month of travel through West Africa.

In Ghana, he reported, a Southern Baptist missionary teaches a weekly Bible class at Kwame Nkrumah University, in Kumasi, with a normal attendance of more than 300 students. The Ghana Baptist Convention, encouraged by this and "other signs of spiritual readiness," is planning a nationwide evangelistic campaign, to be launched this summer and to come to a climax with special services in February, 1966.

Dr. Goerner told of a critical need in medical mission work in Nigeria. "While there is an appeal for additional missionaries for all types of work, the cry is most desperate with reference to medical personnel,"



Miss Clara Williams (left) and Rev. and Mrs. S. Dennis Hale are newly appointed Southern Baptist foreign missionaries. Mrs. Hale adjusts Miss Williams' name tag during orientation at Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters, Richmond, Va.

Miss Williams, native of Jackson and currently a student in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will serve in Brazil. Last summer she served with the Home Mission Board in Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Hale, the former Judith Greene, of Chattanooga, and her husband are going to Spain. The Hales now live in Picayune, Miss., where he is pastor of Harmony Church. He is a student in New Orleans (La.) Seminary, and she is receptionist at Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center, New Orleans.

These were among the 15 missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in its April meeting.

Church Secretaries To Meet At Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Secretaries for local churches in Tennessee and for denominational agencies throughout the Southern Baptist Convention are invited to attend the sixth annual Institute for Church Secretaries at Southern Seminary here July 12-16.

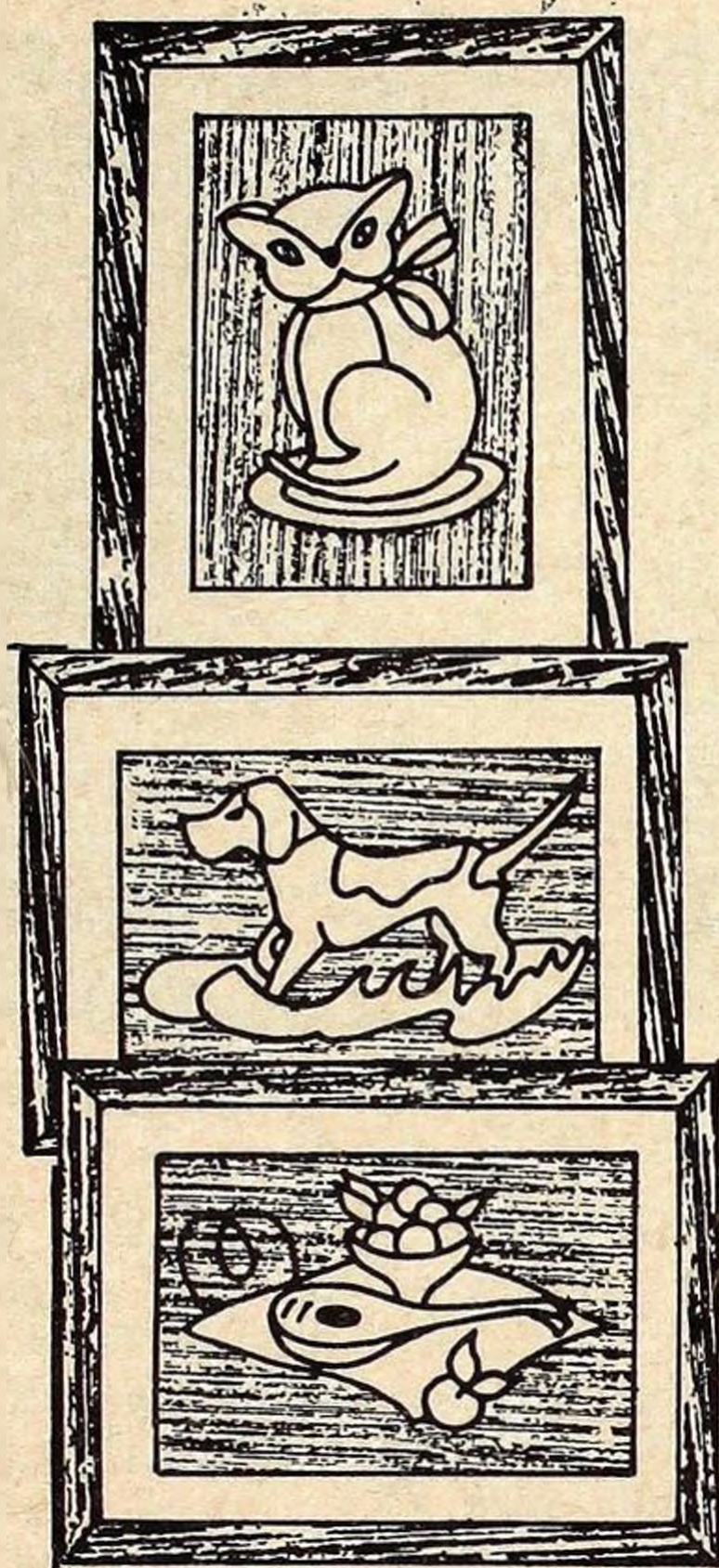
The five-day Institute will feature discussions of how church secretaries can help their supervisors manage time, write letters, and prepare sermons and speeches. Other conferences will deal with church public relations, financial procedures, staff benefits, job descriptions, filing and record-keeping and editing the church paper.

Housing is available in Seminary dormitories for \$10.00 per person, and registration fee for the Institute is also \$10.00. Secretaries who wish to register for the summer conference should write Dean Allen W. Graves, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

he said. "Our five Baptist hospitals in Nigeria have never been adequately staffed, and unexpected losses of personnel within the last two years have created a situation that is nothing short of critical. Even more serious—if that is possible—is the lack of adequate nursing personnel."

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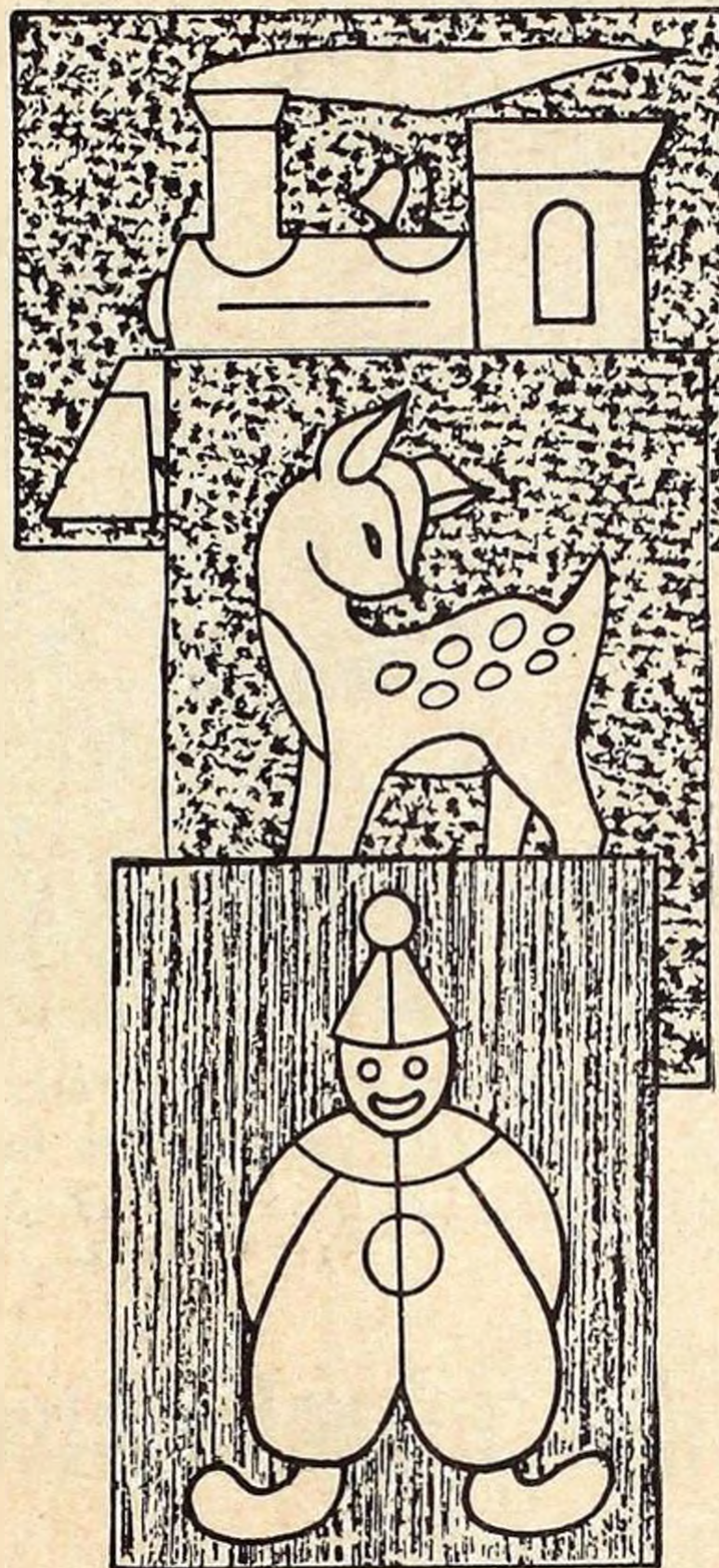
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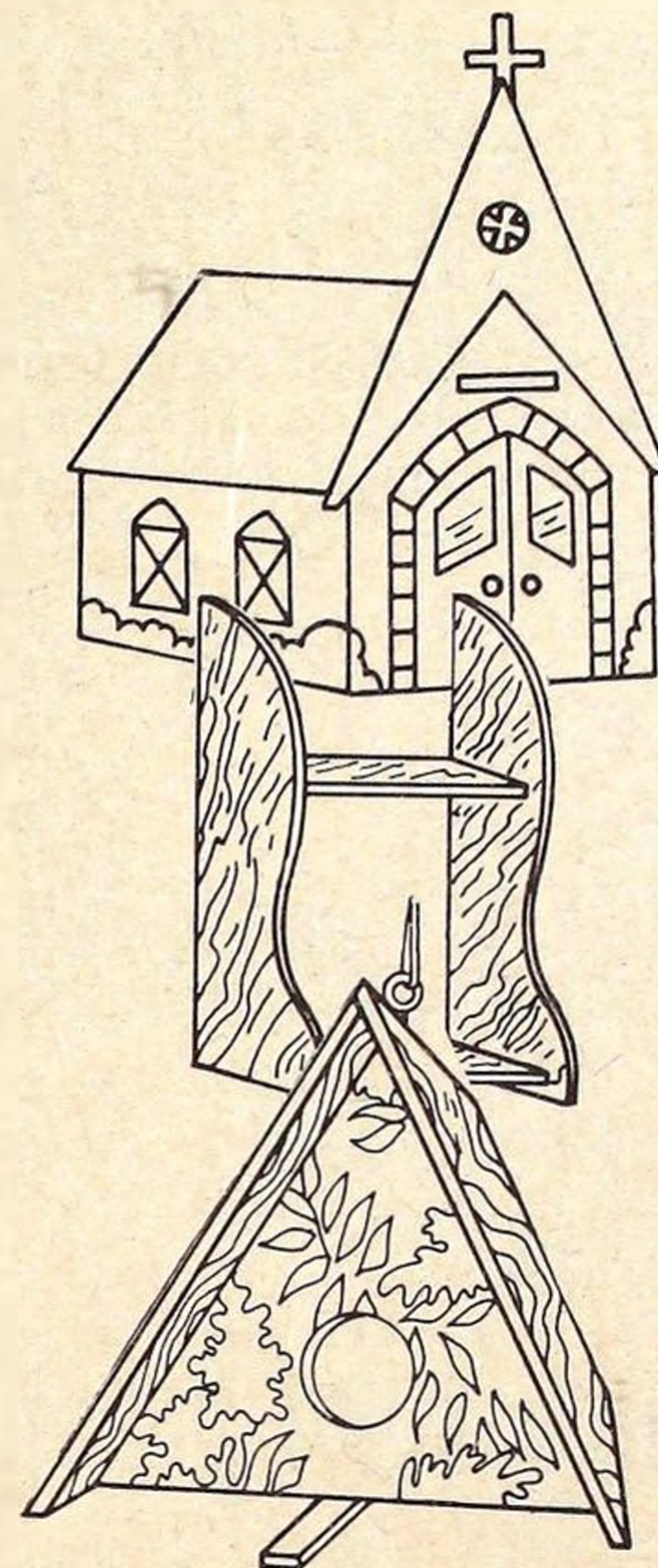
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Adult Training Union Features Sentence Strip Chart



This is a teaching tool intended to be used during two nine-session units on "Marks of Spiritual Maturity" appearing in Baptist Adults and Baptist Young Adults Training Union quarterlies in May-June, 1965.

Sunday School Department

Tennessee's 1964 Vacation Bible School Picture

By Bob Patterson

Eighty-two more Vacation Bible Schools were conducted by the churches in 1964 than in 1963.

1964's total number of schools in the state was 2,258, as compared with 2,176 in 1963.

This increased number of Vacation Bible Schools included 2,059 church schools; 88 mission schools; all 111 Negro schools (reported).

While 75.3% of our churches had schools, 24.7% of our churches—or 676—did not have a Vacation Bible School.

Growth in number of schools in Tennessee is reflected by the following chart:

Year	No. Schools
1925	10
1935	87
1945	1,231
1955	1,944
1964	2,258

It is observed that in the past ten years, the increase has been significant but slow. The 676 or more churches without schools offer a real challenge. Could *your* church help *another* church?

In Tennessee's 2,258 Vacation Bible Schools in 1964 there were:

- 181,769 pupils enrolled
- 48,095 faculty members enrolled
- 229,095 total number enrolled
- 193,984 in average attendance (85.9%)
- 13,189 enrolled in Nursery Departments

35,398 enrolled in Beginner Departments
48,032 enrolled in Primary Departments
24,998 enrolled in Intermediate Departments

56,414 enrolled in Junior Departments
Pupils not in Sunday School numbered 16,958.

Professions of faith amounted to 4,329, an average of 2.83 per school. Five-day schools averaged 2.06 professions per school, while ten-day schools averaged 4.43 professions per school.

Unsaved Juniors enrolled numbered 12,470; while there were 1,984 unsaved Intermediates enrolled.

Vacation Bible School continues to afford one of the richest fields for evangelism of pupils and parents.

Tennessee's Vacation Bible Schools gave \$40,624 to missions in 1964. This amount was received in regular daily missions offerings. Pupils were taught missions and encouraged to make a worthy investment of themselves in missions through the offerings and through answering God's call to service. Of the total amount given to missions, \$31,949 were given to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

1965 offers a new Vacation Bible School challenge and opportunity. There are the challenges of:

- untaught boys and girls,
- unenrolled pupils and parents,
- lost boys and girls, men and women,

THIS STRIP OF PHOTOS illustrates what happens to the new sentence strip chart "Marks of Spiritual Maturity" from the time it is introduced to a Training Union director in the local church until it is used in an adult union.

In the first photo, Dr. Donald Trotter, editor of special materials in the Sunday School Board's Training Union department, explains the chart to Mr. Lamar Maffett, Training Union director at Judson Memorial Church, Nashville.

The middle photo shows Mr. Maffett and Mrs. Louise Ellerker, leader of an adult union at Judson Memorial, discussing the use of the chart as she cuts the strips apart.

In the last photo, Mrs. Ellerker illustrates how the chart may be used to preview or review the unit of study.

Both of the adult quarterlies have the use of this aid written into the presentation. Inside the strip chart envelope are 10 cardboard sheets each with approximately 10 sentences stating the basic ideas of the lessons. Also included is a heavier slotted cardboard for holding the strips.

The sentence strip chart "Toward Spiritual Maturity" (\$1.25 per copy) may be ordered with other church literature for second quarter. Individual orders may be sent to: Church Literature Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 9th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

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Plans are being completed for the construction of two cottages and an administration-chapel building on our East Tennessee campus in Chattanooga. This will cost approximately \$250,000.00 The State Convention allocated \$10,000.00 from the Cooperative Program this year for this capital needs project. 10% of all Mother's Day gifts from the churches of East Tennessee will be set aside for this expansion program, which will give 32 more children a home. Will you help?

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- Purpose:** To give guidance in missions preparation and inspiration to young men and young women 16-24 years of age who have made decisions for missions service (Home or Foreign).
- Who:** Mission volunteers and their leaders.
- When:** July 5-10, 1965
- Where:** Camp Carson, Newport, Tenn.
- Conferences:** On missions service from how of appointment through areas of service
- Led By:** Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Owens, Tanzania
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BOOK REVIEW

The Good News According to Mathew, Translated by Henry Einspruch. This 96-page book contains symbolic Jewish art and all Old Testament quotations in Hebrew as well as in English. Some pages have explanatory notes giving light on Matthew's record as aimed specifically at the Jewish people. The Lederer Foundation, 1503 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Md., published this book which is primarily for Jews, but it will be of interest to Christians as well.

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Attendances and Additions

Churches S.S. T.U. Add.

April 25, 1965

Alamo, First	269	83	1
Alcoa, Calvary	267	79	1
East	189	66	
First	577	212	1
Alexandria	219	60	
New Hope	85	18	
Athens, Central	185	75	1
East	520	210	
First	705	208	2
West End Mission	130		
Parkway	119	52	
Auburntown, Prosperity	157	72	
Bemis, First	388	91	
Bolivar, First	543	109	
Brownsville	687	147	
Allen	119	63	
Bruceton, First	257	67	
Camden, First	325	112	
Natchez Trace	48	20	
Carthage, First	244	60	
Chattanooga, Brainerd	1061	280	3
Calvary	375	61	
Central	860	184	3
Meadowview	76	28	
Concord	567	157	
East Lake	683	157	
East Ridge	1000	185	9
First	1166	233	18
Morris Hill	401	124	
Northside	561	127	1
Oakwood	480	119	
Ooltewah	213	83	2
Red Bank	1372	315	4
Ridgedale	577	175	2
Silverdale	248	108	5
White Oak	686	143	6
Clarksville, First	1367	298	5
Pleasant View	384	106	8
Cleveland, Big Spring	440	129	
Maple Street	139	70	1
Stuart Park	172	98	1
Clinton, First	772	162	3
Second	701	142	1
Collierville, First	358	73	
Columbia, First	534	129	1
Highland Park	421	127	2
Northside	135	56	
Pleasant Heights	278	68	
Concord, First	286	156	1
Cookeville, First	550	93	
Eastwood	78	43	
Washington Avenue	168	79	
Bangham	71	30	
West View	160	60	
Crab Orchard, Haley's Grove	155	63	
Crossville, First	252	54	
Homestead	233	53	
Daisy, First	415	121	
Denver, Trace Creek	172	69	
Dickson, First	222	113	1
Dresden, First	253	86	
Dunlap, First	162	54	
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	144	47	2
First	814	204	3
Hawthorne	208	65	
Elizabethton, First	587	144	2
Immanuel	286	110	
Oak Street	257	66	1
Siam	256	93	
Etowah, First	365	70	2
North	443	103	
Fayetteville, Prospect	147	79	2
Flintville	226	85	3
Friendsville, First	211	91	
Galloway	115	57	
Gleason, First	217		2
Goodlettsville, First	608	219	4
Grand Junction, First	165	89	
Greenbrier, Ebenezer	184	50	
First	534	139	
Greeneville, First	425	69	2
Tusculum	102	38	
Cross Anchor	9	8	
Harriman, Big Emory	159	62	
South	682	147	
Trenton Street	419	111	2
Walnut Hill	301	103	
Henderson, First	273	58	2
Hendersonville, First	763	130	
Hixson, Central	396	160	
First	432	122	2
Memorial	360	133	2
Pleasant Grove	234	76	1
Humboldt, First	634	147	
Jackson, Calvary	616	187	4
East	235	102	12
East Union	107	40	
First	1184	250	
Highland Park	198	63	
Parkview	457	146	1
West	1058	412	7
Jefferson City, First	730	218	2

Eastside	59	7	
Jellico, First	201	108	
Mission	15		
Johnson City, Central	693	138	1
Clark Street	354	66	
Pinecrest	255	69	
Unaka Avenue	472	123	4
Kenton, Macedonia	103	66	
Kingsport, Colonial Heights	494	141	2
First	1066	216	
Litz Manor	243	102	
Lynn Garden	535	123	
State Line	269	88	
Kingston, First	540	165	1
Knoxville, Beaver Dam	373	110	1
Bell Avenue	773	150	5
Black Oak Heights	245	71	6
Broadway	1100	292	4
Central (Bearden)	848	216	2
Central (Ft. City)	1379	327	2
City View	319	52	
Cumberland	461	152	
Fifth Avenue	836	172	
First	1033	211	14
Grace	452	151	3
Immanuel	503	97	4
Lincoln Park	1215	707	4
McCalla Avenue	1118	302	31
Mt. Carmel	217	55	
Mt. Harmony	242	139	
Mt. Olive	503	76	
Meridian	876	244	6
New Hopewell	366	139	
Smithwood	927	334	
South	641	135	
Wallace Memorial	850	229	
West Hills	305	78	4
LaFollette, First	344	103	
Lawrenceburg, First	276	73	2
Meadow View	107	38	
Highland Park	332	120	2
Lebanon, Fairview	368	96	
First	721	135	
Gladeville	194	102	
Hillcrest	247	65	2
Immanuel	502	195	5
Rocky Valley	135	60	
Lenoir City, Calvary	243		
First	548	148	1
Kingston Pike	150	59	2
Lewisburg, First	445	108	1
Livingston, First	228	78	4
Loudon, New Providence	181	106	1
Union Fork	103	67	
Louisville, Zion	150	55	
Madison, First	531	93	
Parkway	302	96	
Manchester, Trinity	136	77	2
Madisonville, First	350	126	5
Martin, Central	391	94	6
First	431	124	6
Mt. Pelia	168	40	
Southside	123	40	1
Maryville, Armona	181	80	
Broadway	713	314	4
Everett Hills	557	217	2
First	976	267	2
Forest Hill	211	55	
Oak Street	120	48	
Piney Grove	170	85	
Pleasant Grove	168	72	
Wildwood	121	72	
McKenzie, First	418	135	
McMinnville, Forest Park	136	56	5
Gath	130	72	1
Magness Memorial	472	139	11
Mt. Carmel, Oak Grove	241	75	
Mt. Juliet	214	70	
Medon, New Union	143	64	
Memphis, Acklena	154	53	1
Ardmore	776	250	3
Argonne Heights	115	58	6
Bartlett	476	147	2
Bellevue	1654	711	13
Bethel	90	21	2
Boulevard	432	106	1
Breedlove	62	30	7
Broadmoor	459	131	1
Brunswick	165	92	
Cordova	143	57	
Dellwood	526	169	
Egypt	201	69	
Ellendale	201	70	
Eudora	1289	314	2
First	1625	357	10
Frayser	945	295	5
Georgian Hills	633	195	7
Germantown	132	42	
Glen Park	424	173	3
Graceland	841	209	7
Kennedy	647	256	1

LaBelle Haven	933	288	2
Lauderdale Hts.	120	85	2
LeaClair	555	186	7
Leawood	973	283	2
Lucy	172	103	
Macon Road	245	103	16
Mallory Heights	310	107	
Millington, Second	147	75	7
Mountain Terrace	289	148	2
National Avenue	400	153	3
Oakhaven	649	254	2
Parkway Village	620	149	8
Peabody	233	98	
Prescott Memorial	500	94	3
Richland	406	121	
Rugby Hills	404		3
Scenic Hills	241		2
Second	588	188	2
Shelby Forest	188	79	3
Sky View	448	172	3
Southern Avenue	834	240	23
Southland	264	113	5
Southmoor	284	105	
Speedway Terrace	718	309	8
Temple	1131	268	12
Trinity	753	306	12
Union Avenue	1030		3
Wells Station	708	199	1
Westhaven	285		3
Westmont	212	65	2
Whitehaven	967	166	6
White Station	202	90	
Milan, First	529	121	1
Morristown, Alpha	139	51	3
Bethel	222	120	
Brown Spring	109		
Buffalo Trail	269	63	
Calvary	513	84	1
Cherokee Hill	165	66	
First	904	164	3
Grace	195		4
Manley	245	105	
Pleasant View	168		
White Oak	212	100	
Whitesburg	124	36	
Murfreesboro, First	713	108	5
Calvary	119	65	
Southeast	221	119	1
Green Hill	109	37	
Immanuel	77	30	1
Third	379	99	
Woodbury Road	251	106	
Nashville, Antioch	215	59	
Belmont Heights	1020	328	6
Madison Street	147	30	
Westview	91	53	
Charlotte Road	143	77	4
Criewood	834	160	
Mission	153		
Dalewood	499	137	1
Dickerson Road	476	104	29
Donelson, First	846	174	3
Eastland	668	143	2
Fairview	267	100	
First	1506	440	3
Carroll Street	269	67	
Cora Tibbs	61	24	
T.P.S.	388		
Freeland	161	44	5
Gallatin Road	501	103	
Glenwood	327	53	2
Grace	985	244	5
Haywood Hills	530	174	12
Hilldale	132	43	
Hillhurst	296	56	
Inglewood	994	170	2
Cross Keys	56	22	
Training School	80		
Joelton	340	122	2
Lakewood	586	147	
Lincoya Hills	259	74	
Lockeland	663	139	8
Lyle Lane	127	28	
Neelys Bend	120	31	2
Park Avenue	1160	269	3
Radnor	514	160	
Riverside	390	73	
Rosedale	236	49	
Third	254	56	
Tusculum	551	162	2
Two Rivers	219	95	5
Una	309	114	
Woodbine	593	161	1
Berea	92	8	
Niota, First	146	33	
Old Hickory, First	574	171	4
Peytonville	60	50	
Rayon City	307	80	2
Temple	322	137	
Paris, First	709	165	7
Parsons, First	256	72	
Pigeon Forge, First	346	100	3
Portland, First	358	108	4
Pulaski, First	413	85	10
Highland	108	38	8
Rockwood, Eureka	142	70	
First	617	175	
White's Creek	104	51	
Rogersville, Henard's Chapel	157	106	
Savannah, First	365	84	9
Selmer, Falcon	83	52	
First	320	112	1
Sevierville, First	604	146	
Seymour, Dupont	206	83	
First Chilhowee	186	56	
Shelbyville, First	618	148	1

Must Step Up Mission Efforts

HOUSTON (BP)—Manpower and resources must be stepped up greatly if victory is to come through Southern Baptists' missions efforts, speakers said at a world evangelism conference sponsored by a Houston Church.

At the same time, the power of the Holy Spirit was emphasized as the foremost need throughout the denomination. Evangelist Bo Baker of Dallas said he doesn't know of any church in America where there is real revival.

The week-long conference in First Baptist Church called on Southern Baptists to re-examine "strategy in world missions in prayer and with open hearts."

A special task force of preachers and laymen to conduct evangelistic crusades in key missions centers and use of radio, television and other mass media were suggested as supplements to world missions efforts.

The conference program consisted primarily of foreign missionaries and Texas Baptist preachers, although no particular agency or convention was official sponsor. The theme was "Urgency Now in World Evangelism."

W. H. (Dub) Jackson, formerly a missionary to Japan, said that the present rate of advance offers "no real hope of reaching all the people."

Jackson, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, urged that funds be made available to use mass media, especially radio and television, in spreading the gospel. The Houston church, pastored by former SBC president K. Owen White, has allocated \$10,000 for a radio ministry featuring the testimonies of Christian celebrities.

Winston Crawley, Foreign Mission Board secretary to the Orient, said he dreams of ten per cent of all Southern Baptist re-

sources, preachers and special workers used overseas.

"If ten per cent of our preachers go out, we would have 3½ times as many missionaries," Crawley said. "If each church would increase its gifts by one per cent a year, we would double our missions support in seven years."

Billy Tisdale, missionary to the Philippines, said that Texas alone should have a task force of 1,000 preachers and laymen who will give a month every year to world missions. Fifty men attending the meeting answered his plea and signed commitments.

Texas Baptist executive secretary T. A. Patterson, echoing the urgency of evangelism, said Southern Baptists "could have gone to Russia and we had opportunity to go into China, but now the doors are closed."

Patterson said Baptists must not assume that they have to have buildings to carry on work at all missions points, but then pointed to local churches spending too much of their gifts on themselves as a basic reason for lack of building funds abroad.

S. L. Stealey Confined

Wake Forrest, N. C. (BP)—Sydnor L. Stealey, 68-year-old retired president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, is confined to Wake Forest Hospital here after suffering a serious coronary attack.

Mrs. Stealey said it would be at least six weeks before he will be able to return to his normal schedule.

Since retiring as Southeastern's president two years ago, Dr. and Mrs. Stealey have made their home in Raleigh, a few miles from Wake Forest.

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New York—Regional distribution by the American Bible Society of Bibles, Testaments, portions and selections of the Holy Scriptures in the United States in 1963 was 6,100,000 in Western and Pacific area; 5,400,000 in Eastern Area; and 4,600,000 in Central area.

On Glorieta and Ridgecrest Programs



NASHVILLE — PREACHERS AND BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS for Sunday school leadership conferences at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist assemblies will be: (Row 1) Glorieta, July 1-7: Dr. Gordon Clinard, professor of preaching, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth; Dr. T. T. Crabtree, pastor, Putnam City Church, Oklahoma City. (Row 2) Glorieta, July 8-14: Dr. M. B. Carroll, pastor, East Grand Church, Dallas; Dr. M. Ray McKay, professor of preaching, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

(Row 3) Ridgecrest, July 22-28: Dr. James S. Potter, pastor, Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte; Dr. Charles W. Treadway, supervisor, weekday and vacation Bible school unit, Sunday School Board's Sunday school department. (Row 4) Ridgecrest, Aug. 5-11: Dr. Charles G. Fuller, pastor, First Church, Roanoke, Va.; Dr. William E. Hull, associate professor of New Testament interpretation, Southern Seminary, Louisville.—BSSB Photo.

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Sparta, First	234	64	..
Springfield	646	138	18
Eastland Heights	274	57	..
Summertown	170	56	..
Sweetwater, First	522	103	2
Murrays	133	87	..
Tiptonville, First	253	46	1
Trenton, First	693	201	3
Troy, First	152	39	..
Tullahoma, First	702	159	2
Hickerson Memorial	71	16	..
Center Grove	46	12	..
Union City, First	686	113	1
Second	380	137	5
Watertown, Round Lick	212	66	..
Waverly, First	256	83	2
Waynesboro, Green River	173	83	..
White House	241	164	3
Whiteville, First	200	50	..
Winchester, First	344	87	6
Southside	120
Oaklawn	162	38	..

God Demands Obedience

TEXTS: 1 Samuel 13 to 15 (Larger)—1 Samuel 13:5-14 (Printed)—1 Samuel 15:22 (Golden).

"And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." In this, the Golden Text, two items are to be noted. The first is a question while the second is an affirmation. Samuel, the elder statesman; addresses Saul, the king of Israel. Saul has come to serious default in that he imagines that he can disobey God and manage to cover up his disobedience by elaborate sacrifices. But the Lord, says Samuel, will not tolerate such action. This significant truth needs emphasis today, just as it did in the days of Saul. A careful consideration of the printed text, with certain suggestions given in the notes below, should serve to make the emphasis clear.

Peril of Israel (vv. 5-7)

The Philistines, long-time and powerful enemies of the Israelites, were gathered in great numbers ready for battle. The people of Israel were terrified at the prospect of utter destruction. Their situation was nothing short of perilous. Instead of hiding themselves in the fear and faith of God, whose they were, they hid in caves and

among the rocks. In such situations God's people are likely to either grow in faith or lapse into evil and ruin. What an opportunity for Saul if he had led his people first in prayer and then in confident conflict! The Lord may permit distress to come but He will always sustain in its trial. Leaders have an obligation to proclaim this truth, and turn the people in the direction of compliance with God's Word. Saul failed in this regard and in so doing indicated even worse failure as indicated further.

Presumption of Saul (vv. 8-12)

Saul had been made king of Israel but he had not been made her priest. He felt that priestly services should be performed in order to insure success against the Philistines. Samuel, who was a priest, had been delayed in appearing on the scene. Saul, against the specific orders of Samuel, was presumptuous enough to assume the office and proceed with the sacrifices in Samuel's absence. Such an act was regarded not only as one of outright disobedience but also as one of sacrilege. Thus his deed could be characterized as both impetuous and contemptuous. He was guilty, more seriously, of deliberate rebellion against God. Herein

lies the grave nature of sin. It is defiance of God and presuming on His love and mercy. It is, in essence, a violation of His person. It goes deeper than a mere transgression of His commands. It aims, in the final analysis, at usurpation of His plan and purpose. It subtly questions His sovereignty. Instead of humility and trust there arises pride and self-sufficiency. Instead of patiently waiting for His guidance, and consequent deliverance from peril, it proposes a procedure that leaves Him out entirely. The lesson for God's people, engulfed in distress, is obvious.

Condemnation of Samuel (vv. 13, 14)

Samuel's condemnation of Saul, for his willful disobedience, was clear and solemn. He speaks for God in an awful sentence. His rebellion against the Lord who had exalted him to the kingship would not go unpunished. The rule over God's people would be taken from him and given to another. The place of authority, as seen in the kingship of Israel, must be kept on a high plane. One could not hope to rule without he himself was willing to be ruled by the God of creation. Places of leadership, then as well as now, are trusteeships. Corruption, at the top, in loose living and religious indifference (for instance) will inevitably seep down among those who are being governed and thus destroy morality in all strata of society. When this happens, a nation's days are already numbered. Give us trusted statesmen, like Samuel, to remind us of this today! Give us, also, a people who will listen and heed the Lord's warnings!

A Former President Speaks His Piece

(Continued from Page 3)

this office, we should expect him to throw himself into the task in such way that while he occupies it he shall do the best job of which he is capable under God's leadership and power. It is my conviction that one year is not enough to enable him to do it. But a two-year eligibility is enough.

In the third place, the Convention must consider the stature of the presidency as it relates to the overall life of the Convention. I am thinking of this office in its relationship to other positions of leadership.

The manifold phases of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention rightly are committed to various Boards and Commissions. The Executive Committee is charged with the responsibility of attending to the broader aspects of Convention affairs between the annual sessions. The members of these various groups are elected by the Convention. All of these agencies are subject to the will of the Convention, and report to it annually. Each of them elects an executive secretary or other comparable officers. All of these men are good, dedicated, and capable servants of the Convention in their given places of leadership.

By virtue of his office the president of

the Convention is a member of the Executive Committee and of the various Boards. *He is the only person elected directly by the Convention who is a member of all of these.* And it naturally follows that he is the only person who is a member of *all* of these groups, who is directly responsible to the Convention, and who can provide such a broad representation and leadership for it.

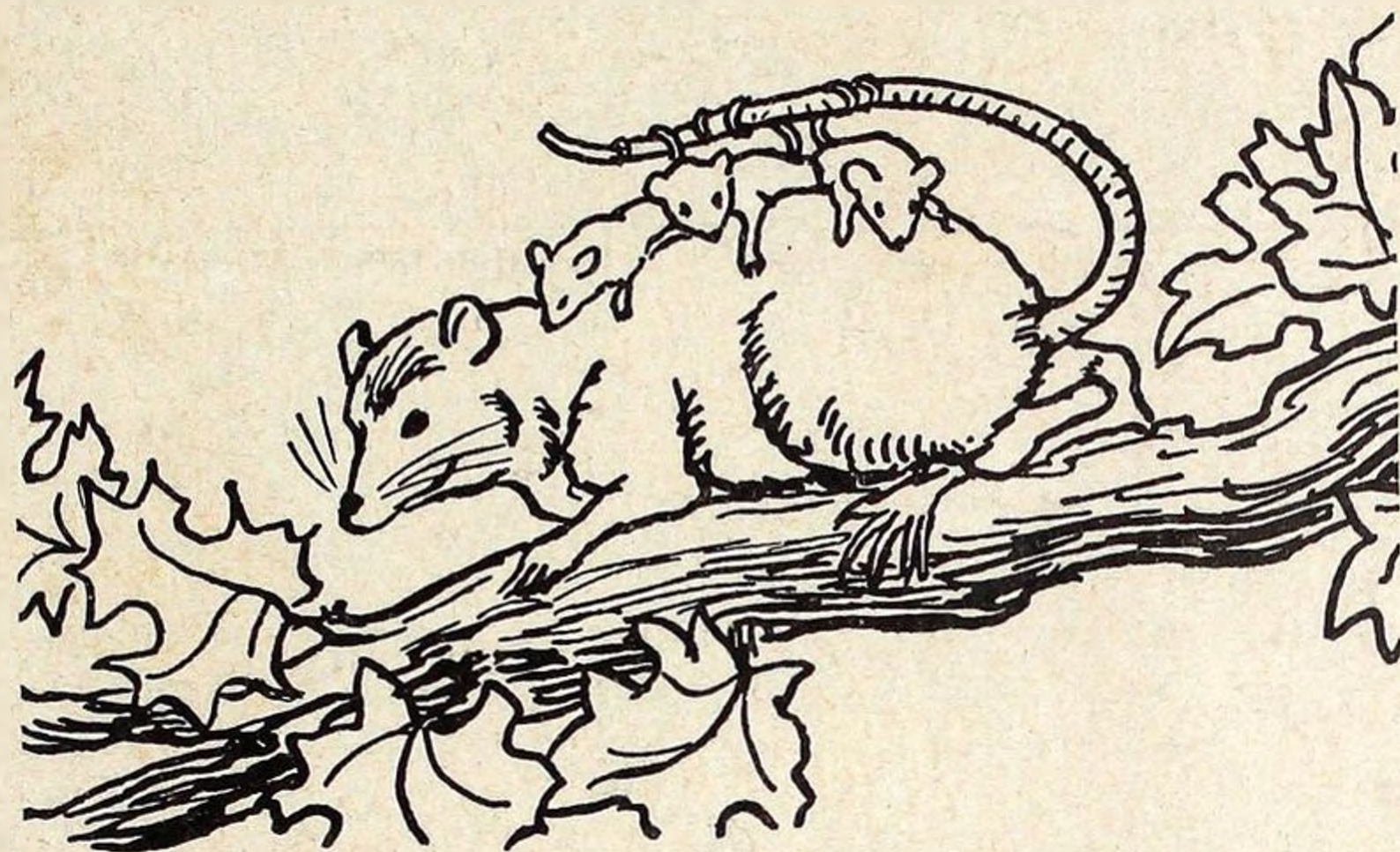
I hope that I shall not be misunderstood in the conclusion which I am about to draw. For I have the greatest of respect and affection for the members of these various groups and for their elected executive secretaries. But there is a point to be considered.

By virtue of their position the salaried heads of agencies occupy places of leadership, and rightly so. For we must look to them for leadership. In a sense the position of president of the Convention is to the Convention itself what these other positions are with regard to their respective agencies, except that the president receives no salary. While these heads of agencies are not elected for life, they are chosen for long, indefinite periods. Presumably they serve until retirement and/or insofar as they and/or their boards or commissions so choose. We

would not want it to be otherwise. And the longer a man serves efficiently in one of these positions, we would expect him to grow in his position of leadership and influence. This also is as it should be.

However, by the same token, to limit the president's term to one year would tend to reduce this office in its importance and leadership. The result would be to create a vacuum in the leadership structure of the Convention's life. And, even though the salaried agency heads do not so desire it, the result would be a trend toward looking to them altogether for leadership in the Convention. However, of necessity it would be a splintered leadership, since no one of these would be elected by the Convention to exercise leadership in the overall. We do not want such a condition to arise, nor do the agency leaders desire it. But both we and they would be victims of our own undoing. We have enjoyed the blessings of God under our present system. Why change it?

Doubtless some will not agree with what I have said. And that is your privilege. But I pray that you will weigh these matters, and will come to Dallas praying that God will guide us in our decisions. Let us seek His will, not ours. And if we find it, He will bless us as we continue to be "fellow-laborers belonging to God."



GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD* ANIMAL CHILDREN

By Thelma C. Carter

Many characteristics of our human experience also can be observed among the creatures of the natural world. You have seen some animals grow up from babies. Many creatures of the animal world love their families.

The parents of animals and birds spend hours and days training their youngsters how to live in the great big world. Mother birds spend much of their time teaching their young to fly, to seek their food, and to protect themselves from their enemies.

Wonderfully true is the fact that many birds will feed and raise stray fledgling birds along with their own. A pair of finches have been known to feed and care for a whole flock of baby finches whose parents were killed in a windstorm. A colony of grown penguins will devote their efforts to feeding and raising an orphaned baby penguin.

Many creatures of nature will sacrifice their own lives to save their babies. A mother kangaroo, when pursued by an enemy, will tumble her baby in the bushes as she races and leaps along. When she has outrun the enemy, she will return for her baby.

Baby opossums ride on their mother's back wherever she goes, whether she is searching for food or drinking at a stream. They continue this until she decides they are old enough to care for themselves. Tender affection and care for their young is shown by monkeys and baboons.

Large animals, such as lions, pumas, bobcats, bears, elephants, camels, and giraffes are extremely protective of their babies. Many of these creatures tend to their young as carefully as human beings care for their children.

A man who had a good opinion of his own abilities, so much so that he thought he could do anything better than anyone else, was once taught a good lesson.

He was standing in front of a taxidermist store. In the window there was an owl which had attracted quite a few sightseers.

Anxious to display his knowledge, he said, with a pompous air, "Well, if I couldn't stuff an owl better than that, I would quit the business."

"The head isn't right. The poise of the body isn't right. The feet are not placed right."

Before he could finish, the owl turned his head and winked at him. The crowd laughed, and the critic moved on.

At the end of the art period the very young assistant to the Nursery School teacher was checking the drawings of the four year olds.

Pausing before a blank sheet of paper she inquired unwisely of its owner.

"What's that?"

"A boat."

"But I don't see any boat."

"It just sank."

Small girl, tearfully, after a valiant attempt to dress herself: "I can't fasten my dress, Mummie. The buttons are all at the back, and I'm in the front."

BIBLE TIME RHYMES*

By Evelyn Pickering

1. I'm a village of Bible times; my name begins with *B*;
Christ ascended to heaven from a mountain near to me.
2. I'm a country of the Bible; I thrice contain an *A*;
God promised me to Israel if her people would obey.
3. I'm a sea of the Bible; I twice contain *L* and *E*;
Four fishermen left my waters when Christ said, "Follow me."
4. I'm a prophet of Bible times; I twice contain *I* and *A*;
Through me God promised a Saviour to light life's darkened way.
5. I'm a bird of the Bible; my name begins with *Q*;
God sent me as food for the Israelites. He also cares for you.

Answers

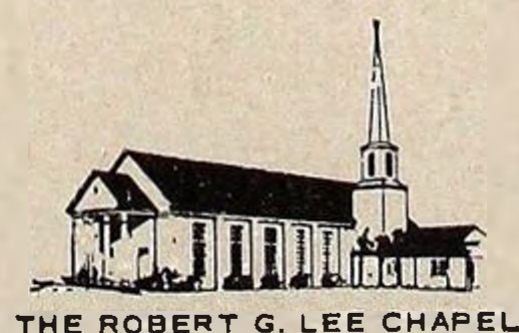
1. Bethany (Luke 24:50), 2. Canaan (Joshua 14:1-5), 3. Galilee (Matthew 4:18-22), 4. Isaiah (Isaiah 9:1-7), 5. quails (Exodus 16:12-13)

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