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Amos sheweth God's judgments upon Syria, Philistia,
against the children

the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim. In Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the vio-

20 But Judah shall dwell there ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

AMOS.

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THE words of Amos, who
was among the herdmen of
Teko'a, which he saw con-
cerning Israel in the days of
Uzzi-ah king of Judah, and
in the days of Jer-bō'am the
son of Jo-ah king of Israel, two
years before the earthquake;
2 And he said, The Lord will
roar from Zion, and utter his
voice from Jerusalem; and the
habitations of the shepherds
shall mourn, and the top of
Carmel shall wither.

3 Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hā-zā-ēl, which shall devour the palaces of Bēn-hā-dād.

5 I will break also the f
of Damascus, and cut off
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and for four, I will

judgment upon Ammon, Moab, Judah
as saith the Lord;
and for the
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judgment upon Ammon.

Thus saith the Lord;
For the transgressions of the
land of Ammon, and for
that they will not turn away the
face thereof; because
they have stripped up the
side of Gilead,
I will enlarge their

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Quest For Identity



By Ted L. Huckaby, Oakwood Church,
Knoxville

As our group arrived in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina for a week of inspiration and information at Ridgecrest, we were given a program for the week. The theme for that program was: "My Place in God's World Today." All week long that theme was emphasized, and



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Start Filming
Dr. Wallace Story

HONG KONG—Production began here Jan. 2 on filming the story of Dr. Bill Wallace. Wallace came to China in 1935 and served as a medical missionary for Southern Baptists. In Feb. 1951 he died in a Communist prison cell as a result of his effective life for Christ among the Chinese people.

Producer Gregory Walcott and a first unit of a crew and equipment left San Francisco Dec. 12 to make the production. Douglas Green, production designer for nine years at Universal Studios, has taken a leave of absence to serve in the capacity of co-producer for the film on Dr. Bill Wallace.

Walcott states that he hopes to have the Wallace film ready for theatrical release by early summer. In a letter to the Editor of **Baptist and Reflector** Walcott requests, "I am asking Baptists everywhere to lift us up before the Lord in prayer. We want God to lead in each decision so that Christ will truly be glorified in the wonderful life of Dr. Bill Wallace".

Walcott served as Second Vice-President of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1964.

it caused many of the thousands gathered there to ask of themselves again and again, Who am I? What is our place in God's world today? I would suggest that the answer to that question is found when we recognize God's place in our world! My place in God's world is determined by God's place in my world; it is here that I find a satisfactory answer to the corollary question, Who am I? As I am able to answer the first, I am enabled to answer the second. Perhaps the following three-fold answer would help all of us gain a clear and decisive grasp of who we are.

First, by God's grace, I am not my own! Praise be unto God for that. It serves to relieve me of an unbearable burden and an awesome responsibility. It also commissions me to serve my Lord in such a way that I do not frustrate the grace of God. (I Cor. 6:9). It sets me free from me; and it gives me great joy to know that the price is paid, sufficient and sealed!

Secondly, I pray that I shall never be a "man's man." Oh yes, it sounds virile enough, but it isn't Christian. For the moment I become a "man's man" I can no longer be "Christ's man". The one naturally cancels the other.

Finally, I find an adequate answer to my quest for identity in the sure knowledge that insofar as I am His I can be all things to all men. With the great hope that by so being and so doing, I might perchance win some. Having been reconciled, I hope to be the instrument of reconciliation. (II Cor. 5:17-20).

ON OUR COVER

NASHVILLE—JANUARY BIBLE STUDY WEEK is giving Southern Baptist adults and young people an opportunity to study Amos, yesterday's prophet with a message for today. This annual emphasis, which began in 1948, involves every age group in intensive Bible study.—BSSB Photo

Administration Conf.

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—A Southern Baptist Administration Conference for church staffs and lay leaders will be held at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Feb. 13-16, 1967.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board, and several other denominational and national business leaders will lecture and direct personal interest conferences during the four-day meeting.

General subject areas are organization and staff administration, leadership development and church public relations. Lectures, small group discussions and personal problem-solving sessions will be held in each subject area.

The conference is primarily for pastors, ministers of education and music, church secretaries, age group workers, business managers and lay workers with special interest in church administration.

William H. Souther, associate professor of church administration at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is co-ordinator for the conference.

Change Degree Name

FORT WORTH (BP)—Southern Baptists' largest seminary will change the name of its basic theological degree, the Bachelor of Divinity, to the Master of Divinity degree beginning with the fall semester in 1967.

The trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here voted the shift in nomenclature in keeping with a trend within the American Association of Theological Schools.

The Master of Theology degree (Th.M.) will be continued and seminary work done on the Th.M. will be credited toward the Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) if the student is later approved for doctoral study.

Foundation Makes
Grant

DeLAND, Fla. (BP)—A \$5,000 gift from the Esso Education Foundation has been awarded to Stetson University, a Baptist school here, to furnish and equip the Lecture Auditorium in the new School of Business building.

K. B. Clay, district manager of the Humble Oil and Refining Company in Tampa, presented the foundation check to Stetson President J. Ollie Edmunds.

Day Of Prayer Slated For Crusade Of Americas

MEXICO CITY (BP)—A plea for Baptists throughout North, South and Central America to devote a day of prayer for a 1969 Baptist hemispheric-wide evangelistic effort was issued here during a meeting of the Directory Council of the Crusade of Americas.

Date suggested for the day of prayer was Sunday, Jan. 8, 1967, and the second Sunday in January in 1968 and 1969.

The call to prayer was issued by Reubens Lopez, president of the Crusade of Americas organization and pastor from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

In other major action, the Directory Council, which functions as the executive committee of the crusade organization, adopted a \$94,000 budget for its central Coordinating Committee.

The budget, which will be contributed to by Baptist bodies participating in the crusade, will cover the expenses of the Central Coordinating Committee, and the five regional coordinators' offices for the crusade, with exception of the regional coordinator's office for North America, which will be financed by the division of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Anti-Intellectualism Chided By Henry

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Anti-intellectual trends among evangelicals are as much a threat to the survival of Christianity as an anti-evangelical temper among liberals, the editor of Christianity Today, Carl F. H. Henry said at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Henry, chairman of the recent World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin, addressed the second annual Southern Baptist Evangelist Workshop at the seminary.

He called for the emergence of theologian-evangelists and evangelist-theologians, saying that Christianity must aspire to theological renewal if it is to become a strong intellectual force in the closing third of the twentieth century.

"The ferment of ideas in the modern world places new demands upon evangelical Christianity for a bold and competent articulation of the Christian interpretation of life and reality," Henry said.

"Every evangelical seminary and college needs to be called afresh to theological earnestness and biblical studies," he said.

Henry also called for evangelical Christianity "to bring itself effectively under the word of God in the correlation of Christian conviction with all the currents of modern living."

The tentative 1967 budget does not include amounts to be used for local arrangements in each country or by each Baptist body participating in the crusade, but only for the hemispheric-wide organization.

A tentative calendar was outlined during the meeting here, calling for the next meeting of the big 50-member Central Coordinating Committee to be held at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., on July 25-28 of 1967.

Tentative plans were outlined for a Hemispheric Baptist Laymen's Evangelistic Clinic to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in July of 1968.

Plans call for inviting 750 laymen from throughout the hemisphere to attend the meeting. Baptists from North America would be asked to pay a \$250 registration fee and pay their own expenses to the meeting. The registration fee would be used to help defray expenses of South American laymen.

A 15-member committee is to be appointed to handle details for the laymen's meeting. Although the entire committee was not announced at the meeting, it was disclosed that Owen Cooper, Baptist layman from Yazoo City, Miss., had been requested to be chairman of the committee.

The tentative calendar also suggested use of Sunday School clinics throughout the hemisphere in 1967, and regional evangelism congresses or workshops in 1968. Plans would be mapped for each emphasis on a regional or nation-wide basis.

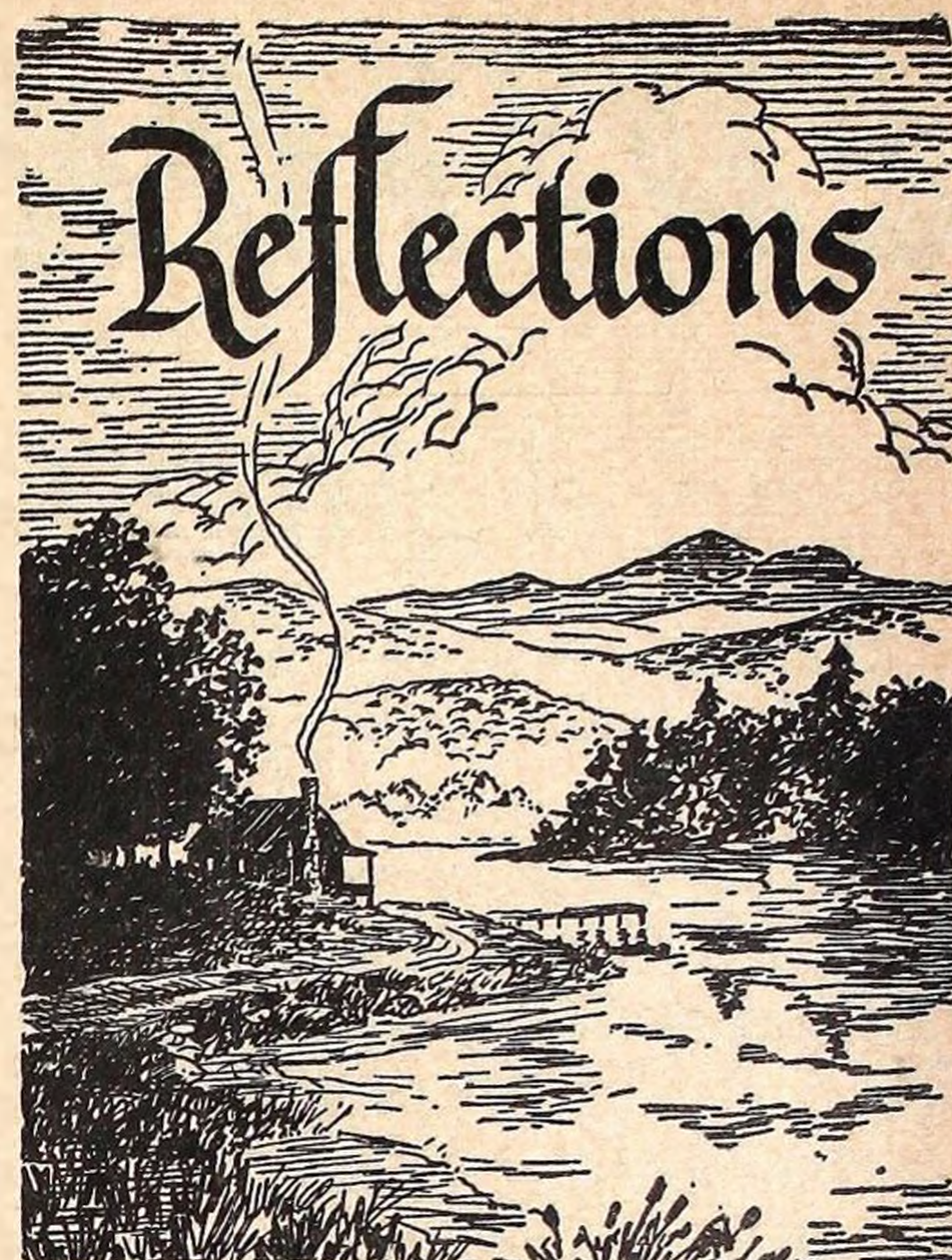
Two Southern Baptists among the 25 persons attending the meeting said there was a growing feeling of unity of purpose, and a spirit of "oneness in Christ". Both Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., regional coordinator for North America in the crusade; and John Havlik of the SBC Home Mission Board evangelism division, Atlanta, cited the sense of unity at the meeting.

Frank Means of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board said that the meeting firmed up the organizational structure of the crusade and brought planning from the theory down to the practical areas of programs of work.

Duke Endowment Gives School \$275,000

GREENVILLE, S.C. (BP)—Furman University has been awarded a special grant of \$275,000 by the Duke Endowment, Furman President Gordon W. Blackwell, announced here.

The grant is for particular projects designed to strengthen the quality of the Bap-



If you can imagine a person with a head the size of a washtub and a body the size of a boxcar, but with a soul the size of a navy bean, you get the picture of the person whose education neglects the religious dimension! . . . No man is fully educated who has not learned of Christ.—Ben M. Elrod, "The Case For the Baptist College," **Arkansas Baptist**.

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In his recent study of filter tip cigarettes in New York State's Cancer Research Center, Dr. George E. Moore made it perfectly clear that no filter is effective in trapping harmful tar and nicotine. The only real protection against getting cancer or heart disease from cigarettes is to stop smoking.—**New Republic**.

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In too many American homes, television is employed as a kind of baby sitter. A woman is usually pretty careful when she engages a baby sitter of the ordinary, human sort; she makes it her business to acquaint herself with the background and character of the person who will care for her child. Why then do some women fail to check on the programs their children watch?—Bob Keeshan, "Backstage with Captain Kangaroo," **Parents' Magazine**.

tist school's educational program and is in addition to the amount Furman will receive for 1966 under terms of the Duke Endowment Indenture.

The funds will be used specifically for increasing faculty salaries, air-conditioning the classroom building and dining hall, physical improvements and renovations of the Furman campus, purchase of a computer and other instructional equipment, James B. Duke Scholarships, faculty recognition and encouragement, strengthening the library, and special academic and cultural projects on campus, said Francis W. Bonner, vice president and dean at Furman.

EDITORIALS

A Man Of Good Conscience Acts

The State Alcoholic Beverage Study Commission has apparently turned into a promotion agency for liquor by the drink. In view of this Dr. James L. Sullivan, one of the 15 members of the Commission appointed by the Governor, has resigned. But not without letting the public know that the Commission has deviated from what it was lawfully appointed to do. In a letter to Governor Clement, Dr. Sullivan charged there had either been abdication of responsibility on the part of the Commission or collaboration with a group possessing an admitted bias, or both.

The Commission was set up to be a study group to reach conclusions by research and analysis. Dr. Sullivan's experience, however, led him to conclude the Commission had not done this, had in fact never received for its record the damaging findings against liquor from its sub-committee. These findings have been in existence for more than a year. He charged that public utterances from and through the Commission

displayed prejudice against people who opposed the use of alcohol as a beverage.

Dr. Sullivan has done the right thing to disassociate himself from a Commission which has deviated from its original purpose, and is in default in its procedures. Dr. Sullivan is a man of integrity and has acted in good conscience. He had the courage to act in this way and let the people of Tennessee know what his experience has been with the procedures of some members of the Commission who would make it merely a mouthpiece for certain elements in the state and their news media who have constantly sought liberalization of liquor restrictions. This procedure is a disappointment to citizens who hoped for a factual study of the drink problem.

Man-Made Epidemic

That's what cigarette smoking has been producing—a man-made epidemic of lung cancer. The National Advisory Cancer Council not only has labelled the result of cigarette smoking an epidemic but an enormous epidemic which man himself has caused. Its toll is 50,000 lives a year.

Composed of laymen and medical scientists the Council last month made public its first report. It blamed cigarette smoking for the tremendous increase of lung cancer in this country. It is hard for the public to hear the stern warning of this Council above the turned-up volume of cigarette advertising. The Council was created 29 years ago, but for the first time, since it was founded, it has published an overall status report of the campaign against cancer. It strongly recommends that more active steps be taken in calling to the public's attention the enormous extent of lung cancer in the USA as a result of cigarette smoking. It estimates that deaths this year from lung cancer will be 42,000 men and 8,000 women. Cancer of all types will kill about 300,000 Americans. The economic burden to the nation from this is estimated by the Council at 12 billion dollars. Its report said that there

New Year Prayer



The "Silent Shriek" of Baptists on Vietnam

By Wm. M. Dyal, Jr.

Few Americans need a reminder of the significance of December 7, 1941. Each year that grim spectre of war precedes the Christmas celebration of the Prince of Peace. War and peace are starkly contrasted.

On another December day in 1941, there occurred an event of horror which the world has scarcely noted. Outside Kiev, Russia, the invading Nazi Germans slaughtered 200,000 Russian Jews at a place called Babi Yar. The Russian populace scarcely protested. Were it not for the prophetic young poet Yevtushenko, the event would be forgotten. His poem "Babi Yar" pricks a world's conscience. In it, he wrote, "Wild grasses rustle over Babi Yar. The trees look down sternly like judges. Everything here shrieks silently, and I myself am nothing but a silent shriek—over the thousands buried in this place."

History's Pearl Harbors and Babi Yars are making the world a global cemetery. Life is considered desperately cheap.

The year 1966 is no exception. The angry, anguished voice of Vietnam fills our ears.

But Christendom, and especially Southern Baptists, seems mainly to sound a silent shriek. Where is the declaration under God of the costliness of life? Where is the reminder in the churches that our men and theirs are the creation of God for whom Christ died? Who calls for peace with justice?

Vietnam is claiming more than one hundred American lives a week, and only God knows how many Vietnamese. Two billion dollars of resources are spent on the war each month. Perhaps this is why Dostoevski once said that war is an idiot who splits a violin for firewood.

At home the arguments rage. Oversimplified answers at opposite poles seem ridiculous and irresponsible, whether they be draft-card burners or those who would "bomb them off the map." Somewhere in

Interpretation . . .

By HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Paul's Reward

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day . . ." II Timothy 4:8.

II Timothy was written shortly before Paul's death. As a drink offering he is ready to be poured out (his blood?) on the altar. He is about to be unloosed or untied ("departure") from this life (v.6). Looking back upon his life of service for Christ he uses athletic terms to show his faithfulness in it (v.7). He has fought a good fight, and successfully has run the race to the end. He has been faithful to Christ for whom he ran.

Now he looks forward to the prospect of the reward, "a crown of righteousness" (v.8). It consists in righteousness and is the reward for same.

This will be bestowed upon him by "the Lord, the righteous [just] judge." "Judge" may be rendered "umpire." So Paul carries out the figure of athletic contests. The just

Umpire will crown him with the victor's crown for his faithfulness and success in the contest which he has waged for Christ.

Furthermore, Paul reminds us that there is a similar crown awaiting all who "love his [Jesus'] appearing." "Love" is a perfect tense: those who loved and still love. "Appearing" in this sense can refer to both the Incarnation and the Second Coming. Loving Jesus' first appearing is evidenced by one's faith in Him as Saviour. Loving His second appearing is enhanced by one's faithfulness to Him as Lord.

HEAVENLY PREPARATION

A new Japanese Christian is determined to be prepared for reunions on the "heavenly shores."

Eugene F. Quinn, state music secretary for Kentucky Baptists, was part of a team of church musicians and laymen who assisted Japanese pastors and missionaries in an evangelistic campaign in October. While bidding good-bye to converts at a Japanese church where he worked, he said, "I may not see you again this side of heaven, but we can look forward to some real fellowship when we meet on the other side."

This tearful and joyful parting especially impressed a 38-year-old woman who had accepted Christ as Saviour during the campaign. Her pastor reports she has entered an English study group in order to be ready to converse fluently with her American friend when they meet in heaven.

Says Southern Baptist Missionary William H. Jackson, Jr.: "The pastor assured her that English will be no problem on that side (and I am glad that Japanese won't be, either). But he was overjoyed at this evidence of the bond of fellowship established during the campaign."

between are the Americans who have appropriated God as a national deity and apathetically assume, "God's on our side."

Peace is hypocrisy if we do not see ourselves and all other nations as under God's judgment. Inhumanity reigns if we do not suffer when men, women and children are maimed or die. A silent shriek from Christians is not enough.

In the complexity of this struggle, Christians may not have specific plans or answers to offer to governments. But Christians do have a clear word to sound to the world.

While in Vietnam thousands die every week, Christians in observing the birth of the Prince of Peace, should be committed to the cause of peace on earth. Let our "silent shriek" become instead a courageous proclamation of the worth and dignity of every life.

has been a ten-fold increase in lung cancer in men in the last 30 years, and it charged cigarette smoking as the principal cause of this alarming increase.

This report has not received much publicity. The news media have tucked it away on inside pages. Newspapers, magazines, TV, and radio continue to be heavily loaded with cigarette advertising. Despite the warning three years ago from Surgeon General William H. Stewart concerning the harmful effects of cigarette smoking, cigarette consumption, which momentarily lessened, has actually increased. Smokers in

many instances, to twist a cigarette brand's slogan, would rather die than quit. Now the National Advisory Cancer Council's warning is even more severe and harsh in its language than that of the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee.

Fifty thousand lives a year sacrificed to cancer on the altar of cigarettes reaches epidemic proportions. The tragedy is that this epidemic, sacrificing so many lives, is created by man himself. It is aided and abetted by misleading cigarette advertising. It is a tragic waste of human life.

Tennessee Topics

WMU

Corrections In Margaret Fund Student Assignments

The list of Margaret Fund students and the associations to which each is assigned was printed in the November 10 issue of the **Baptist & Reflector**. Through an error the associations assigned to Harriet Ann Rankin were omitted from the printed list. Harriet Ann's birthday is July 17 and her address is Box 600, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee. Associations assigned to her are Duck River, Hiwassee, Shelby.

Since this list was published in November we have had word from the Foreign Mission Board to delete John Michael Deal from the list of Margaret Fund Students. Churches in Big Hatchie, Cumberland County, Jefferson County and Lawrence Associations will take note of this and do not send gifts, letters, or cards to John at Carson-Newman College. These associations may choose anyone whom they would like to sponsor from the Margaret Fund Students. A list of assignments with the addresses of the students is being sent to the WMU presidents in the churches.

—Mary Mills

Nashville Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees has named **Gene Kidd** Executive Director and **Barry Spero** Administrative Director of the Hospital. Kidd has been Administrator since 1954. Spero has been Assistant Administrator. The Hospital has over 1200 employees.

Western District Association new pastors: **J. W. Hayes** at Bethlehem from Enon Church, Carroll-Benton Association; **Carl Mashburn** at Friendship, he is a student at Union University; **Tom Drake** at Union Friendship, who came from Dyersburg. **Gerald Bland** has resigned at Puryear. **Jerry McGill** is the new Minister of Music-Education for West Paris, coming from Carbon-dale, Ill.

Dr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Thompson, missionaries to Argentina are on a four-month furlough in the States. He is professor of theology and ethics at the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires. They may be addressed, c/o C. L. Ward, 119 Glenwood, N.W., Knoxville, Tenn. 37917. A North Carolinian, Dr. Thompson was born in Lenoir, but grew up in Morganton; Mrs. Thompson, the former **Jean Ward**, was born in Bullsgap, Tenn., and grew up in Knoxville. They were appointed missionaries in 1956.

C. W. Jarred is serving the Bell Buckle Church as interim pastor.

Robertson Association has recently welcomed eight new pastors: **Sam Thomas**, Rock Springs; **Curtis Woods**, Flewellyn; **Charles Fouraker**, Bethlehem; **Leslie McClure**, Oakland; **Bobby Parker**, White House; **Danny Burchett**, Pleasant Hill; **Gary Anderson**, Orlinda; and **Trent Butler** at Hopewell.

Oscar Davis has retired after eight years service as Stone Association missionary. In appreciation of his service and that of **Mrs. Davis**, members of the churches presented both Mr. and Mrs. Davis with a watch and a check for \$700, at a reception in Fellowship Hall, First Church Cookeville following the "M" Night service Dec. 5. The Associational WMU also presented a framed picture of the retiring superintendent of missions and a check of \$25. There was also a shower of good things to eat from two of the churches. Davis, who retired Jan. 1, continues at his same address, Route 6, Cookeville. He is available for supply and other ministerial work.

The Ray E. Sheltons, missionaries to Uruguay, arrived in the States Dec. 10 for furlough. They may be addressed at 206 Nashville Rd., Franklin, Tenn. 27064. Born in Cowan, Tenn., he lived there and in Coalmont, Tenn., while growing up; she, the former **Mary McKee**, was born in Decatur, Ga., and lived in the Atlanta and Forsyth, Ga., areas while growing up. At the time of their missionary appointment in 1949 he was pastor of First Church, Tracy City, Tenn.

First Church, Lawrenceburg was led in revival by Layman evangelist **Walter Kenyon** of Union City. There were ten for baptism, four other professions of faith, one by letter, also a number of rededications.

Mrs. Margie L. Freeman, 86, was recently awarded her 16 year perfect attendance pin at Second Church, Chattanooga. Member of Second for 55 years, Mrs. Freeman spent 43 of these years working in the Primary Department where she is still a faithful worker. Her past work in the Church includes years in the Junior Department of the Training Union and a tenure of service as W. M. U. Vice President. She also helped in the old Goodwill Center, now called the Baptist Center in Chattanooga.

Joe E. Franklin resigned after three years at First Church, Trezevant, to accept the call of Walker Memorial Church, Franklin where he began his work Dec. 29.

Dave Smith became pastor of First Church, Huntland, Nov. 7. He was formerly pastor of Grace Church, Tullahoma.

Milford B. Cox became pastor of Bordeaux Church, Nashville Dec. 11. He has served in White and Putnam Counties and is former pastor of Auburn Church, Auburntown. Mrs. Cox is the former Estell Lee of Cookeville. They have three children, David, Timothy, and Deborah.

Ordained as Deacons: **Arthur McAdams, Jr.** by Shelbyville Mills Church Dec. 18, **J. C. Hullander** by East Brainerd Church Dec. 4.

Dyer Association: **Lawson Bray** has accepted the call as pastor, Woodville Church. Zion Hill called **Wesley Nicholoss**, a student at Union University. **Caris Ashcraft** is now pastor of Parrish Chapel. He was formerly at Emmanuel. **J. O. Clayton** has become pastor of Gates Church. He is a brother to **W. J. Clayton** at Curve. **Leon Dyer** has resigned his charge at Miston Church. **Waymon Hogue** has accepted the call of Samburg Church and will move on the field from Dyersburg after the new pastor's home has been completed. **W. C. Henley, Jr.** has moved from Trimble to the Malcolm Ave. Church, Memphis.

Columbia's Highland Park Church in Youth Revival had two requesting baptism and 125 rededications. **Pat Dupree** did the preaching and **Bob Knupp** led the singing. Both are students in Belmont College.

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Sullivan Resigns Study Commission

NASHVILLE (BP)—James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has resigned his membership on the 15-man Alcoholic Beverage Study Commission for the state of Tennessee.

The Commission, said Sullivan, "appears to have become an Alcoholic Beverage Promotion Commission rather than an Alcoholic Beverage Study Commission."

In a letter to Tennessee Governor Frank G. Clement, who appointed Sullivan to the Commission in July, 1965, the Sunday School Board leader pointed out three reasons for his action.

"In the first place," said Sullivan, "the Commission was designed as a study group to reach conclusions by research and analysis. This has not been the case."

Second, "the work of the Commission has been so distorted in public statements by Commission members and employees that the public was led to believe the Commission had adopted certain positions even before it had voted on these matters."

The third reason for the resignation was the non-representative makeup of the Commission, which posed problems when the Commission "veered from its purpose and from factual and orderly processes." No Commission members are from rural areas.

The Commission is scheduled to report its findings to the Tennessee legislature early in 1967.

Text Of Letter

Here is the text of Dr. Sullivan's letter of resignation:

Dear Gov. Clement:

With regret I present my resignation from the Alcoholic Beverage Study Commission effective at once. Even though our purpose was clear and worthy as you constituted the commission, **the group itself has departed in two significant ways from the original design** you explained to me and from the purpose set forth in the law authorizing you as governor of Tennessee to set up the commission.

In the first place, **the commission was designed as a study group to reach conclusions by research and analysis. This has not been the case.** Even the most controversial issue to come before the body, liquor by the drink, was dealt with in a manner totally contrary to the commission's purposes. **No findings of subcommittees in existence for more than a year were introduced into the record before action was taken. The document adopted by the commission on this subject, as a matter of fact, was identical to the document produced by the Chambers of Commerce of the State of Tennessee.** Such procedure is either abdication of responsibility on the part of the commission, or collaboration with a group possessing an admitted bias. It could well be both.

In the second place, **the work of the commission has been so distorted** in public statement by commission members and employees that the public was led to believe the commission had adopted certain positions even before it had voted on these matters according to orderly process. **In addition, public utterances from and through the commission have displayed prejudice against people who oppose the use of alcohol as a beverage. Those who oppose drinking alcoholic beverages have been charac-**

Approve Construction

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Trustees of Ouachita Baptist University here have approved details for a \$2 million bond issue to finance building additions to the school's science hall, library, and administration buildings, plus some renovation work including enlargement of an auditorium.

The board authorized architectural studies for additions to the Hamilton Moses Science Hall and the J. R. Grant Administration Building, and approved beginning construction immediately on a three-story addition to Riley Library. All are covered by the bond issue.

Trustees also voted to enter loan negotiations with a life insurance company for a men's dormitory to house 304 students to be completed by next September.

They also approved renovation and remodeling of the Cone-Bottoms dormitory for women.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention meeting in November had authorized the school to issue the bonds.

terized as uneducated and bigoted. Ministers of the gospel have been attacked by members of the commission and business leaders. News coverage of such biased attitudes has made impossible an impartial objective recommendation issuing from this commission. It appears to have become an alcoholic beverage promotion commission, rather than an alcoholic beverage study commission.

"In conclusion, I would register a third area of disappointment. **The work of the Commission was supposed to be representative of the thinking of the citizenship of the State of Tennessee.** Had its work been carried out in logical fashion, this representative thinking would have resulted. When the commission veered from its purpose and from factual and orderly processes, however, **the dominance of membership from the four large cities of the state closed out any effective expression from the great rural population of Tennessee.** Surely the opinions of these fine citizens ought to be recognized.

"When I accepted this commission membership, I did so with appreciation for what you were trying to do through a group organized to arrive at conclusions through orderly means of study and research. I had thought that if unbiased methods were followed we might arrive at a document to which no single commission member might totally subscribe, yet which might be a base from which the entire State of Tennessee could be helped. I regret that the actual performance has been such, especially in recent weeks, that I see no hope of an apparent minority voice being heard and given credence without being submerged in emotional expression. **I must disassociate myself from any findings that result from a body which has so failed in purpose and defaulted in procedure.**"

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Florida Executive To Retire

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)—John Maguire, executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention for nearly 22 years, announced his plans to retire in one year, effective no later than Dec. 31, 1967.

Maguire, 66, made the announcement during a meeting of the State Board of Missions for the Florida Baptist Convention here.

The board appointed a nine-member committee to nominate a successor to Maguire as executive secretary of the convention. James Monroe of Miami was named chairman of the committee.

Maguire became executive secretary of the 581,956-member convention on Jan. 15, 1945, when the convention then had only 184,140 members. There were then only 826 Baptist churches in Florida, compared to about 1,400 today.

During the joint meeting of the State Board of Missions and the board of trustees for the proposed West Palm Beach junior college, Jess Moody of West Palm Beach was elected chairman of the school's trustees. Moody is pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach and is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference.

Name New Women's Executive

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)—Miss Martha Fellows of Jefferson City, Mo., has been named Woman's Missionary Union secretary for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

For the past five years, Miss Fellows has been Young Women's Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band director for the Woman's Missionary Union department of the Missouri Baptist Convention. Previously she was youth director for several Baptist churches in Texas.

McLeod Named Librarian

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)—H. Eugene McLeod, a former full professor with a doctor of philosophy degree who is now a theology student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been elected librarian and assistant professor of bibliography at the seminary.

Effective Aug. 1, 1967, McLeod will succeed E. C. Osburn who plans to retire at the end of July after almost 16 years as librarian at Southeastern Seminary.

1967

STATE EVANGELIST

JANUARY

Theme: Truth—

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 16 BELMONT HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE

Theme: "Truth—The Great Emancipator"

2:00	Song Service	Frank Charton
2:10	Devotion	Robert E. Lee
2:20	"Man's Need for Freedom"	William L. Bennett
2:50	Song	
2:55	Announcements	
3:05	"World Congress on Evangelism"	F. M. Dowell
3:35	Testimony on Personal Witnessing	Ralph Bray
3:50	Special Music	
4:00	"The Gospel—The Basis for Freedom"	W. Fred Kendall
4:30	Benediction	

MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 16 BELMONT HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE

Theme: "The Church—The Evangelistic Task Force"

7:00	Song Service	Frank Charton
7:10	Devotion	Richard Smith
7:20	"Campus Evangelism"	B. Gray Allison
7:50	Song	
7:55	Announcements	
8:05	"Evangelistic Preaching—What and How?"	Harper Shannon
8:35	Special Music	
8:45	"The Revival of the Americas"	Rubens Lopes
9:30	Benediction	
10:00	p.m.-8:00 a.m.—All Night Prayer Meeting	

TUESDAY MORNING

BELMONT HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE

Theme: "Keeping The Organizational"

9:00	Song Service	
9:10	Devotion	
9:20	"Using the Organizations in Evangelism"	
9:50	Announcements and Song	
10:00	Panel Discussion	
	1. Personal Workers	
	2. Preparing the Local Church	
	3. Preaching	
	4. Prayer	
	5. Perfecting the Saints	
10:50	"Recruits for the Task"	
11:20	Special Music	
11:30	"The Word of Life"	
12:00	Benediction	

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

BELMONT HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE

Theme: "The Church"

1:30	Song Service	
1:40	Devotion	



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1:50 "Prayer—The Necessity for Revival"J. William Harbin
2:20 Song
2:30 "How To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit" Robert J. Norman
3:00 Testimonies Derris Davenport
Kenneth Rose
Gerald Stowe
3:30 Special Music
3:40 "Results of Being Filled With The Holy Spirit" Dallas Bivins
4:10 Benediction

TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 17

LAYMAN'S NIGHT

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, NASHVILLE

Theme: "Laborers For The Vineyard"

6:45 Concert of Sacred Music Carson Newman College Band
Wesley McCoy, Director
Evangelistic Song Service Frank Charton
7:25 Devotion Hubert Smothers
7:35 Recognition of Laymen Roy J. Gilleland
7:45 Song
7:50 "The Role of the Laymen in the Revival of the Americas" Ruben Lopes
8:30 Offering
8:40 Special Music
8:50 "The Watch of Life"Harper Shannon
9:30 Benediction



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1967

Sullivan Urges New Era Of Growth Among Baptists

NASHVILLE (BP)—A call for the birth of a new era in Southern Baptist growth went out to leaders attending the annual meeting of state Baptist secretaries at the SBC Sunday School Board here.

The meeting drew approximately 400 state Sunday School, Training Union, church music and student secretaries and their associates as well as state Baptist executive secretaries.

Speaking to the Sunday School secretaries in their closing session, James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, called for a more concerted effort on growth.

"Growth," said Sullivan, "represents immortal souls, each one worth more than the wealth of the world."

Directing his remarks specifically to the Sunday School leaders, he stated "If the Sunday School doesn't move out, then neither will the other organizations."

"If we fumble the ball here," continued Sullivan, "we do it on the front pages of

our denominational papers. And if we are criticized by them for it, we deserve it."

Sullivan stressed the need of goals toward which Southern Baptists could work. These goals must reflect the past as well as look to the future, Sullivan indicated.

He challenged the Sunday School secretaries to turn their eyes to the future. "No man can serve the future if he is glued to the past. When the people are chained to the past, it anchors the future."

"Goals are necessary," said Sullivan, "to keep Southern Baptists from going in circles. Maybe our problem is that we have undertaken too many things in too many ways to do any one thing really well."

Earlier, the state secretaries, including Woman's Missionary Union executive secretaries, and representatives from Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission, participated in a daylong joint session on grading.

The group was asked for comments on grouping and grading as part of a study

which is being carried on by the church program organizations.

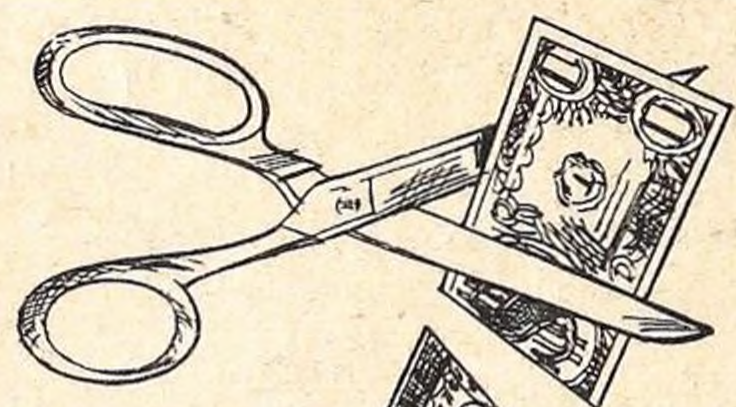
In separate sessions the 1967-68 programs of Sunday School, Training Union, church music, church architecture and student work received major attention through interpretation and discussion.

State student secretaries honored Charles Roselle of Tennessee and Chester Durham of Kentucky for 25 years of service in student work.

W. Hines Sims, secretary of the board's church music department, was honored for 20 years of service to the board. He was presented plaques signed by state music secretaries and department secretaries.

State Training Union secretaries held a memorial service for James Perry Morgan, Training Union secretary for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, who died Oct. 6, 1966.

The next annual meeting of state secretaries will be held Dec. 11-15, 1967 in Nashville.



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LOOKING AHEAD IN 1967

By Bob Patterson

This will be a personal word of hope from your state Sunday School secretary to Tennessee Baptists.

The turning of the calendar jolts us with the fact of an ever-changing world. Conditions are not the same as they were yesterday, or last year.

The past is gone forever. We cannot remake our yesterdays. We could let them haunt us. We must not. We can and must let the experiences of our yesterdays give counsel to us in the determining of our tomorrows. In God's redemptive purposes, even the tragedies of the past can be building blocks for the future.

Southern Baptists and Tennessee Baptists have a glorious past. The experiences and accomplishments are many. The Lord has blessed and worked through His people.

However, today's generation is responsible for what it will do in today's world. It would be sinful for this generation to rest on the laurels of the past accomplishments of Southern Baptists and do nothing but coast, while today's generation plunges into eternity without a Saviour.

Your State Sunday School Department wishes to pledge itself to a renewed commitment in three areas:

I. THE TEACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD

Historically, our churches have been Bible-teaching centers. A part of the growth of Southern Baptists has been a result of the fact that the people have taken seriously the many injunctions of the Scriptures to "teach the Word."

Traditionally the major part of the Bible teaching ministry of a church has been conducted through the Sunday School. Our churches must give themselves anew to the task of teaching the Bible as a priority ministry of the church, regardless of the effort. Effective Bible study undergirds everything that a church and the denomination need to be doing in an outreach ministry and a world mission program.

Let us renew our commitment to God to study, learn, and teach the Word!

II. THE REACHING OF PEOPLE

A church has responsibility for reaching

the people of the world about it. The Lord plants churches in communities in order that they might reach the people of the community. People must be reached, if they are to be taught. It was the needs of the destitute multitudes that moved the heart of the Lord to compassion.

A New Testament church of today must feel and manifest concern for the increasing multitudes of the lost about it.

Let us renew our commitment to God to reach people for Christ and His Church!

III. SOUL-WINNING

The divine imperative of the Great Commission was that we should make disciples. This means teaching, witnessing to, and cultivating the lost until they experience the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration. We are commanded to bear witness. The power and the presence of the Holy Spirit are promised as we witness.

"Sunday School workers, church leaders, we must commit ourselves anew to the task of winning people to Christ. Will you?"

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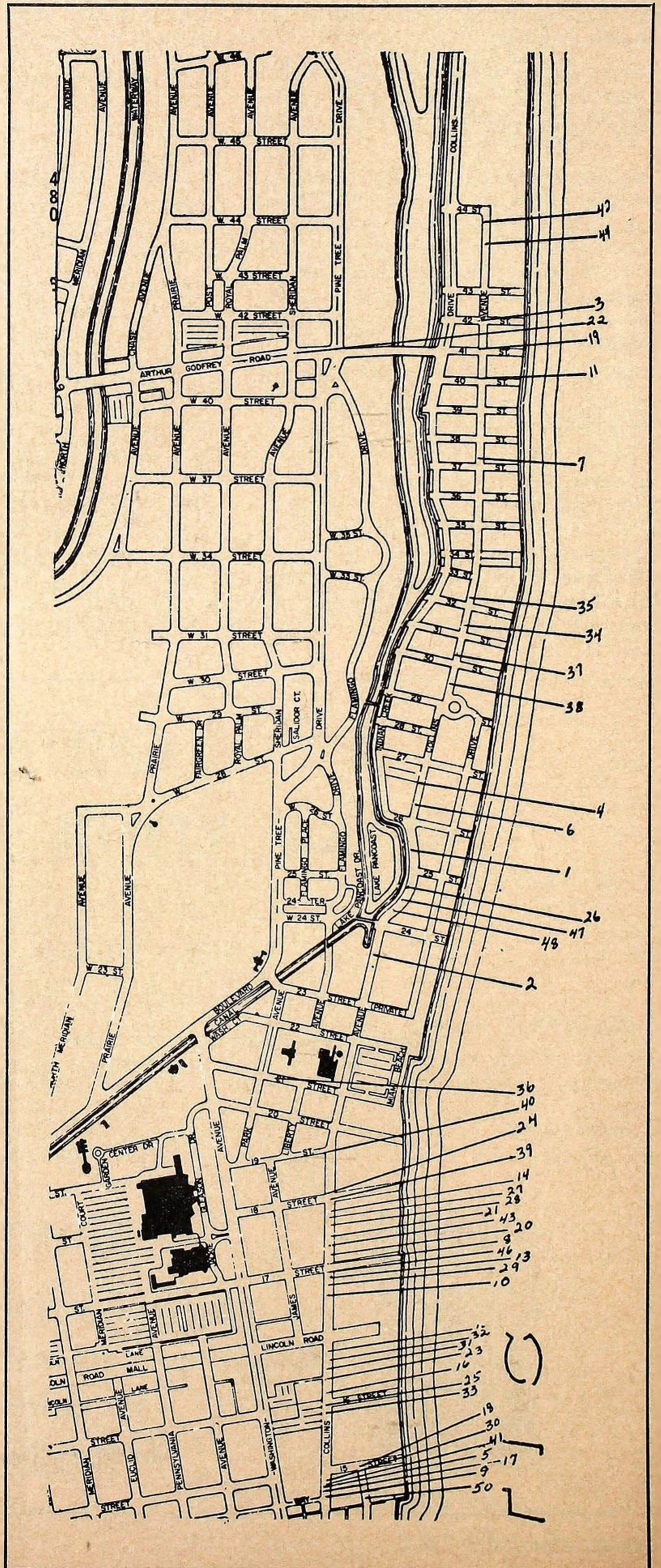
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Mississippi College President To Retire

CLINTON, Miss. (BP)—The president of Mississippi College (Baptist) here for the past ten years, R. A. McLemore, has resigned, effective Aug. 31, 1967.

McLemore announced his early retirement following a meeting of the school's board of trustees in mid-December. He is 63.

No reason was given for the early retirement, but his resignation was presented to the board following the refusal of the trustees to accept a proposal that would have allowed students to participate in federal aid programs.

During the same meeting, the trustees tabled a motion, after lengthy debate, to sign the Civil Rights Compliance form necessary for Mississippi College to receive federal funds.

The proposal, in effect, would have allowed qualified students to be enrolled at the Baptist school here without regard to race, color or national origin.

The motion, made by Baptist Pastor Raymond Parker of Meridian, Miss., would also have allowed students to participate in the National Defense Education Act loan fund, the new College Work-Study program, and in Economic Opportunity grants.

In addition there are an estimated 300 students in the college who are under either the G.I. bill or the War Orphans Act, who probably will be cut off from such assistance in the near future.

Already lost are funds granted through the Disabled Veterans and the State Vocational Rehabilitation programs.

Also lost are funds available through national foundations, which will not consider applications from colleges which have not agreed on the compliance pledge.

The board unanimously requested McLemore to reconsider his resignation, but according to B. C. Rogers of Morton, Miss., president of the board, McLemore has not indicated that he will reconsider.

The school faculty later met and voted to ask the trustees not to accept McLemore's resignation, and also to reconsider the action taken in refusing to approve the proposal to allow students to accept federal aid.

New Mission Center Opens In Vietnam

By Mrs. Walter A. Routh, Jr.
Missionary to Vietnam

The Vietnamese government plans a new city in the Camranh Bay area which may exceed 3,000,000 people. Already there are 50,000 Vietnamese in the area, most of them working for U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force bases.

Through the influence of an American Army captain who is a Baptist, the mayor of this area has invited Baptists to open work, offering land on which to erect a temporary building for teaching English-language Bible courses. The mayor also promised Baptists priority in buying property in the new area.

Southern Baptist Missionaries Walter A. Routh, Jr., and Robert R. Compher, of Nha Trang, have been thrilled to see God's hand moving in Camranh Bay. God has used an American chaplain to encourage missionaries and lay leaders in the armed forces in this undertaking. Christians in the

12th Tactical Fighter Wing have donated labor for construction. They set Christmas as the deadline for finishing the 20-by-100 foot structure of four classrooms, reading room, and general assembly room.

The Routh family will move to Camranh Bay in January. Faith Baptist Church, Nha Trang, where Mr. Routh has been pastor, is calling a Vietnamese pastor to take his place. The Nha Trang church will sponsor the new work in Camranh Bay.

Several Sundays ago a Korean Army major gave his testimony in Faith Church. He said he has been set aside as a Baptist evangelist to Vietnam, and he knows 500 Koreans pray for his ministry.

There are a number of Korean Christians, and also Filipinos, in construction work at Camranh Bay. It is hoped we will all work together to proclaim the gospel to our Vietnamese friends.

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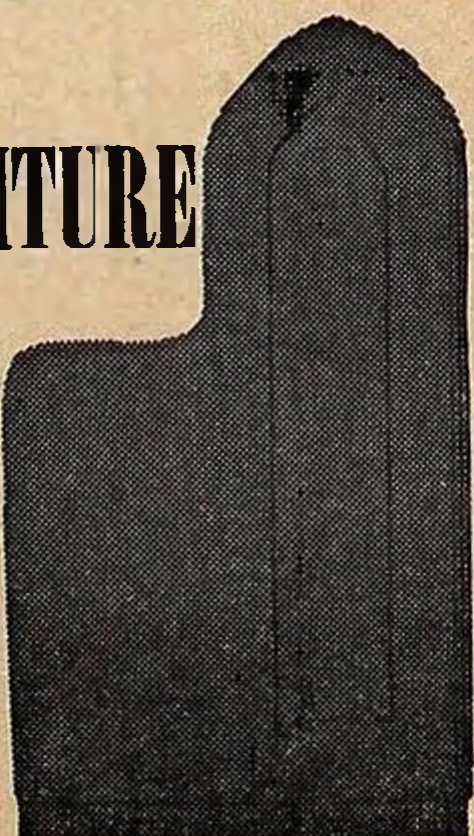
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Channel For God's Power

TEXTS: Luke 4:16 to 6:11 (Larger)—Luke 4:16-19; 5:18-26 (Printed).

The topic for the lesson, as suggested above, reminds one of a song often used in services of worship. The title is "Make Me a Channel of Blessing". The first three stanzas ask a series of questions which are searching in nature, and should be pondered by the reader. The final stanza sets forth some hindrances that must be removed before one can be such a channel. The chorus is a prayer of petition. It goes without saying that each Christian should be a channel for God's power. Jesus, of course, was the perfect example in this regard. This is clearly seen in the printed text of the lesson. The comments offered below are intended merely as suggestive rather than exhaustive.

Proclaiming Deliverance (Lu. 4:16-19)

Note, first, that Jesus' proclamation of deliverance for His hearers was Biblically based. Standing in the synagogue at Nazareth He read from the prophecy of Isaiah an appropriate selection and then proceeded

to apply it to Himself and the occasion. The verses tell us that Jesus was accustomed to attending worship services there, which teaches a lesson within itself. Then, as now, hosts of people are bound in ignorance and grief and disease and need to be delivered. No better foundation for such deliverance can be found than the teachings within the Word of God, the Bible. It is worse than folly to ignore them.

Note, second, that the proclamation was spiritually sustained. This concept is suggested by the quotation: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me". To have the Spirit is to be assured of enduring sustenance. One ventures, at this point, to observe that much of the effort at setting free the captives fails to recognize the Holy Spirit. Thus it all too often is spasmodic and fleeting. It stops short of complete results. Worse still, it never goes beyond the material. Until the captives are freed in terms of the spiritual they merely change captors.

Forgiving Sins (Lu. 5:18-22)

Observe, first, the faith of the group that

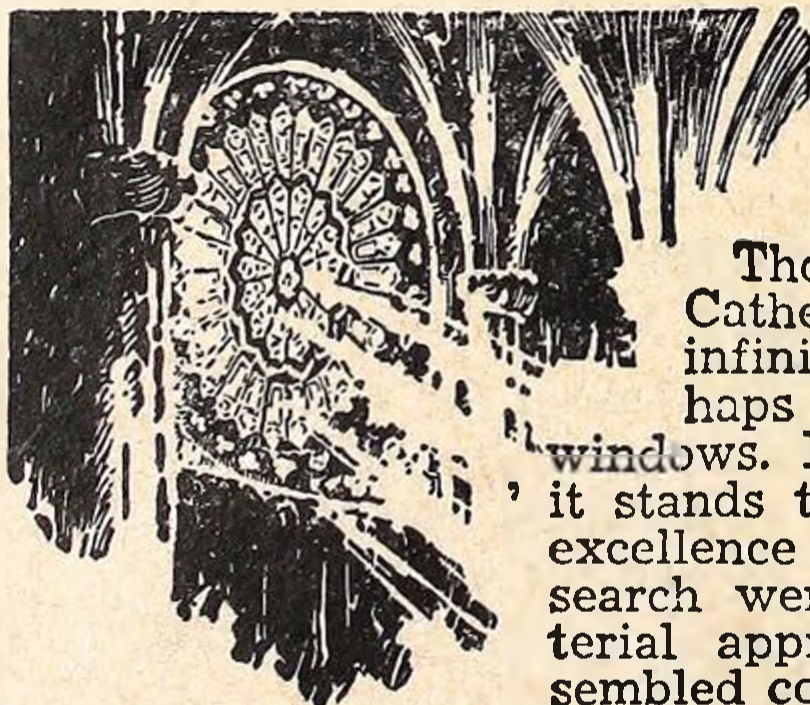
was fulfilled. The palsied man together with his friends who bore him possessed faith in Jesus, their would-be benefactor, so it seems. But only the afflicted man was the recipient of His forgiveness, so far as this account shows. But one likes to speculate that his companions were later forgiven (but it is mere speculation). Jesus' critics who stood near were astonished and confounded at His pronouncement of pardon, saying that God alone could forgive sins. And they were altogether correct, for here was God in the flesh (Jesus or Nazareth) positively making the statement. To see it in any other light is to accuse Jesus of some sort of trickery or utter blasphemy.

Observe, second, the gracious giving of forgiveness to a sinning person. God was speaking, and it was an act of grace. And grace, like water, always flows downward. To be forgiven, at God's hands, is to receive His favor without merit. The incident recorded contains the elements of the Gospel itself and is thus an instance of the materials used in Luke's compilation being originally those of a preaching nature, in keeping with present-day scholarship's evaluation.

Healing Infirmities (Lu. 5:23-26)

See, first, the confusion of the critics who were so blinded with prejudice that they could not rejoice in the healing of human infirmities. But they were in the small minority, or so it would appear. Jesus first forgave the palsied man of his sins and then healed his palsy. The order is significant. The fatal infirmity of the human race is unforgiven sin, utterly outside the skill of the medical profession, and must therefore be brought before divine care and cure. Jesus was able to minister in both areas, just as the palsied man and most of the assembled group came to see and appreciate.

See, second, the wondering witness of Jesus' friends. "We have seen strange things today", they said. Indeed they had! Then, as now, with Jesus present and hearts and lives responsive to His grace—"strange things" are seen. The power of God, in its spiritual manifestations, is unique as well as transforming. Bodies are healed and spirits are lifted. Luke the physician saw fit to choose this striking incident from copious materials. He must have been divinely led.



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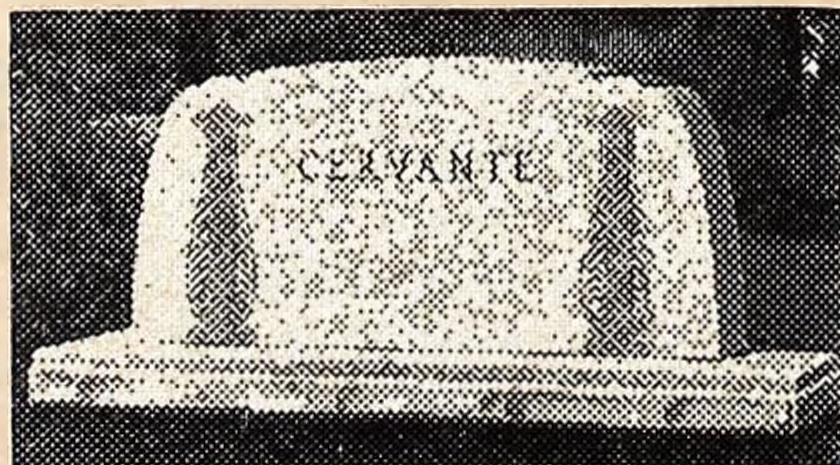
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Children's Page

Luck For Sale*

By Frances Altman

Jerry usually was one of the first ones at school in the morning. This morning, however, he waited until almost time for the warning bell to ring. He wanted to be sure everyone saw him and the special plant he was carrying.

"What's so special about that?" asked Bill. "It looks like a regular clover plant to me."

Many of the other children began to crowd around Jerry for a look.

"Why, Jerry has a four-leaf clover plant," exclaimed Mary. "See, nearly every stem has four leaves."

Now Jerry began to hear the oh's and ah's.

"What are you going to do with it?" asked Billy, who had become more interested.

Jerry had not really thought about that. Before he could answer, Billy continued.

"I'll pay you five cents for one sprig. I have a test tomorrow, and I'll need a lot of luck." Bill held out a shiny nickel to Jerry.

"I'll take one, too," spoke up Tom. "I'm going to run in the relay race Friday."

By the end of the day, Jerry had sold all the four-leaf clovers from his plant. Now he had a handful of coins, and in a few days his plant probably would grow still more lucky leaves.

Two days later Jerry saw Bill again. "I wish I had my nickel back," Bill complained. "That four-leaf clover made me miss half the questions."

On Friday, Jerry saw Tom run next to last in the relay race. Afterward Tom handed Jerry a piece of waxed paper with the clover pressed inside.

For a week Jerry went around the house

with a long, gloomy face. He wouldn't go outdoors nor ride his bicycle.

"What is the matter?" his mother asked. She was beginning to worry about him.

At last, Jerry had to tell her about selling the clovers. "By now, Tom and Bill have told everyone that my clovers aren't lucky. No one will like me anymore."

Jerry's mother couldn't help but smile a little. "Jerry," she said softly, "you know you can't buy luck. Most of the time things turn out the way we want them to because we study or practice harder than our competitors."

"Then why do people say a four-leaf clover is lucky?" Jerry insisted.

"Because it makes them feel confident, I guess." Jerry's mother went on with a smile. "Long, long ago, people even believed that you would be able to see witches if you carried a four-leaf clover on Christmas Eve. It's all just superstition."

That afternoon Jerry hunted for Tom and Bill to return their nickels. When he found them, however, neither said a word about the clovers.

"I know my clovers weren't really lucky," Jerry finally began. "I want to return your money."

Billy looked surprised. "It wasn't the clover's fault," he grinned. "I didn't even study for that test."

"And I didn't practice at all for the race," added Tom. "We never really gave your clovers a chance to be lucky."

Jerry looked at the coins in his hand. "Then let's have a soda," he suggested.

To that the other boys agreed.

BIBLE WORD SQUARE*

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By Dot Womack

1. Man whose wife became a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:15, 26)
2. Number of sisters Joseph had (Genesis 30:21)
3. Number of lepers Jesus cleansed (Luke 17:12-14)

Answers

1. Lot, 2. one, 3. ten

TINY LAND*

By Thelma C. Carter

Have you ever wondered about the ancient Holy Land? When was it first known as the Holy Land? How big was it? What kind of place was it when Abraham was living there?

The two words "holy land," appear together only once in the Bible. In Zechariah 2:12 we read, "The Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land."

Many names were given to the Holy Land in its early history. It was called Caanan, the land of Caanan, the land of Israel, and the land of Jehovah. Daniel called it the glorious land. As time passed, the area was called both Judea and Palestine.

The ancient land in which Abraham lived was a small strip of land, less than 140 miles in length and barely 40 miles wide. It was hemmed in between the Mediterranean Sea on one hand and the enormous Jordon Valley on the other. On the north, it was shut in by the high Lebanon Mountains. On the south, it was enclosed by the desert.

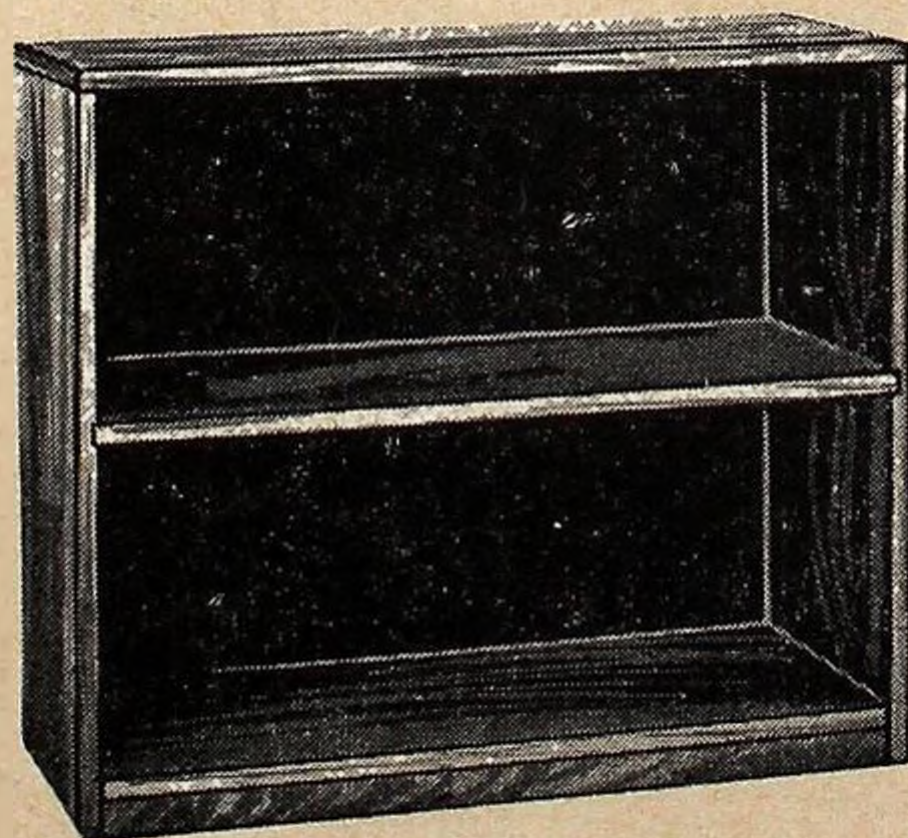
Looking at an early map of this tiny parcel of land, one wonders that so many important events could occur in such a small area, but they did. In fact, because of the location, the area became a military outpost. It was an arena in which one hostile country after another fought its battles.

The ancient Holy Land was a mountainous country. It was sometimes described as highland hills. Almost every hill or mountain had a village, city, or fortress built upon it.

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Conference Features 'Cross and Crossroads' Challenge

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—More than 1,000 college students from the eastern United States are expected to attend the 1967 Baptist Student Missions Conference at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, February 24-26.

The theme is "The Cross and the Crossroads," and will emphasize the challenges of population explosion, urbanization and world crises as they relate to the church.

Featured speakers will include Charles Boddie, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee; Charles Wellborn, chaplain to the Florida State University at Tallahassee; Jasper McPhail, leading heart specialist and missionary surgeon in Vellore, India; and Dale Moody, Joseph Emerson Brown professor of theology at Southern Seminary.

Students will have the opportunity to attend their choice of eighteen seminars on various aspects of the churches' mission, ranging from inner-city social work to medical evangelism in the Orient. Southern Baptist missions leaders and furloughing missionaries will be on hand to answer questions.

Registration for the conference and further details are available from local Baptist Student Union directors or from the Student Missions Conference, Southern Baptist Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

Seminary Slates New York Studies

PAWLING, New York (BP)—A mid-winter retreat and continuing theological studies program will be held here Jan. 19-21, co-sponsored by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., and the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association.

Three professors on the Southwestern faculty will direct the sessions, designed to provide intensive study in specific fields, Christian ethics, theological studies, and pastoral care.

Leading the studies will be Professors C. W. Brister, pastoral ministry; Milton Ferguson, theology; and William Pinson, Christian ethics.

Invitations are being extended to Baptist pastors and laymen in the New England, Central New York, New York, and Frontier Baptist Associations, seminary officials said.

Sessions will be held at the Holiday Hills YMCA Assembly near Pawling, about 70 miles from New York City.

Southwestern Seminary faculty members have participated previously in two other such programs in Denver, Colo., and in Chicago, Ill.

"Why I Am A Tither"

by Brenda Susan Doyle

Money is the golden cord which binds us to God and identifies us with Him in world-wide salvation.

To become an effective steward in God's sight involves all areas of life. It is true, however, that when a person's income is tithed, it is more likely that the rest of that person's life will be dedicated to God.



Doyle

I am a tither by choice and design. I have been taught tithing from early childhood. Even so, I still like to feel that I made my own choice after having met my Saviour.

The tithe presents no problem when we fully understand that "God so loved, He gave" . . . He gave His all for us. Can we do less for Him?

One of the most important questions regarding stewardship is not, what have I? It is, what am I doing with what I have? People say, "If I had this or that, well, let me tell you, I would do so and so." However, closely observe those who speak thusly, and you will find they seldom, if ever give anything. They are like "the man who gave his quarter and heaved a sigh, glad that his weekly rent was paid to his home in the sky."

Perhaps God, in his infinite wisdom, knows how each of us would react to great wealth so He withholds it from us.

The Bible teachings on stewardship are plain to all who will read and heed. It teaches that nothing is my own. All that I have belongs to God, the tithe is the Lord's, and all my life and all my income are a trust from God.

I am a tither because I want to use my money wisely. The story of King Midas, Silas Marner and Old Scrooge, as well as the Rich Man and Lazarus, the Rich Young Ruler and the Rich Fool point out the danger, deceitfulness, and destructive power of riches wrongly used.

I am a tither because it helps me to fulfill the moral law of giving more because as a Christian I am expected to do more.

As a tither I have explicit instructions on just how to give. I am to give through my church—liberally, sacrificially, and regularly. I am to not covet, but to lay up eternal treasures.

There is no way of measuring the blessings that come to one who is a faithful steward. I believe, however, that what God has promised He will do. In Malachi 3:10 God says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith saith the

To Start New Convention

DENVER, Colo. (BP)—Target date for establishing a new Baptist regional convention comprising four states was moved up to Nov. 7-9, 1967, by action of the Executive Board of the Colorado Baptist General Convention meeting here.

Earlier plans called for beginning the new convention, which would include Southern Baptists in Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, on the date of Jan. 1, 1970.

Baptist churches in the four states which will make up the new convention have for numerous years been affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Colorado.

Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Now let us separate this verse and learn just how to apply it. "Bring ye" . . . everyone who has been saved by God's grace should bring at least a tithe. "Bring ye all the tithes" . . . the tithe is a fair return to God of what we have. "Into the storehouse" . . . this means, of course, God's house or my church. "That there may be meat in mine house." This gives the purpose for the tithe. The Lord's work if it is carried on by the church should be financed by the tithe. If I fail to tithe I am no better than a thief. "Will a man rob God?" applies to persons who do not tithe. "Open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." God always gives us more than we give to Him. As a tither I cannot begin to understand the blessings God has for me.

To conclude why I am a tither, may I give you words to a well known song? They express a great truth that I believe needs passing on. They can be sung to the tune "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" and are as follows:

What a wonderful change in the world
will be wrought

When Baptists learn how to tithe

We will then reach a goal for which long
we have sought

When Baptists all learn how to tithe.

Chorus

When Baptists all learn how to tithe

When Baptists all learn how to tithe

Oh, the dollars will roll, bringing joy to
each soul

When Baptists all learn how to tithe.

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