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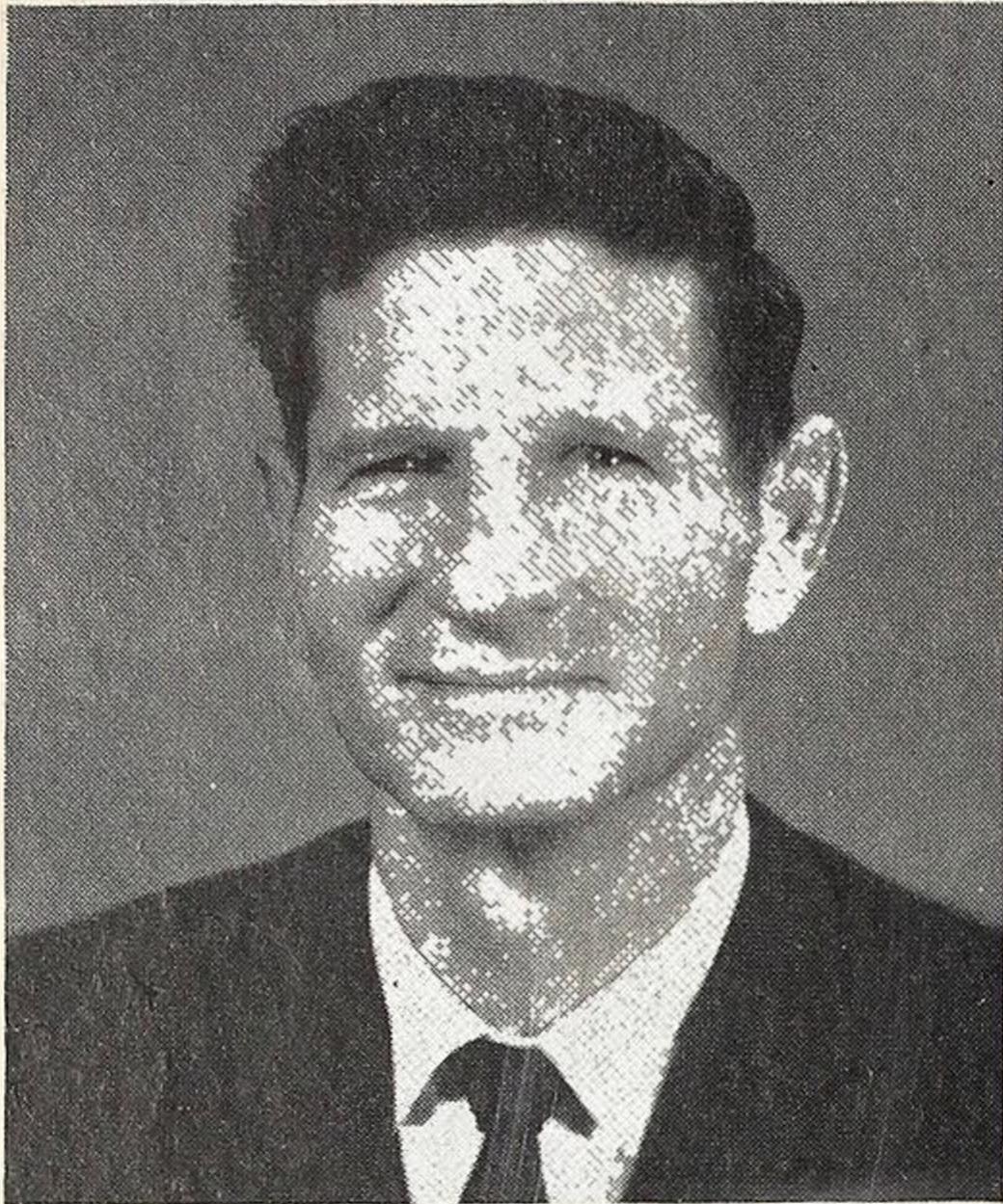
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## "We Have The Message"



By Conrad S. Cato, First Church, Watertown

People of our world are weighted down with frustrations, anxieties, aggravations and even agitations on every side. Pressures are so tremendous that we have a dire need to take courage. We need a revitalization or an awakening to the intricate organisms with which we have to deal. It would do well for us to clasp hands and enjoin hearts



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## Readers Write

... Inspired by Norton's Leadership

● As a native Tennessean it is my privilege to receive the Baptist and Reflector each week. This past issue really touched my heart as I read your tribute to Mr. Charles L. Norton. You see I am one of those many young lives that this great man of God has influenced. As a high school junior I attended my first summer camp at Camp Carson near Newport, Tennessee during the Training Union week. This was where I came under the influence, came in contact with the buoyant spirit, and was shown the personal interest of which you spoke of in your article.

Today as I serve as Minister of Youth of the First Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas my love for the training area of our church is still inspired by those basic first years spent in the weeks of training in the camps under Mr. Norton's leadership.

I agree that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norton are two of the Lord's choicest servants and

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with Peter and John. Remember that they were at the gate of the temple called Beautiful talking with the man who was asking alms, and with the deepest of conviction of soul Peter exclaimed, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." (Acts 3:6)

If we acknowledge the sovereignty of God we believe that God is constantly pursuing his divine course, that the sovereign will of God is being executed in and through the lives of those who love Him, and those who are the redeemed of God in Christ are perpetuating this gospel message with all of the fervency of their souls. Surely this challenge should confront all Christians and we should embrace the ideas set forth here that we have something in Christ Jesus regardless of the pessimistic views.

We are all keenly conscious that because of having been redeemed by the blood of the lamb who was slain before the foundation of the world that we have a message to share, that we have a gospel to preach, and because of our belief in the authenticity of the Word of God, let us joyously embrace the theology of the Apostle Paul in saying that all things work together for good to them that love God and those who are the called according to His purpose.

We have the message. May God endow us with all of the spiritual fervor that we can muster, with all of the holy zeal that is God given. May we promote, and preach, and teach this gospel until Jesus comes.

Because of our having been convicted of sin through the probing of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, and because of having surrendered unreservedly and unconditionally acknowledging Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, these things we believe and these things we shall do.

## On Our Cover

Outgoing TBC president Jonas Stewart (left) passes the gavel to incoming president Wade Darby as the 93rd session of State Convention closes in Memphis.

## "Happiest Moments" Spent At Church, Colombian Says

NASHVILLE (BP)—A student at Vanderbilt University here from Bogota, Colombia, unexpectedly gave an impromptu testimonial concerning the ministry of the First Baptist Church of Nashville to international students.

During the church's annual International Dinner and Skating Party, George Bennett of Colombia asked for the privilege of making a comment while about 75 international students from 22 countries were being introduced in a roll call of nations.

"I want to express my deep appreciation to this church for inviting me and my family to this occasion each year for the four years I have been at Vanderbilt," Bennett said.

"I have spent the most happy moments in Nashville here at this church at this occasion each year with these Baptist people," Bennett said.

A biochemistry major at Vanderbilt, Bennett plans to return to Colombia in January to teach. He is not a Baptist.

He later told a reporter that during his four years in Nashville, he felt that most organizations and people in the United States didn't seem to care much about the international students from other countries studying here, but he felt here was one church that cared.



NASHVILLE (BP)—LOREN R. WILLIAMS, associated with the church music department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1952, has been named music sales specialist for the Board's wholesale sales department. Williams is the first music sales specialist to serve in the Board's publishing division. In his new position he will seek and develop new ideas for promoting Broadman music products.—BSSB PHOTO.



## Oklahoma Convention Marked By OBU Stir

**OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)**—Oklahoma Baptists, in the heat of a much-publicized controversy over an independent student publication at Oklahoma Baptist University, were advised in their annual convention to "recapture the concept of personal freedom."

The advice came from Convention President J. M. Gaskin of Durant, Okla., and was prompted by the protest of a group of Baptist ministers over the content of an unofficial publication printed by four students at the Baptist school in Shawnee.

Although no action was taken by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma concerning the student publication, the controversy permeated the sessions, and numerous speakers referred to it.

The convention gave a standing ovation to Oklahoma Baptist University President Grady Cothen following a speech outlining his own stand and the need for Baptist support of education.

Students, he said, are revolted by the hypocrisy of church members, and added that Christians must not dissipate their energies on small issues. "We have lost all the young people we can afford to lose."

"If we cannot learn to love one another, there is no hope for this generation," Cothen said.

Earlier during the week, the Oklahoma (City) County Baptist Pastors Conference had adopted a resolution expressing support for Cothen and his ability to handle administratively the issue.

The controversy raged over unauthorized publication of a monthly magazine called "The Pluralist" which featured on the cover a picture of a bikini-clad girl, a hippy, and a guitarist standing behind a communion table. Caption was "Where Is The Church."

## South Carolina Rejects Federal Aid Study, Grants

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP)**—After two years of study and two hours of debate, South Carolina Baptists here rejected by a two-to-one margin federal grants for construction.

The South Carolina Baptist Convention voted 1,423 to 643 in rejecting a report of the convention's two-year Federal Aid Study Committee.

The committee recommended that each college board of trustees be permitted to decide for itself what types of federal aid, including federal grants for building construction, to accept.

In other major actions, the convention acted on another major report, approved a special committee for a proposed study of the total convention program, and authorized charter changes for two of its colleges.

## Virginia Baptists Open Door For Federal Funds

**ALEXANDRIA, Va. (BP)**—The Baptist General Association of Virginia voted here to request the trustees of each of their eight schools to formulate their own policy concerning the use of federal funds.

The motion, made by Religious Herald Editor Reuben Alley, excluded the possibility of using federal grants, but it authorized the boards of trustees to examine all other types of federal funds available and set policies on whether to use them.

Alley's motion also called for the education committee of the General Board to plan and direct a special offering to raise \$250,000 for the eight Virginia Baptist Schools.

Debate and discussion on the motion lasted more than an hour, but the proposal was approved by an estimated two-to-one majority on a standing vote.

In other major actions, the Virginia Baptists elected a new executive secretary,

rejected an effort to cut budget support of Southern Baptist world mission causes, authorized a special study of the total convention program, and honored its outgoing executive secretary.

In the past, the convention had flatly rejected federal aid to its institutions.

In the discussion of the question, Richmond Pastor Theodore F. Adams made a distinction between "federal funds" and "federal aid," saying that Virginia Baptist schools had long been recipients of federal funds without violating separation of church and state.

Editor Alley, who has in the past strongly opposed any erosion of the church-state separation principle, made a plea for letting the trustees set their own policies on the basis that accreditation might be endangered if the school's trustees are not allowed to make these policy decisions.

## Florida Votes College Delay, Refers Church State Study

**SARASOTA, Fla. (BP)**—The Florida Baptist Convention voted here to delay its plans for building a Baptist college near West Palm Beach, and received a report of its two-year church-state study committee, referring its recommendations for more study.

Plans for a Baptist school at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., near West Palm Beach were delayed because of the possibility that Evangelist Billy Graham might build a school there, and because a state-supported junior

college may also be built in North Palm Beach County.

During the convention, Florida Baptists honored their retiring executive secretary and welcomed their incoming executive, and adopted a record \$3.6 million budget.

John Maguire, executive secretary who retires this year, was presented a bound volume of letters of appreciation, a check for \$1,000, a plaque from the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and a severance gift of \$5,000. He and his wife were also given life occupancy of the home in which they have lived.

The new convention executive secretary, Harold C. Bennett was welcomed, along with Stetson University President Paul Geren, both attending their first Florida conventions in their capacities.

The 1968 budget, an increase of \$300,000 will allocate 45 per cent to Southern Baptist world mission causes, and 55 per cent to state causes. While the percentage to SBC causes remains the same, the convention reaffirmed its intentions of adding one per cent per year for SBC causes until a 50-50 division is reached.

On recommendation from the convention's General Board, the convention appointed a special 15-member committee to make a two-year study of existing institutions and agencies of the convention "in respect to expansion, consolidation, correlation, fiscal and financial responsibility, and convention support."



# EDITORIAL . . . . .

## Problems Of Higher Education

Recent sessions of state Baptist conventions point up problems of Christian higher education. Finances appeared to dominate much of the debate in several. Troubles abound. Certainly it is no day to start a new Baptist college. Maryland halted its plans (five-years-in-the-making) for a college, a venture that has incurred \$565,000 debt. Florida delayed its plans for a college at West Palm Beach. Kentucky Southern at Louisville, given \$500,000 and pledged an additional \$77,010 per year for five years when it left Convention control last March to become a private Christian college, has voted to merge with University of Louisville. Repercussions from this unexpected move have disturbed Kentucky Baptists.

Virginia Baptists, long resolute in their opposition seem now to have left the door open for receiving federal funds under certain limitations, barring government funds for construction. The Virginia Convention will allow trustees of each of its eight schools to formu-

late their own policy concerning the use of federal funds. Proposal for a \$1 million fund drive to benefit both the schools and world missions was vetoed but a \$250,000 fund campaign was approved for the schools.

North Carolina Baptists endorsed a specific project for Mars Hill College construed by some as a step toward federal aid to Baptist institutions. This project would up-grade teaching in an exchange of professors with the University of Georgia for a limited time on a \$140,000 contract financed under Title III of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1965.

South Carolina Baptists turned down a two-year study by one of its special committees which recommended each college board of trustees be permitted to decide for itself what types of federal aid, including federal grants for building construction, to accept. Debate on the federal aid study lasted more than two hours. Rejection of the report, however, did not change the current policy of South Carolina Baptist schools accepting federal loans and federal grants for research on a contract, service-rendered basis.

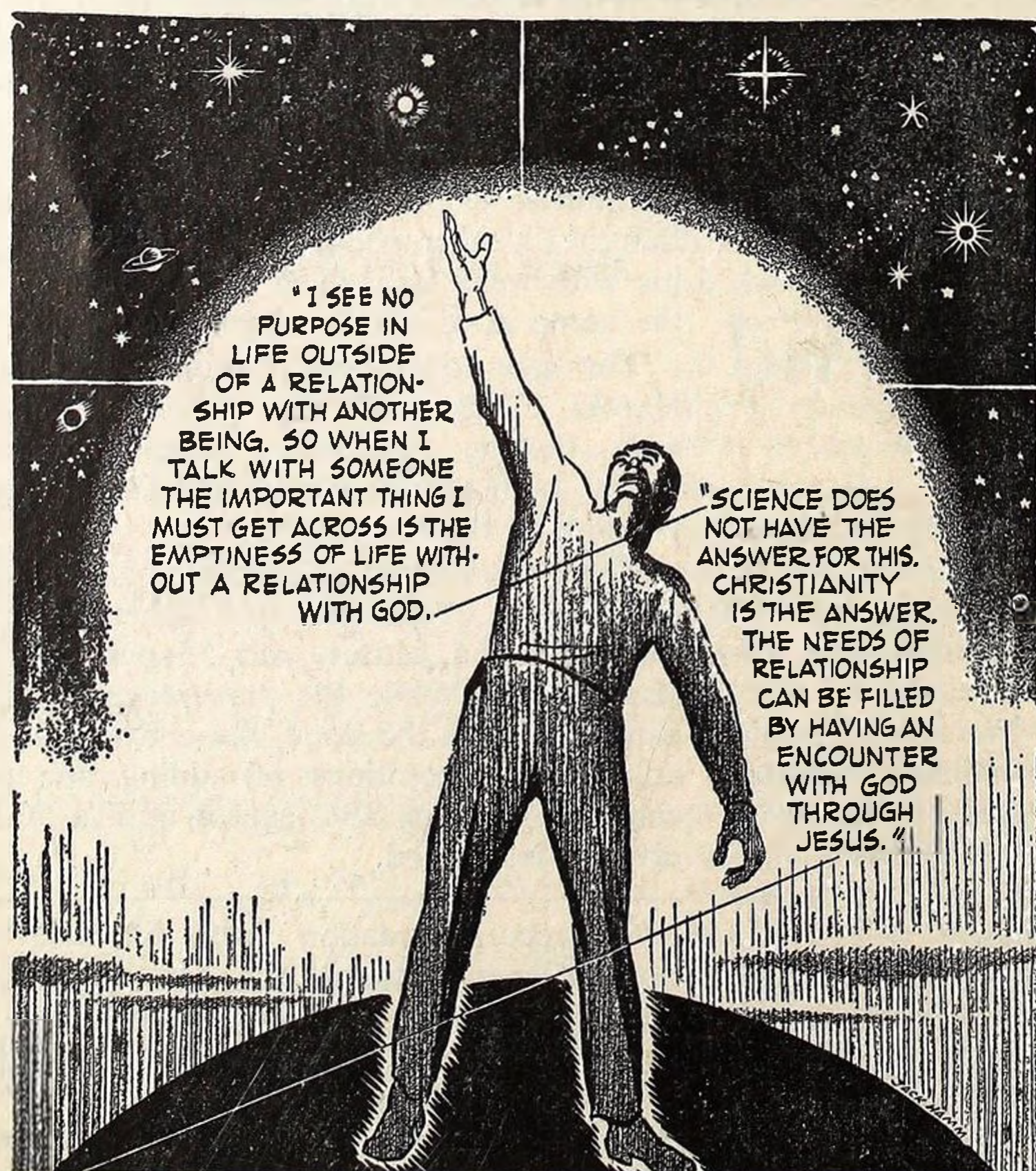
Mississippi Baptists received, but did not adopt, a two-year study of the problems facing their schools which in part said "Mississippi Baptists cannot hope to continue their four colleges even on the basis of present quality unless they increase the present schedule of financial support."

Alabama Baptists authorized a special study of their three schools. Judson College was authorized to borrow \$700,000 and Samford University \$1 million to build student and faculty housing, but with provision funds come from private sources, not from the federal government.

Louisiana Baptists while opposing direct aid to private schools that teach religion, especially parochial schools, nonetheless, called on Congress to provide scholarships to all college students including those who attend church related institutions. The Louisiana Convention took action which forbids its hospitals from taking federal aid in any form, contrary to last year's action allowing federal loans to hospitals, but not grants.

The church-state issue intensifies problems of the church-related school. The two-year study of the Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) has focused upon some of the financial problems of our denominational schools facing rising costs and increasing demands.

### A NUCLEAR SCIENTIST SPEAKS



STATEMENT MADE BY DR. RALPH T. OVERMAN, NUCLEAR SCIENTIST & TEACHER OF PROFESSIONAL SCIENTISTS IN ATOMS FOR PEACE PROGRAM



# Louisiana Baptists Deny Federal Aid To Hospitals

**LaFAYETTE, La. (BP)**—Although calling on Congress to provide scholarships to all college students, the Louisiana Baptist Convention took other actions which forbid their hospitals from taking federal aid in any form and opposed direct aid to parochial schools.

The convention approved a recommendation from its Executive Board which sets a new policy with regard to federal aid to the three hospitals owned by the conventions.

The report said severing ties with the hospitals would be preferable to accepting any form of federal aid which might allow the government to exert undue control over the hospitals.

Although it denied federal aid to the hospitals in any form, it did allow the hospitals to participate in Medicare and Medi-aid programs.

A question of interpretation was raised, since the convention last year in Alexandria, La., adopted a hospital policy which allowed federal loans to the hospitals, but not grants. The question involves whether loans involve a subsidy and therefore come under the category of "federal aid."

In another action, the convention spoke out against direct aid to private schools that teach religion, especially parochial schools.

In a somewhat contradictory action, however, the convention called on the U.S. Congress to enact laws which would provide scholarships to all college students, including students who attend church-related institutions.

## Mississippi "Receives" Study Report

**JACKSON, Miss. (BP)**—In what convention officials called a "harmonious" and "inspirational convention, Mississippi Baptists voted to receive, but not adopt, a de-

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PROBLEMS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE  
(Fifth of a Series)

# Sacrifices Of The Missionaries

By T. B. Maston  
Retired Professor of Ethics,  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Last summer I attended the annual mission meetings in four Latin American countries and visited missionary friends in four additional countries in the area. Based on these and previous visits with missionaries I am persuaded that the most Southern Baptists do not understand the sacrifices our missionaries make.

Their major sacrifices are not material as many of us think. With few exceptions missionaries will insist that their material sacrifices if any are inconsequential.

Their most serious problems arise in three areas. The relative seriousness of these problems will be determined by the temperament of the missionary, the place he lives, the nature of his work, his age, and his moral and spiritual maturity.

Some of them have considerable difficulty adjusting to fellow missionaries, to a strange culture, and to the nationals among whom they live and work.

Some aspects of this adjustment tend to be particularly difficult for the missionary who has had considerable experience in churches in the United States and has marked leadership ability. Such a one discovers that he has to restrain or at least control and redirect whatever leadership ability he may have.

He and fellow missionaries are seeking to mature a national leadership, and if this is done the nationals must increasingly have the responsibility for the direction of the work. The missionary frequently must work from behind the scenes. Ultimately he must work under national leadership. While this may be relatively easy for some missionaries it is quite difficult for others.

Another major problem for many missionaries which entails some sacrifice is separation, isolation, and loneliness. They are separated from familiar scenes and from the accustomed way of doing things. They

miss the contacts with loved ones, with friends, and with fellow Christians who have similar educational and cultural backgrounds and interests. One who has not been among them cannot imagine their hunger for letters and news from home. The problems attending separation and isolation are most acute for those who live away from the population centers.

Although the preceding are real problems the most serious and most universal problems faced by most missionaries are in relation to their families. There are times when it requires real sacrifice for many of them to stay on the mission field. Some of them sooner or later have to determine what they should do about aged parents. Far more of them, however, discover that their most difficult decisions are in regard to their children.

Some of them serve in areas where either the mother has to teach the children in the home or the children must be sent to a boarding school. In some cases the latter is done from the time the children start to school. Still others find it necessary to send or leave children in the states for a portion or all of their high school.

Because of the difficulty of working out a satisfactory arrangement for the education of their children some missionaries have felt that it was wise and necessary for them to extend their stay in the states or even to resign as missionaries. This can become an extremely painful decision which will require some sacrifices on their part whatever the decision may be.

Most missionaries will insist that they do not make any real sacrifices. They would agree with a statement made by one of them: "When we think we have made a sacrifice for God he gives us so much in return that we realize that we cannot make a real sacrifice for him."

Coupled with budgets which have not kept pace, they find themselves in difficult competition as they reject federal aid while other institutions are supported by tax money.

The situation of our schools in Tennessee may be calmer. Tennessee Baptists appreciate all of their institutions, particularly their schools. During the past year denominational support of these Baptist schools in our state exceeded \$1 million. These schools were born to meet a definite need. They find their support today as they adhere to this original purpose and more sharply define their objectives in keeping with their Christian

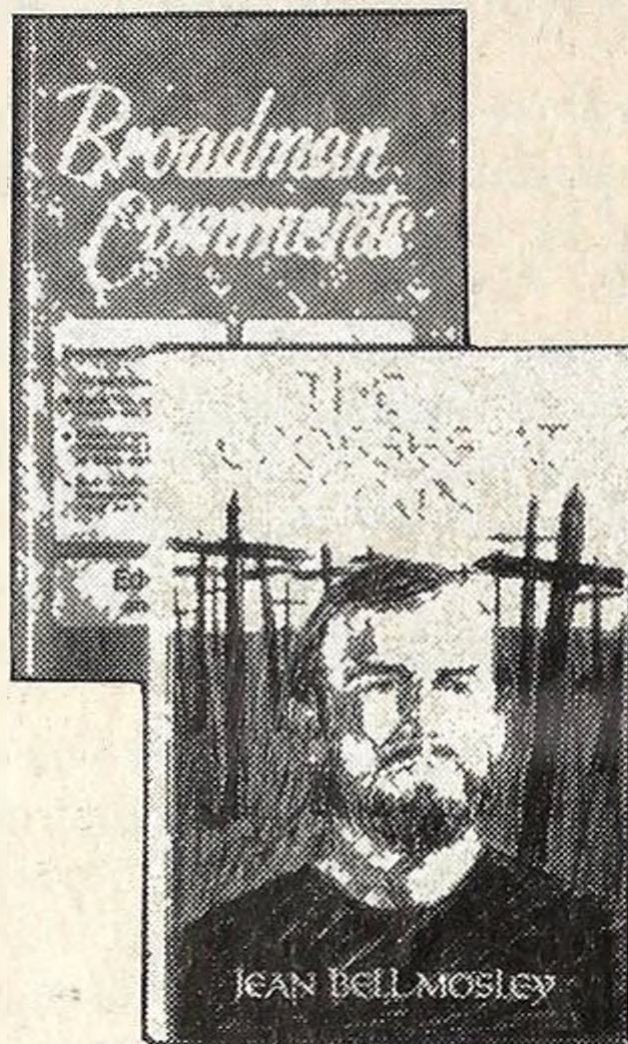
objective.

Our schools are ably administered and are worthy of increasingly support on the part of Tennessee Baptists. Their situation may be more secure than that of some schools in other states, but they also have their problems. Tennessee Baptists cannot afford to be uninformed of their needs nor indifferent to their financial straits. The days ahead will bring more serious competition for our Baptist schools as the number of state-supported institutions increase with their placement bringing them closer to all of our Baptist constituency.



# Tennessee Topics

The Board of Directors of Ministers Life and Casualty Union, Minneapolis, elected **Merrill D. Moore** of Nashville as chairman. A member of the Board since 1951 and in recent years its vice chairman, he now succeeds **Armin G. Weng** who died in August. Moore is executive director and treasurer of the Stewardship Commission of the SBC.



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**Jerald E. Smith**, a native of Bolivar, has accepted the pastorate of Munford Church, Big Hatchie Association, upon his graduation from Southwestern Seminary. He received a bachelor of arts degree in music from Union University and will graduate Dec. 21 from the seminary with a master of divinity degree. Smith served as minister of music at Adamsville Church while attending Union, and later as assistant pastor of Zion Hill Church at Friendship. He will begin his pastorate in a new sanctuary that is scheduled for completion at about the same time as his graduation.

**Milford B. Cox**, pastor of Bordeaux Church, Nashville, reports a good revival in which **Ray Mabey** was the evangelist and **Marvin Huff** led the singing. There were 11 upon profession of faith, and one by letter, and a number of rededications.

**Homer D. Kelley**, former pastor of Santa Fe Church, Maury Association, began his duties as pastor of First Church, Spring Hill, Dec. 3. **J. Lowell Knupp** of Columbia has been serving as interim pastor at Spring Hill for several months. He is now available for supply work again.

Pastor **Marvin O. Wayland** of First Church, Spring City, writes, "In the 11 years I have been here, we have never had a revival that made such an impact upon the youth of our church and the adults as well, as did the Week-end Youth Revival conducted by a BSU youth team from Carson-Newman College, Nov. 17, 18 and 19." The team was composed of Bill Smith, preacher, Marvin Waltz, singer, and Sharon Guillet, fellowship director. Visible results were five by letter, two for baptism, and three rededications.

**James Phillip Sullivan** of Germantown died Nov. 9 after a brief illness. He was 79. He was a deacon at Germantown Church for more than 40 years.

## FOR SALE

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**KNOXVILLE**—Celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary Dec. 10, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ousley of 4816 Maple Road, are the oldest couple attending Inskip Church where Mrs. Ousley has taught Sunday school for 34 years. Mr. Ousley is a retired railway employee who has served as a deacon of the church. They are parents of 14 children, 11 still living, 33 grandchildren and 44 great grandchildren.

## Woodmont, Nashville Calls Bill Sherman As Pastor

**NASHVILLE**—Woodmont Church extended a call to Bill Sherman, pastor of University Heights Church, Stillwater, Okla., Nov. 19. He plans to be on the field Dec. 31.

A native of Fort Worth, Tex., and a graduate of Baylor and Southwestern Seminary, he completed his graduate studies at Southwestern in 1963 with a Th.D. in Christian Ethics.

At Stillwater, Sherman is pastor of the church adjacent to Oklahoma State University, which in its 17,000 student body are more Baptists than in Baylor University. He has been in demand for student conventions, focus weeks, and religious emphasis engagements in Tex., Okla., and other western states.

His wife, Veta, is a native of Houston and a graduate of Baylor. They have three children, Donnie, 10; Debbie, 7; and David, 4.

Sherman will succeed G. Allen West who resigned last May 14 to become superintendent of Missions for Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville, Ky. Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont College, has served Woodmont as interim pastor. Woodmont has a membership of 13,085.

The **Nick Harrises** are the proud parents of a 7 lb. girl born Nov. 3. She has been named **Kimberly Rachelle**. The father is pastor of Latham Chapel Church, Gibson County. Mrs. Harris is the former **Carol Richardson**.





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Gum Springs Church, Union Association, was led in revival by **H. D. Knight**, interim pastor, and **Joe Derrington** led the singing. There were 11 for baptism and two by letter.

**Louis Hastings** has resigned as pastor of Prosperity Church, Auburntown, to become pastor of Carmel Church in Alexandria, La.

### Tennessee Topics

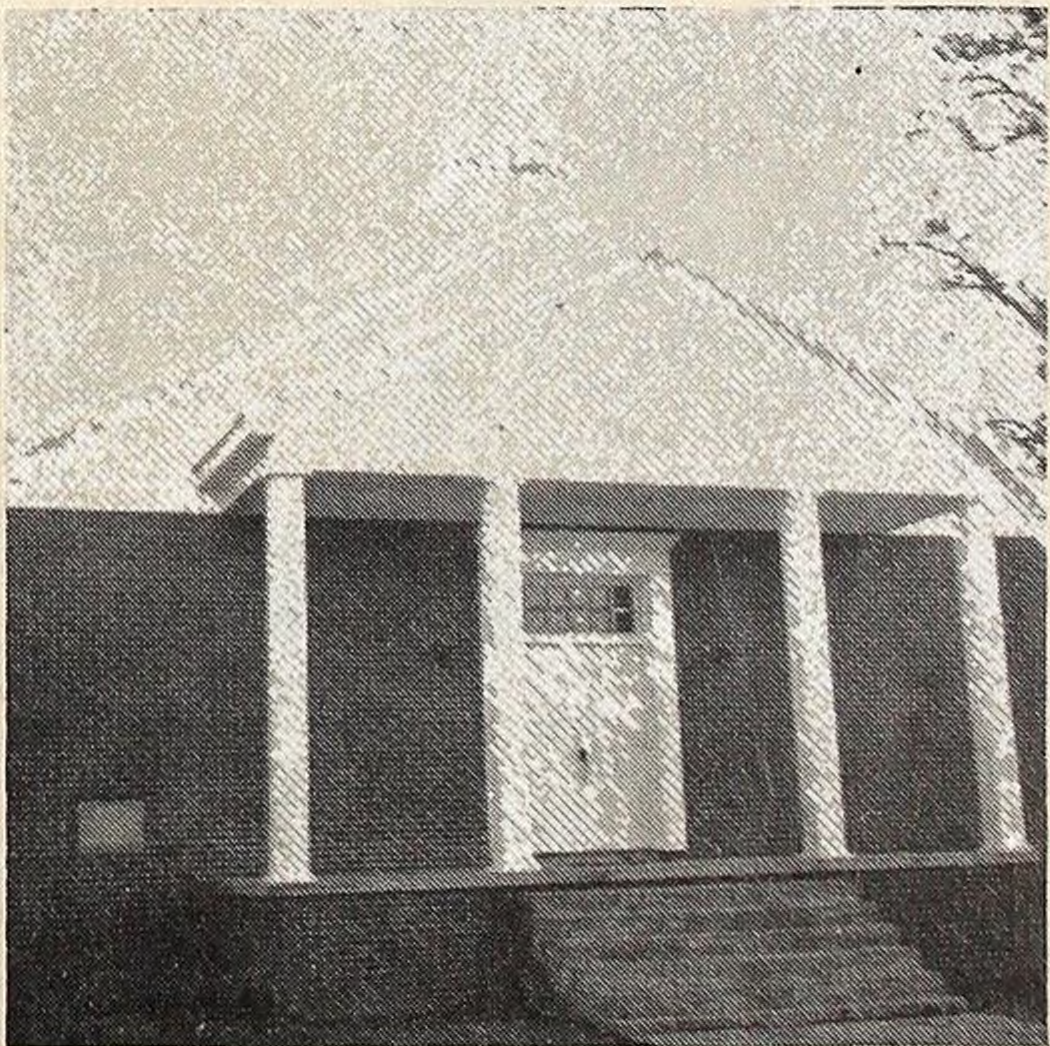
First Church, Memphis, ordained **Howard Lee**, **Norman Hall** and **Herbert Gardner** as deacons.

**Edward E. Duncan** began his work as pastor of Bluff City Church, Bluff City, Nov. 19. A native of Erwin, he is a graduate of Southern Seminary. He is a former pastor of Cherry Grove Church, Holston Association, and comes back to Tenn. from Mount Pleasant Church, Shelbyville, Ky. Mrs. Duncan is the former **Ruth Larimer** of Erwin. They have a daughter, **Mary Elizabeth**, age three years.

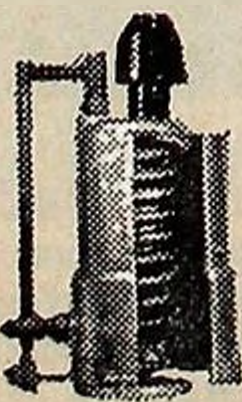
Dec. 3 Fairview Church, Nashville, Association, welcomed **Marion Smith** for his first service as pastor. He came from First Church, Lawrenceburg. Mrs. Smith is the former **Patricia Lauson**, a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Seminary. They have two children, **Libby**, age 12, and **Jimmie**, age 8.

Gibson County Association—**LeRoy Grisom**, pastor at Kenton, has moved to Senora, Ky., to be pastor of First Church. **L. D. Bryant**, pastor of Idlewood Church, has resigned. **Don Cox** is the new pastor of Spring Hill Church.

Holston Valley Association—**Bill Powers, Jr.** resigned as pastor of Choptack Church to become pastor of a church in Brunswick, Ohio. Long's Bend Church constructed a full size basement and is building Sunday school rooms in the basement. **Gerald Doult** is pastor. First, Rogersville, called **Charles Hobbs** of Carson-Newman College as interim pastor. West View, **John Hipsher**, interim pastor, voted to refinish the floors of the church and parsonage and do some redecorating in the church. **F. C. Wood, Jr.**, associational clerk, has accepted the pastorate of Mt. Zion Church, Holston Association.



MOSCOW—Oak Grove Church here dedicated its new sanctuary shown above on Nov. 12. Services were presided over by **Hershell Martin** which featured the past, present, and the future of the church. Speakers were **Miss Joann Allen**, **J. C. Montgomery**, associational missionary, and **Lynn Granger**, pastor. The auditorium seating 250 was built at a cost of \$20,000. Serving on the building committee were **Samuel Morgan**, chairman, **Johnnie Diggs** and **Joe Allen**.



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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norton are shown (above) with the ladies who served tables during a reception in their honor following the convention's Tuesday evening session.



R. Raymond Lloyd (left), pastor, Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga and Charles Norton, sec., T. U. Dept., TBC hold the resolution (written by a special committee) and a \$2,943.97 check given by churches across Tenn. in appreciation of Norton's 25 years service to TBC. Lloyd presented the resolution and check to Norton during the convention's Tuesday evening session.

## SEEN AT THE CONVENTION



Newly elected convention officers are from left: second vice president; Wade Darby, pastor, Ferrell, pastor, Whitehaven Church, Memphis.

Mrs. D. Isbell, Chattanooga, state president, WMU looks over the organization's report in the Pre-Convention Bulletin with Miss Mary Jane Nethery, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, WMU, TBC, Nashville.



Representatives of our three Tenn. Baptist hospitals look over report just presented by Hays E. Owen, Jr. (center), president, Board of Trustees, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis. Others are from L: Charles Burrows, associate Chaplain, East Tenn. Baptist Hospital, Knoxville; William Wallace, Administrator, East Tenn. Baptist; Gene Kidd, Executive Director, Baptist Hospital, Inc., Nashville; Owen Fred Bell, Director of Religion and Personnel, Nashville and Dr. Frank S. Groner, Head Administrator, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.



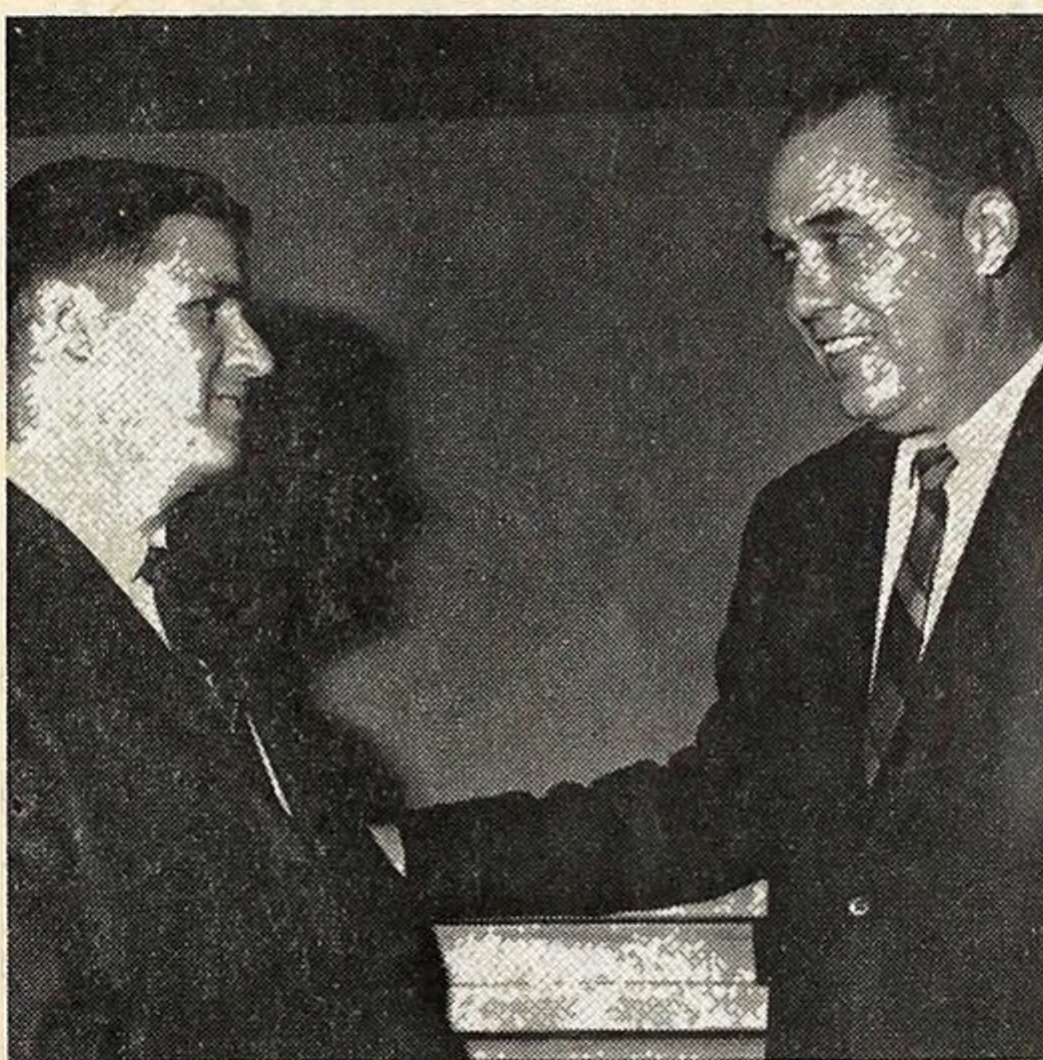
# THE STATE CONVENTION



**Left: William Bates, pastor, First Church, Martin, Tenn.; Lewis D. Bates, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.**



**Tennessee Baptist school presidents look over their report. They are from left: Herbert C. Gabhart, Belmont College, Nashville; Charles Lemmons, Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, Seymour; Robert E. Craig, Union University, Jackson (who gave the report), and Harley Fite, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.**



**Jerry Glisson (left), pastor, Leawood Church, Memphis and newly elected president of the TBC Executive Board, pauses briefly with the group's newly elected secretary, Henry West, pastor, First Church, Covington. Robert A. Sanders, vice president, was not available for photo.**

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**George Capps (left), pastor, First Church, Cookeville and outgoing pres., Executive Board, TBC discusses budget presented to the convention with W. Fred Kendall.**



**Frank Charton leads the Tennessee Ministers of Music, one of the singing groups which blessed the convention with their fine singing. Charton, secretary, Church Music Dept., TBC was convention music co-ordinator.**





Wade Darby, pastor, First Church, Jefferson City, newly elected TBC president.



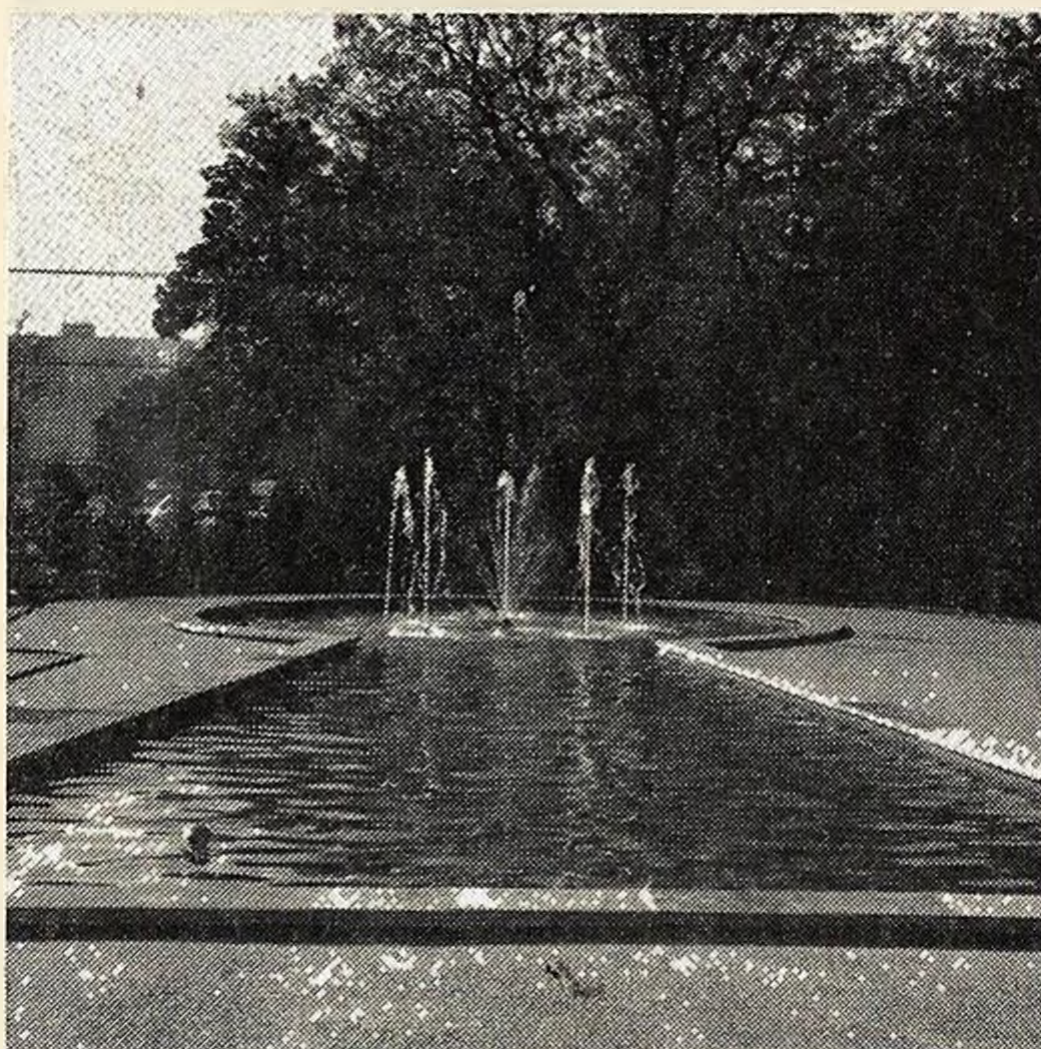
R. G. Lee (right), Pastor Emeritus, Bellevue Church, Memphis, is shown autographing his biography written by John E. Huss for H. Leo Eddleman, president, New Orleans Seminary during an autographing session in the convention bookstore exhibit.



Ansell T. Baker (right), pastor, Central Church, Chattanooga, newly elected president of the Tennessee Pastors' Conference, shares the conference program with newly elected vice president Howard Kolb, of Kennedy Church, Memphis. Not available for photo was newly elected secretary Julius Thompson of Dalewood Church, Nashville.



J. Ralph McIntyre (right), pastor, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, is shown reading the dedication of Lee Memorial Garden to Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Lee during dedication services following the Wednesday evening session of the convention.



This beautiful fountain is part of Lee Memorial Garden, dedicated during the convention.



Archie King (left), pastor, Southeast Church, Murfreesboro, TBC vice president, receives plaque of appreciation from W. Fred Kendall as Jonas Stewart looks on.

## Mississippi "Receives"

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tailed two-year study of problems facing the convention's educational institutions.

The report frankly declared that "Mississippi Baptists cannot hope to continue their four colleges, even on the basis of present quality, unless they increase the present schedule of financial support."

The report dealt with various aspects of the colleges' operations and closed with a series of 16 recommendations.

Among the 16 recommendations was one which suggested that the Education Commission restudy the methods and formula of allocating Cooperative Program funds to the colleges; that each college inaugurate some form of enrollment controls; that each college establish admissions requirements; and that ratios be set for the percentage of funds received from various types of sources. Mississippi College in Clinton was designated as the major center for graduate study.

No mention was made concerning federal aid to the Baptist schools, although it was one of the alternatives the schools face if additional financial support is provided.

The convention closed with an inspirational youth night session when an overflow crowd of 11,000 packed the Mississippi Coliseum here to hear a stirring message by W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas. Several hundred young people went forward at the close of the service committing their lives to Jesus Christ, convention officials said.

## Readers Write

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as a by-product of their great love for young people I stand in admiration for them. May God continue to bless the Nortons, their staff, and the great state of Tennessee.—Jim Sewell, Box 85, Abilene, Texas 79604

(hometown — Chattanooga, Tennessee; parents—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sewell; wife—Patsy—Lenoir City, Tennessee; one son, Jimmy.)

## Two Texas Baptist Schools Benefit From Trust Fund

JACKSONVILLE, Tex. (BP)—Two Texas Baptist colleges have been included in a trust fund valued at \$130,000 established by Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gary here.

The trust will be divided two-thirds to

Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Tex., and one-third to Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton, Tex., after the death of the couple, who retain income from the trust during their lifetimes.



# Nurses Urgently Needed At Gaza, Cauthen Reports

By Ione Gray, Director of Press Relations

An urgent call for registered nurses to respond to the critical nurse shortage at the Baptist hospital in Gaza and an appeal to Southern Baptists to pray that nurses may be found were made by Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, during the Board's monthly meeting Nov. 9.

One of the most serious mission situations caused by the Middle East war is the nurse shortage at Gaza, Dr. Cauthen explained. Since Gaza passed from Egyptian to Israeli administration 15 graduate and student nurses from Lebanon have left the hospital, and six graduates nurses from Egypt will leave by the end of the year. Then the nursing staff will consist of one national, one missionary, one missionary journeyman, and one nurse formerly under appointment but now married to a Christian national (and she may soon leave with her husband for a new assignment).

Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, the Board's medical consultant, is contacting some resigned missionary nurses and missionary nurses now on leave of absence to see if any of them can go to Gaza for two years. Also, Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, head of the medical division of the the department for missionary personnel, is seeking registered nurses who can help in Gaza. (For regular missionary appointment, nurses must have a college degree, preferably in nursing, and a year of theological seminary study. For this emergency project any Baptist registered nurse will be considered.)

"This crisis must be met as soon as possible," Dr. Cauthen warned. "By the first of January the hospital will have to greatly curtail its work unless more staff is available."

Dr. Cauthen reported on a conference held in Ankara, Turkey, in October, when he, Dr. John D. Hughey, the Board's sec-

retary for Europe and the Middle East, and representative missionaries from Jordan, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Morocco, and Libya spent several days together.

"The missionaries felt the meeting was of great significance," Dr. Cauthen said. "The troubled situation in the Middle East has kept them from having close communication. In Ankara they were able to catch one another's points of view and share mutual concerns. They were particularly interested in exploring all possible ways for continuing ministries to Jordanians in Israeli-occupied territory on the west bank of the Jordan River and in Jerusalem."

Dr. Cauthen also announced that the new Baptist hospital in Jibla, Yemen, is nearing completion. It is expected to be dedicated in February.

## Europe Visit Encouraging

While overseas Dr. Cauthen also made brief stops in Greece, Italy, and Austria.

"I am glad to report that the outlook for Baptist work in Italy is more encouraging than it has been in many years," Dr. Cauthen said. "Dr. Hughey and I met with Italian Baptist leaders and with missionaries. On every hand there were reports of more open doors for evangelism and greater response to evangelistic efforts now being made."

"It was also encouraging to observe the dedicated, faithful service of the one Southern Baptist missionary couple in Greece and the one in Austria."

"In Vienna, Austria, I stood on the spot by the river where one of the early Anabaptist leaders, Balthasar Hubmaier, and his wife were put to death. He was burned at the stake and his ashes scattered upon the water. She was bound and drowned in the river. They had dared to witness for their Lord for the same basic principles so precious to us today."

"As one stands in such a spot he visual-

izes what it means to witness for Christ under extremely dangerous and difficult conditions. In the 20th century we must not measure the extent to which we go in serving our Lord by the world's standards. We must measure what we do in terms of the cost of our Saviour."

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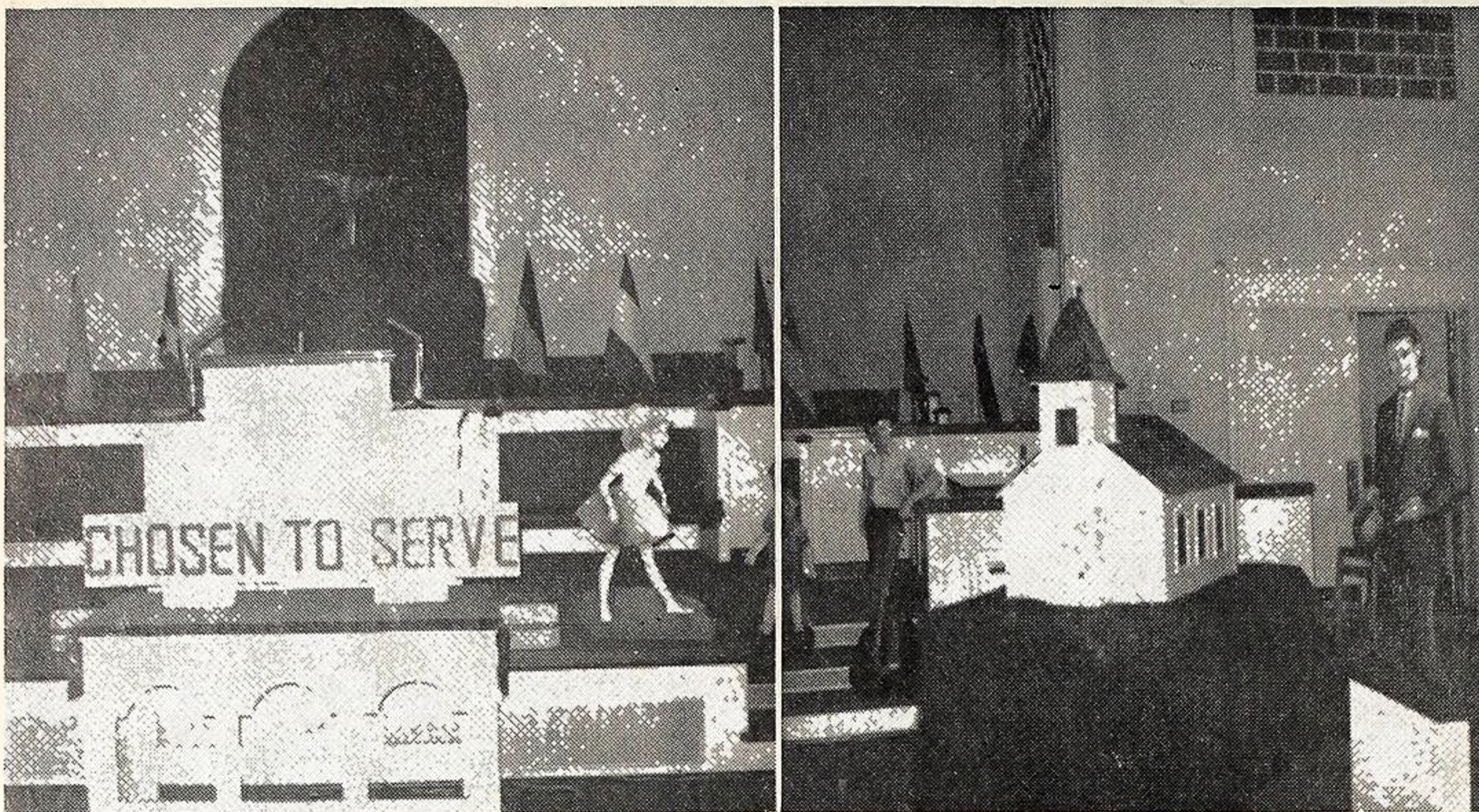
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## Highlights Of Junior Queens' Courts



Junior Queens' Court theme **CHOSEN TO SERVE** was sung by Intermediate Queens, Sandra and Andra Bradley. Emphasis of each Queens' Court was **A CHURCH FULFILLING ITS MISSION THROUGH MINISTRY.**



Left, Sharon wonders, **CHOSEN TO SERVE . . . but where ? ? ? ? ?** Right, Mission Action drama, **THE GREAT ADVENTURE**, presented by four different churches, seeks to answer Sharon's question. Sharon can be a missionary now in her own community.



Resource area gave girls opportunity to gather free materials to improve their Girls' Auxiliary program in their church. Notebooks of Advanced Forward Step work was displayed.



Junior Queens' from all parts of the state registered at the three Junior Queens' Courts held at Cookeville, Oct. 28, Morristown, Nov. 4, and at Paris, Nov. 18. Attendance at all three reached 392

### Brotherhood Department

## These Men Witnessed

By Roy J. Gilleland, Jr.

The following men from Tennessee participated in the Evangelistic Crusade on the Gold Coast in Florida Nov. 7-12:

Horace B. Armstrong, Route 1, Oakfield; Harley C. Brooks, Route 1, Box 50, Harrogate; Harold D. Campbell, 1018 Davidson Dr., Clarksville; Ernest W. Clark, Route 1, Johnson City; Ray Cleek, 817 Oak St., Union City; and Shirley W. DeBell, Box 258, Waverly.

Barney L. Flowers, 1004 Brookwood, Trenton; Argyle W. Graves, 1005 Lexington, Trenton; J. H. Harvey, 919 Florence St., Lewisburg; William R. Headden, Box 92, Tiptonville; Walter C. Kennon, 506 E. Jackson St., Union City; Henry D. Knight, Box 97, Spencer; and Luke E. Martin, 730 Myrtle, Kingsport.

Nick D. Nave, 410 Green Hills Dr., Kingsport; Ernest T. Neal, Box 547, Cleveland; Jesse A. Parker, Box 41, Harrogate; Lan H. Pierce, Box 362, Paris; Albert R. Rayborn, Rt. 2, Box 254, Jamestown; and John W. Ryner, 1019 Fairmont Ave., N.W., Cleveland.

H. D. Standifer, Route 2, Tullahoma; Clyde T. Surret, 339 Gilbert St., Morristown; W. Joe Weaver, Box 425, Waynesboro; Keith Wilson, 4926 Gloister, Memphis; W. Guy Cooke, Box 143, Crossville; Charles Barton, 237 Outer Dr., Oak Ridge; and Ralph R. Lawler, Box 202, Old Jackson Road, Trenton.

Harry F. Roberts, 306 Forrest St., Trenton; Tom W. Womack, 517 Country Club Drive, Tullahoma; L. E. Coleman, Sr., Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar, Memphis.

If you want to set a fire under your men ask one of these men to meet with you and tell you his experiences.



# New Law Provides Support For Educational Radio-TV

**WASHINGTON (BP)**—President Lyndon B. Johnson has signed into law landmark legislation providing federal support for non-commercial educational radio and television. The Public Broadcasting Act of 1967, the first of its kind, is considered to be a momentous step toward mass education.

The legislation was requested by the President in his State of the Union Message last January when he urged the development of educational television into a "vital public resource to enrich our homes, educate our families and to provide assistance in our classrooms."

The act calls for the creation of a 15-man board of directors for a non-profit, non-government corporation for public broadcasting. With an authorization of \$9 million for the first year, the corporation will make grants to local non-commercial television and radio stations, to program production groups and to educational networks for pro-

gram development.

The act also authorizes spending \$38 million over the next three years on construction of educational television stations and \$500,000 for a study of instructional television by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

When Mr. Johnson signed the measure at the White House ceremony, he also proposed the use of computers and satellites to further the cause of education.

He said he envisioned the time when "a great network for knowledge" could tie together the remote doctor with a distant teaching hospital, and a scholar in one part of the country with a major library.

The number of educational television stations on the air or under construction is now 189 (136 on the air and 53 under construction) according to a report from the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.



**NEW VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE:** Richard M. Stevenson, former pastor of Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Va., has been elected the new executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Effective Jan. 1, 1968, he will succeed Lucius M. Polhill.  
—BP Photo

## Brooks Hays Leads Forming Political Ethics Committee

**ATLANTA (BP)**—A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Brooks Hays of Washington, has led in establishing an organization which will seek to fight unethical political practices in the nation, and especially in the South.

The organization will be known as the Southern Committee On Political Ethics (SCOPE), and will be a non-partisan, interracial group composed of businessmen, civic leaders, newspaper publishers, attorneys, religious and civil rights leaders.

Eighteen persons, including two Southern Baptist editors, were listed as original members of the committee, headed by former Arkansas Congressman Brooks Hays who was president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1958-60.

Editors Erwin L. McDonald of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine in Little Rock, and J. Marse Grant of the Biblical Recorder in Raleigh, N.C., were also among the original 18 members.

In a press conference announcing the formation of the committee, Hays listed four specific things which the committee would seek to support.

They were: (1) full participation in political processes by racial minorities, particularly Negroes; (2) voter education, (3) dignifying the profession of politics, and (4)

## Arizona Sets Convention Study, Decreases Budget

**TUSCON, Ariz. (BP)**—The Arizona Southern Baptist Convention meeting here authorized a total study of the convention's programs, and voted to decrease its budget in line with anticipated contributions from the churches next year.

The convention adopted a budget of \$657,616 with a state-wide Cooperative Program goal of \$373,392 for 1968, comparing to the 1967 budget of \$692,318, a decrease of \$34,702.

Reason given for the decrease was the effect of copper strikes on Baptist churches in Arizona, and the resulting decrease in contributions to the convention. Of the state-wide goal of \$383,000 this fiscal year, only \$362,000 was received.

establishing a climate for free discussion of public issues.

"It follows that we oppose racism, voter apathy, improper electoral procedures such as inordinate use of money in campaigns," Hays said.

Hays said the group is interested in issues and people, not in candidates and political parties, except as they are incidental to the committee's broad objectives.

## New Mexico Honors Stagg, Studies Alien Immersion

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (BP)**—The New Mexico Baptist Convention meeting here paid tribute to the man who has served as its executive secretary for 30 years, and adopted a motion calling for a study of the need for a constitutional amendment to bar churches that practice alien immersion.

Special recognition was given to Harry P. Stagg, who is retiring as executive secretary of the convention effective Feb. 1, but with "terminal leave" effective Dec. 1.

Without debate or discussion, the convention approved a motion by Charles Killough, pastor of First Baptist Church in Hobbs, N.M., asking for appointment of a special committee to study and report next year on the alien immersion question.

The motion asked that the committee consider whether a constitutional change is necessary "to safeguard Baptist principles of convention membership against the alien immersion question should it become a factor in the future."

Although Baptist groups in Arkansas and North Carolina had discussed the practices of churches in those states which accept members baptized by other faiths (alien immersion), the issue had not come up previously in New Mexico.



# Worship Through Service

**Basic Passages:** Matt. 21:28-32; John 21:15-22  
**Focal Passages:** Matt. 21:28-32; John 21:15-17

Too often we think of service as a process of servitude. It is a dreaded drudgery. It should be an act of worship with a song in our hearts when it is unto the Lord.

Service is not something to which we drive ourselves. It is something that flows out of inner fulness. It is the normal expression of a normal Christian experience.

If doctrine is dynamic, it issues in a deed. Great convictions carry us into constructive actions. Real faith finds expression in fruit else it is dead. Genuine persuasions propel. If the right thing takes place inside the right thing will show up outside.

Service to the King is a high honor and a glorious privilege. Who would hesitate to be involved in such an activity?

It should be ever to His glory. It should induce others to turn to Him. It should never cause others to turn from Him to us. If it centers men on us then it is wood, hay and stubble. Some day it will go up in smoke under God's searching fire.

Our service should not only point to our Lord but should be on behalf of others. Such service will stand God's eternal fire-test rewarding us so satisfyingly forever.

## The Right Change of Mind Matt. 21:28-32

One son was quick to say that he would work in his father's vineyard. The other son at first refused. In actual performance they reversed positions.

Some people are strong in profession but weak in performance. They respond to the call of duty readily but never carry through. They change their minds so easily. In any case they make the wrong change of mind. The so-called elite, religiously in Israel in the time of Christ, were people who for some reason had made great affirmations but had substituted many other things for outright obedience to God's will.

There are those who are slow and reluctant to affirm discipleship; however, they change their minds and take up their cross and become obedient followers. This is the right change of mind. These are the true devotees. The publicans and the fallen in character had not said "yes" but "no" at first but they reconsidered and became ardent disciples of Christ. This is true repentance.

Men have to repent before they can or will exercise saving faith. Many people need to learn this important truth. The despised publicans and outcasts repented at John's

preaching on righteousness and thus entered the kingdom of God. While on the other hand, the scribes, Sadducees and Pharisees would not change their minds or repent that they might believe and be saved.

## Love Proved by Service John 21:15-17

Peter faced a most searching interrogation by his Lord. After a highly boastful claim of superior loyalty to his Savior, Peter had denied Him three times. The last time he denied Him he made a complete disavowal of any knowledge or association with his Master. Three times, therefore, the Lord inquired as to Peter's love and fidelity. In view of his previous background of denial this searching examination must have been most poignant to Peter.

Each time Peter affirms his love and fidelity; each time the Lord gives him an assignment of service. "Feed my lambs, tend my sheep and feed my sheep," the Lord admonishes him. Devotion must find practical, pastoral expression in a definite way. Otherwise, the emotions of affection are like raindrops over a desert evaporating before they touch the ground. Real love is more substantial and effective. It will reach and bless its object.

## Unquestioning Discipleship John 21:18-22

After a most painful inquisition of Peter, Jesus followed the special assignments to him with a prophesy concerning Peter's latter end whereby he would glorify God. From a human point of view it was not a pleasant prospect. However, tradition tells us that when the time came Peter welcomed the worst for himself, for His Lord's glory.

Jesus beckoned Peter to follow Him. This he did but noticing John the Beloved, he wanted to know about his future. Christ did not satisfy Peter's curiosity but let him know that such matters were in the hands of divine discretion. His main concern should be to follow Christ.

How wonderful it would be if from our conversion to the end, life could be a continuous act of worship. If all were on the altar of sacrifice laid, it could be. We are urged to pray without ceasing. We are challenged to deny ourselves, to take up our cross and follow Him daily. The time will come when we will be before His throne day and night serving Him in love forever.

There are many places where we can serve and many ways in which we can serve. We can brighten the corner where we are. We can keep the lower lights burning. We can send a gleam across the wave. Some

poor fainting, struggling seaman we may rescue we may save. We may be a good Samaritan along the way. We may build a house beside the road of life and be a friend to man.

We may become epistles of Christ known and read by all men. We may be an index finger pointing out the way. We may be the salt that saves our generation from the rottenness unto judgment. We may be a light unto the world that delays it from passing into a new dark age. We may be one of the ten righteous who will cause God to spare a vast city or community.

## Cargill Writes Interpretation of Book of Hebrews



Robert L. Cargill, director of Development, Oklahoma Baptist University, has written a new book to supplement next quarter's Life and Work Lessons.

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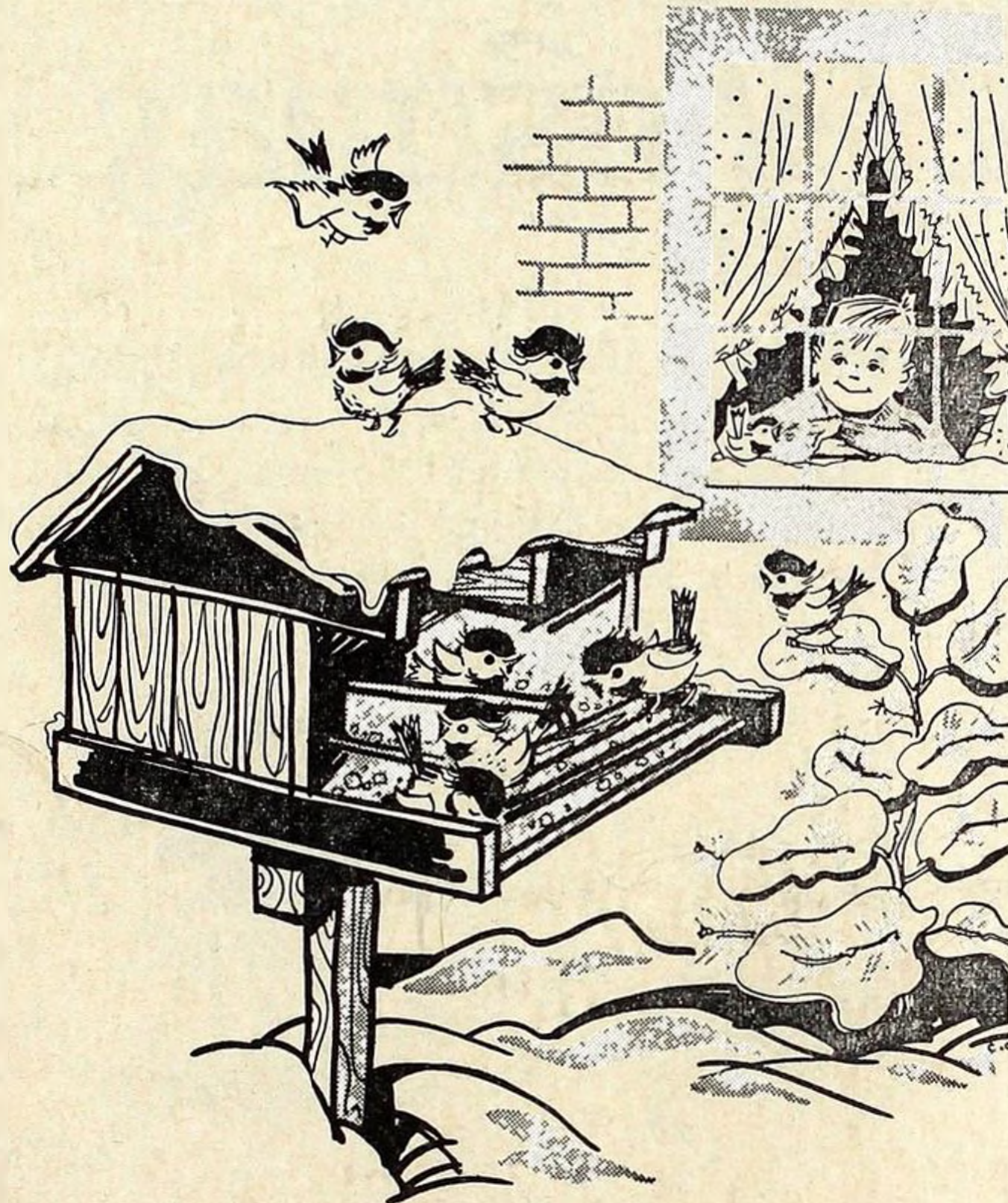
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# Children's Page

## THE BIRDS' BIRTHDAY PRESENT\*

By Jean Brabham McKinney



December 9 was Lance's birthday. His mother had already baked and iced the cake for his birthday party. Lance fell asleep thinking about how lovely it would look when the candles were lighted.

The next morning was Saturday and Daddy was at home. But even with Daddy around, the day seemed long.

Lance would look at the big clock in the hall and ask, "How many hours before my birthday party, Daddy? How long before my birthday party, Mother?"

Finally Daddy called softly, "Lance, come look out the den window."

Lance looked and saw two beautiful, bright-red birds pecking away at the ground.

"The cardinals are pecking for seeds to eat. They're hungry. The ground is frozen hard."

"Maybe Mother could give us something for them."

Mother did. They scattered the biscuits and pieces of stale doughnuts about. From the den, they watched the birds pecking away hungrily.

Lance even forgot about his birthday party for a while. Soon the clock was

striking twelve and Mother was calling, "Lunch is ready."

Daddy was saying, "Time for a little boy to stop watching birds eat and start eating for himself."

Even when Lance was taking his rest after lunch, he could see birds fluttering by his window on their way to the garden for crumbs.

"We'll have to save them some birthday cake crumbs," Mother told Lance as she dressed him for the party after his nap.

About this time the doorbell rang. Two of the children and their mothers came in with a rush of cold, outside air. When all the boys and girls had arrived, Mother led the way to the basement playroom.

There they had so much fun opening presents, playing games, and listening to stories. Then Mother came in with Lance's beautiful, white birthday cake—its red candles burning brightly. Everyone had a slice of cake with ice cream before they went home.

Mother came back down to the den after all the children had left. She said, "There's another nice present upstairs for you, from Mother and Daddy."

Excitedly, Lance followed Mother up-

stairs to the den.

Outside the big windows overlooking the garden, Daddy stood, waving and smiling. Beside him was something that looked like a birdhouse.

"A—a—birdhouse?" asked Lance.

"No," said Mother. "A bird feeder. And here's some seed to fill the feeder."

Mother handed another birthday package to Lance. On it was a card saying, "From Lance to the birds."

Mother and Lance hurriedly put on their coats and rushed out to help Daddy fill the feeder with nice tasty seeds. They also scattered some of the seeds on the ground and filled a pan with water.

Back in the house they sat quietly in front of the big den windows. The cold raindrops were turning to snow. Soon the bright-red cardinals found the bird feeder. How hungrily they ate. Then came a sparrow—two—three—chickadees. They sang merrily and ate while the snow quickly covered the garden.

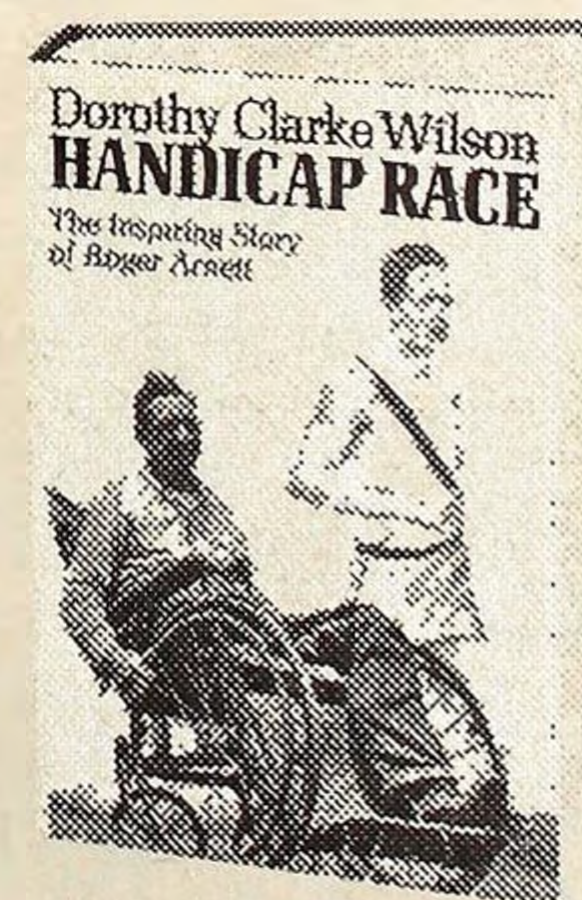
"Cheep, cheep," they said. "Tweet, tweet."

"I guess they're singing happy birthday to Lance," smiled Mother.

"The feeder is the best birthday present of all," said Lance to Mother and Daddy. "It's a birthday present for the birds as well as for me."

"Cheep, cheep," the smallest sparrow sang, as if he understood.

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