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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

This is a play in one miserable act. The scene is a familiar Christmas setting. You can tell it is Christmas by the calendar on the wall. It reads "December 25."

The cast of characters are also familiar: a man and his wife. They are both dressed in heavy, warm coats. Apparently, they are just before going out.

The husband is frantically thumbing through the phone book as his wife snaps in an impatient tone: "But I told you, you don't have to look up the address of the church. It is still located in the same place it was when we went to services last Easter!"

The drama is real in fact, it is too true to life.

And any resemblance to persons who think they are living but are spiritually dead is, sad to say, purely intentional.

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PERSONALLY . . .

The New Orleans Catholic archdiocesan newspaper, *The Clarion Herald*, has issued a call for objectivity and balance in reporting religious news. In a recent issue, an editorial "held that the general news media and at least part of the Catholic press sometimes stress 'divisions and differences of opinion, making "news" that does not exist.'"

In this sentiment, the editor of the **Baptist And Reflector** concurs wholeheartedly! I would have to add that in my humble judgment, some of the Evangelical press may be justly included in this category also.

Earlier "schools" of journalism in this country stressed over and over—as was the case when I was a student—that objectivity was the mark of a good story. This objectivity generally was considered to be "wrapped up" in the five "W's", and the "H"—who, what, when, where, why and how.

There are different schools of journalism today. Some stress that a strictly objective news story is essentially an inadequate news story—that unless it presents some type of conscious bias it is not adequate. Strange reasoning!

This editor still believes that news pages should be used for informing a given constituency concerning exactly what has happened. I believe there is no room for slanted or biased news. There is room, in good journalistic style, for a personal column such as this. There is room also for the editorial page, which is the voice of a given publication. And there is a moral obligation for the same kind of objectivity and freedom from prejudice in editorial interpretation and in personal evaluation.

By overplay or underplay of news, one can be equally guilty of biased reporting. This is, I believe, a time when all who write need to write with caution, wisdom, strength and objectivity!

Jim Lester

Layman's Night Slated At Evangelism Conference

Laymen's Night at the State Evangelistic Conference, January 20-21, 1969, held with Belmont Heights Baptist church, Nashville, will begin at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday evening, January 21. This will be the first joint quarterly meeting of Interstate Associational Brotherhoods, according to Roy J. Gilleland, Jr., secretary, Brotherhood Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

An "Interstate Association" is described as an association in close proximity to Interstate 40.

Brotherhood emphases will include Bible Study, led by Dr. Clark H. Pinnock, associate professor of Theology, New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary; Evangelism, led by Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary, Ohio Baptist Convention and Mission Emphasis, led by Henry Earl Peacock, general coordinator, Crusade of the Americas and missionary to Brazil.

Devotional

ROOTLESS GENERATION

By R. Hershel Chevallier, Pastor
Central Baptist Church, Kingston

In Colossians 2:7 there is a phrase which says "Rooted and built us in Him . . ." Our generation ought to have a special interest in this word "rooted." For in so many ways we have become a rootless generation.



Chevallier

There are many things that contribute to this, but suffice it to say that since World War II there has been a great deal of rootlessness in our world. Millions of people have been uprooted, and in some instances people have been deported to other countries, just as the Jews were deported to Babylon many years ago. Many countries

around the world, including our own opened their hearts and land to receive these rootless ones, but there is still that aching hunger among many people in need of a home, some place to settle and put down roots.

There is another kind of rootlessness in our land, and in other lands. That is, there are many people who have never found any real roots for their lives even though they are not deported or displaced. They are much like people in the parable told by Jesus; Rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and . . . since they had no roots they withered away. This is true of so much of modern life today. We become rolling stones, we have no ties, we know nobody, we own nothing.

And in the words of Willa Cather, ". . . we sit in restaurants and concert halls and look about at the hundreds of our own kind and shudder". Possibly the one thing that causes so much rootlessness in our lives is the fact that we have never put down roots in the fellowship of a church, a communion of faith. As a result we do not really belong anywhere, we are camping. We are nomads without a tribe. Such rootless people are like trees growing on rocky soil. All their roots go out instead of down.

The deep trouble in our world is that so often there is no spiritual rootage. So many of our goals and motives do not grow out of Christ. They grow out of our culture. May we resolve to make the soil of our lives fit places for the roots of faith to grow and be nourished.

A woman once asked for the book **JESUS, THEN AND NOW** by the name **Jesus, Now and Then**. That so often has been our story, Jesus, now and then. Paul has something—Go on living in Him—in simple faith.

THE MILITARY CHAPLAINCY

By T. B. Maston

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Among the most rewarding and enriching recent personal experiences have been four weeks in seminars with Protestant Navy chaplains. These and other contacts with the chaplains have deepened my respect and appreciation for them and for their ministry in the military.

I have a growing conviction that more of our most capable and best trained young ministers should prayerfully consider entering the Air Force, Army, or Navy chaplaincy for a few years or as a career. And it should be stressed that the military chaplaincy needs the best. It is no place for the maladjusted, for misfits, or for men who cannot make good in the civilian ministry.

There are several reasons why young ministers should give consideration to some phase of the military chaplaincy. They would have in the chaplaincy unusual evangelistic opportunities and missionary outreach. They would discover the latter not only within the military community but also in the broader civilian community where they might serve in the States or overseas.

In addition, certain personal benefits would accrue to the young minister who served as chaplain. For many of them it would be a broadening experience. They would work with chaplains representing many different denominations and widely divergent theological perspective. They would discover that most of these men, with whom they may sharply disagree, are just as devoted as they are to the work of the Lord and to the welfare of the men they serve.

The chaplain would discover that the same thing is true of most of his fellow chaplains who have habits which he might thoroughly disapprove. He would find that he could work with and respect these men without compromising his own personal position. Really he will win the respect of other chaplains not by compromising but by consistently maintaining his own ideals and convictions. He must do so, however, without a Pharisaical attitude of self-righteous superiority.

If a young minister decides to stay in the chaplaincy only for a few years, it will make some valuable contributions to his civilian ministry. While in the service he will have an opportunity to participate in special retreats, seminars, and possibly even in graduate theological training and/or specialized courses, particularly in the field of counseling. This advanced training along with his personal experiences in the military will enrich his background for a more effective ministry.

Furthermore, some experience in the military will strengthen the minister's rapport with many of the men in his congregation. Many of them have been or will be in some branch of military service. Also, he will be able to counsel more helpfully with young men in his church fellowship who are entering the military.

Most chaplains will agree that the minister entering the chaplaincy, particularly as a career, should have a deep sense of divine purpose or call. This call should be comparable to the call to foreign mission service. Just as is true of the missionary's wife so the chaplain's wife should have a similar sense of divine leading into the chaplaincy.

It takes a special kind of woman to be a chaplain's wife. She must be able to adjust to rather frequent changes of location. She must be emotionally and spiritually mature enough to meet possible emergencies. Wives of chaplains, particularly of the Navy, will frequently and for a considerable period of time carry the full responsibility of the father as well as the mother. She also faces the adjustments that come when the husband and father returns.

Public Relations Leaders Plan Gatlinburg Sessions

Following the theme, "Communicating in an Age of Crises," the Baptist Public Relations Association Annual Workshop will be held Jan. 15-17 at the River Terrace Motel, Gatlinburg, according to Floyd A. Craig, BPRA president and director of Public Relations, Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

The meeting will come to order at 1 p.m., Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 15 and will adjourn Friday afternoon. About 100 members from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention are expected to attend.

The three-day meeting will include a president's address, specialized conferences, awards, and a panel discussion.

Focusing upon public problems and how religious public relations can bring about solutions, the program will feature the following addresses: Crisis: Extremism, by William Hendricks, professor of Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.; Crisis: Race Relations, by Clarence Jordan, Koininia Farms, Americus, Ga.; Crisis: Poverty, by Gloria Hobbs, McKinney Job Corps Center for Women, McKinney, Tex., and Crisis: The Campus, by L. D. Johnson, chaplain, Furman university, Greenville, South Carolina.

More Individual Response By Members Recommended

By Wendell W. Price

Acting Sunday School Secretary

"Teaching methods in Sunday School which provide for more individual participation by class members are strongly desired." So says a survey made by the Department of Survey and Statistics of the Baptist Sunday School Board and published in October.

Forty-five per cent of persons responding said "the lecture by the teacher with little discussion," is used. Only 3.6 per cent wanted to see this type teaching done more often. 47.6 per cent wanted to see more "informal discussion of the lesson by the class, led by the teacher."

Forty-five and three-tenths per cent said the method used in their classes is to read the comments from the quarterly to the class. And 29.5 per cent said their method was to ask the members to read the quarterly comments in class. But 40 per cent want to see the assignment procedure used more often. 25 per cent want more visuals. And 34.7 per cent desire more of the application of Bible truth to life, or things to do the following week.

We teachers must get serious in developing disciples or learners who are growing in Christlikeness.

Interest on Church Debts Double Cooperative Program Gifts

NASHVILLE—The interest on debts of Southern Baptist churches climbed to \$49.8 million in 1967, almost twice the amount given the same year to the Cooperative Program for Southern Baptist Convention causes, Porter Routh, executive secretary of the SBC executive committee, revealed.

Routh, who alluded to the rising interest cost briefly at the Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference here, said the total debt for all Southern Baptist churches was nearly \$830½ million.

Almost half of the churches—16,981 out of 34,147—reported debt. In terms of amount, Texas churches owed the most, \$140,566,401, while the District of Columbia had the largest percentage of churches in debt at 91.8 per cent.

During the same year the 34,147 churches reported total gifts of almost \$712 million of which almost \$72 million went to the Cooperative Program. State Baptist conventions sent slightly more than \$25 million to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

The report showed that slightly more than 3½ cents of every dollar given in churches reached the Cooperative Program for Southern Baptist Convention causes. (BP)

Cubans Release Baptist Missionary Fite; Return To U. S. Soon Is Expected

ATLANTA—David S. Fite, Southern Baptist missionary to Cuba who has been in a Communist prison in Havana for almost four years, was given an unconditional pardon and prison release on Dec. 16. He is expected to come back to the States soon.

Fite was arrested by the Castro government in April, 1965 along with his father-in-law, Dr. Herbert Caudill, superintendent of Southern Baptist mission work in western Cuba, and about 45 Cuban Baptist pastors and lay leaders.

Fite was given a six-year prison sentence for alleged currency exchange violations. Caudill was given a 10-year sentence for the same offense.

Caudill was not mentioned in the telegram from Fite which told of his pre-Christmas release. Caudill has been under house arrest for several months recuperating from major eye surgery performed by an Atlanta surgeon who was flown into Havana for the delicate operation.

Fite's release was actually announced by his father, Clifton E. Fite, pastor of the Rosemont Heights Baptist church in Waynesboro, Georgia. He told his congregation on Dec. 22 that their prayers had been answered in the release of his son.

"David said the government handed him an unconditional pardon," Clifton Fite said. "It was an act of mercy. It was treated as a special case. He is now free and can come home, back to the States, as soon as they can get American passports."

There was no indication when passports could be obtained or how soon transportation might be arranged.

Fite's oldest son, David, Jr., had left Cuba a few weeks earlier to live with his father's twin brother, Dr. Donald Fite, a dentist in Decatur, Ga. David, Jr. is twelve years old.

David Fite is 36 years old. He had served in Cuba about five years when he was imprisoned in 1965. Caudill, father of David's wife Margaret, is 65. He has been in Cuba more than 30 years.

David Fite has worked in a prison rock quarry during his imprisonment. He is in good health. His family had visited him about once a month during his incarceration.

American Baptist President Says SBC Has Strategic Role

NASHVILLE—Unless Christian churches are able to reconcile the biblical theology of evangelism and social action, they will split into two polarized groups and fail at their very purpose for being, the president of the American Baptist convention said here.

Speaking to the Southern Baptist convention's Christian Life commission, Culbert C. Rutenber added that Southern Baptists are in a unique role to creatively reconcile the two.

"You've got the strategic position," he said at a dinner meeting here. "You've got the evangelical zeal, the biblical theology, and now you're becoming more concerned about social issues."

He lamented a continuing polarization into two camps—the orthodox, historical Christians on one hand who are concerned about winning others, praying, giving and building churches; and the social actionists on the other who are concerned only about changing society.

Saying that neither is true Christianity, Rutenber stated that "a form of orthodoxy which does not see the need for helping others and society lacks something that is in the New Testament. But an emphasis on social justice that is not grounded in the New Testa-

ment is nothing but shallow humanism, and that's liable to get worse instead of better.

Rutenber said that Christians must be peacemakers in the world today, following the example of Jesus who was hung on the cross because he was a peacemaker. "A peacemaker stands between two opposing forces and gets kicked from both sides," Rutenber said.

The job of the peacemaker is reconciliation, the American Baptist leader said. "The church ought to be an umpire with competing groups in society," he declared.

He observed that the cry for justice is always tainted with elements of self-interest, and although the church partially transcends, it is not able to transcend enough and thus cannot umpire well enough. "Not even the Christian church is good enough to be trusted with other people's rights," he said.

The church must seek changes in attitudes among its own members and in society, he added. "Unless we can change the attitudes of our orthodox neighbors, then we haven't been able to communicate the gospel.

"Attitudes are basic to social change in America, and if the Christian church is not able to produce this, then we will fail to be

Tennessee at Southwestern

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Four Tennesseans will receive degrees during the mid-winter commencement services at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Dec. 20.



Candidates and degrees to be awarded are: E. Ray Luck, husband of the former Judith Ann Campbell of Cleveland,

master of religious education; Earl L. Murphy, consultant in Training Union administration, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, doctor of religious education; Eugene W. Clevenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Clevenger, Sr., of Chattanooga, doctor of



theology; and Gary K. Swafford, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Swafford of Winchester, master of divinity.

Charles A. Trentham, pastor of First Baptist church, Knoxville, will deliver the main address. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Truett

Auditorium on the main campus in Fort Worth.

Over 100 students will receive degrees and diplomas from President Robert E. Naylor including 12 doctorates—one doctor of religious education, two doctor of education and nine doctor of theology degrees.



peacemakers in justice and reconciliation," Rutenber said.

Citing the Christian church's failure to help the black man throughout history, Rutenber said that there must be a change in the attitudes of church members who say to Negroes, "You become worthy and we'll take you in."

He called such statements "a lie to begin with," for the Negro has in many cases become educated, cleaned up, tried nonviolence, and "we still didn't take them in." Now Black Power is emerging, and that may be good, he said.

He added that is a half-truth to say, "Only changed man change society," for he had seen men who are not changed who are changing society, and many who claim to be changed who are making no effort to change society.

Texas Board Approves Loan Report After Heated Debate

DALLAS—The Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas unanimously accepted a special report on the activities of the Baptist Church Loan Board following a tense confrontation with a Dallas pastor, Herbert Howard, who charged the loan agency with fraud and conflict of interest.

Howard also intimated that the investigation was hampered by "cronyism" among committee members charged with the responsibility of administering and sustaining the Church Loan Association during several months of crisis.

Later, however, the 192-member board voted unanimously to express confidence in the investigation made by a committee headed by Fort Worth real estate developer J. T. Luther, and gave Luther a standing ovation for his work.

Luther's report indicated that the committee found no evidence of fraud, that the loan board had not violated its charter, but that there were mistakes "of bad judgment" in speculative land investments in California.

Howard, pastor of the 4000-member Park Cities Baptist church here, called the investigation "a white wash," and left the board meeting to hold a press conference.

The Dallas preacher, who told the state convention in Fort Worth a few weeks earlier that all the facts had not been disclosed, told the press of a letter he had written to several Texas Baptist leaders urging that past activities of the loan agency be "brought out completely in the open."

The letter included 10 questions demanding admission of poor administrative practices, violations of the loan association charter, extremely speculative land investment, fraud, conflict of interest, and complicity with certain fraudulent transactions in California.

Luther denied the charges of fraud, charter violations, and conflicts of interest charges, and an auditor from Peat, Marwick, Mitchel and Co., Don Cloud, who audited the association's books, said there was no evidence of fraud.

The two-page printed report of the committee, published before the board meeting by the *Baptist Standard*, official convention newspaper, disclosed details on a total investment of \$2,275,958 in real estate and land development projects in California.

The committee said that "it was a serious mistake in judgment to participate in speculative real estate investments in California." Luther told the board here he did not think there would be any losses in the California investments, but he likewise did not expect any big profits.

Howard contended that the loan board violated its charter by speculative land investments when the money should have gone into church loans instead.

The controversy has been swirling about the Church Loan Association since the 1967 meeting of the state convention when charges were made that the California land speculation was interfering with the chartered purpose of the loan board.

A sub-committee of the Committee of 100, created by the 1967 convention, plus the five-man committee headed by Luther appointed by the convention's Executive Board, and the auditing firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchel and Co., each conducted investigations.

All three of the investigating groups admit serious errors in judgment took place in the loan association's past operations, but contradict Howard's accusations of fraud and charter violations.

Luther said that steps have been taken to assure proper procedures in the future, under the direction of new Church Loan Association President, Don Singletary, a former Fort Worth banker.

In other actions, the Executive Board elected Harry D. Trulove of Fort Stockton, Tex., as associate in the convention's estate stewardship department; named Charles V. Petty of Fort Worth as associate in the state Christian Life Commission; approved salary increases for 24 of the campus Baptist Student Union directors, and authorized construction of a new \$70,000 dormitory for Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in San Antonio. (BP)

Protestant Theologian Karl Barth Dies at 82

BASEL, Switzerland—Dr. Karl Barth, 82, who emerged from a Swiss Reformed pastorate to attain the pinnacle of theological eminence, died here Dec. 10.

Compared in importance by some to Martin Luther, John Calvin, Thomas Aquinas and Augustine, Barth was professor of dogmatics at the University of Basel from 1935 to 1961.

Ailing in recent years, he had continued to work on his "Church Dogmatics," a project of 17 volumes. Five were not completed when he retired.

Barth had been hospitalized for surgery in September of this year. A colleague, Dr. Jan Lockman, a Czechoslovak theologian who will join the Basel faculty next year, said physicians had expected a recovery. He added that Barth's mental and spiritual health had been extremely good.

His written works include 200 books, and the entire bibliography of his writings list some 500 items. (RNS)

Pension Plan Advocated For Archdiocesan Priests

BLOOMINGTON, Minn.—A pension, disability and health plan for priests of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis that could cost each parish \$1085 per priest annually was endorsed here by the archdiocesan Presbytery.

The plan would provide a \$300 monthly pension for all retired priests at age 70; a total disability benefit of \$300 a month for priests under 65, and comprehensive health insurance.

A corporate trust would administer the plan, which requires the final approval of Coadjutor Archbishop Leo C. Byrne.

Although each parish would be assessed \$1085 for each priest, the net cost to parishes would be less than that since they have been paying \$150 per priest to the clergy fund of the archdiocese. Some have also contributed to their priests' Social Security and hospitalization.

Under the proposal, parish payment of Social Security taxes would end Jan. 1.

Priests in the archdiocese receive a monthly salary of \$220 if they are serving as pastors of churches and \$170 if they are associates. In addition, they receive some fees. Living quarters are provided.

The Presbytery also called for a new resignation and retirement policy for priests. (RNS)

Influence Outlets Broadcasters Advised

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—A Federal Communications Commissioner told religious broadcasters here that they should use their influence to see that commercial outlets function in the public interest.

FCC Commissioner Kenneth Cox urged the National Conference of Christian Broadcasters to investigate the performance of radio and TV outlets and inform the FCC of practices against the public interest.

"The religious broadcaster and the churches should not be concerned with getting their programs on the air," he said. "They must be equally concerned that the community is being provided with adequate broadcast service, including news and programs relating to local, national and world problems."

Cox said he knew of no single group in a better position to exert influence in behalf of the general public than broadcasters connected with state and local councils of churches. (RNS)

"EDIFICE COMPLEXES"

NEWS ITEM: (BP) The interest on debts of Southern Baptist churches climbed to \$49.8 million in 1967, almost twice the amount given the same year to the Cooperative Program for Southern Baptist Convention causes. . . ."

Comment: Baptists may be guilty of committing some rather large No-Nos (juvenile talk translated—something which shouldn't be done.)

Analysis: The Baptist concept, historically, of a place of worship is that of a meeting house; not a temple. This editor has believed for many years that extensive "edifice complexes" do not necessarily advance the Kingdom of God. When we are therefore reminded that the interest alone on debts of Southern Baptist churches is nearly \$50 millions annually; the debts, nearly \$830.5 millions, we might do well to rethink attitudes toward elaborate meeting houses.

During 1967, churches in fellowship with conventions of the Southern Baptist Convention reported total gifts of

almost \$712 million, with about \$72 million going through the Cooperative Program, and a little over \$25 million of this going to SBC causes!

We remember the Biblical admonition: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

SPLIT IN GERMANY

NEWS ITEM: (RNS Out of East Germany) "The first decision marking what is perhaps an unavoidable move toward an East-West division of German Protestantism was made here by the East German Regional Synod of the United Evangelical Lutheran church (VELKD)."

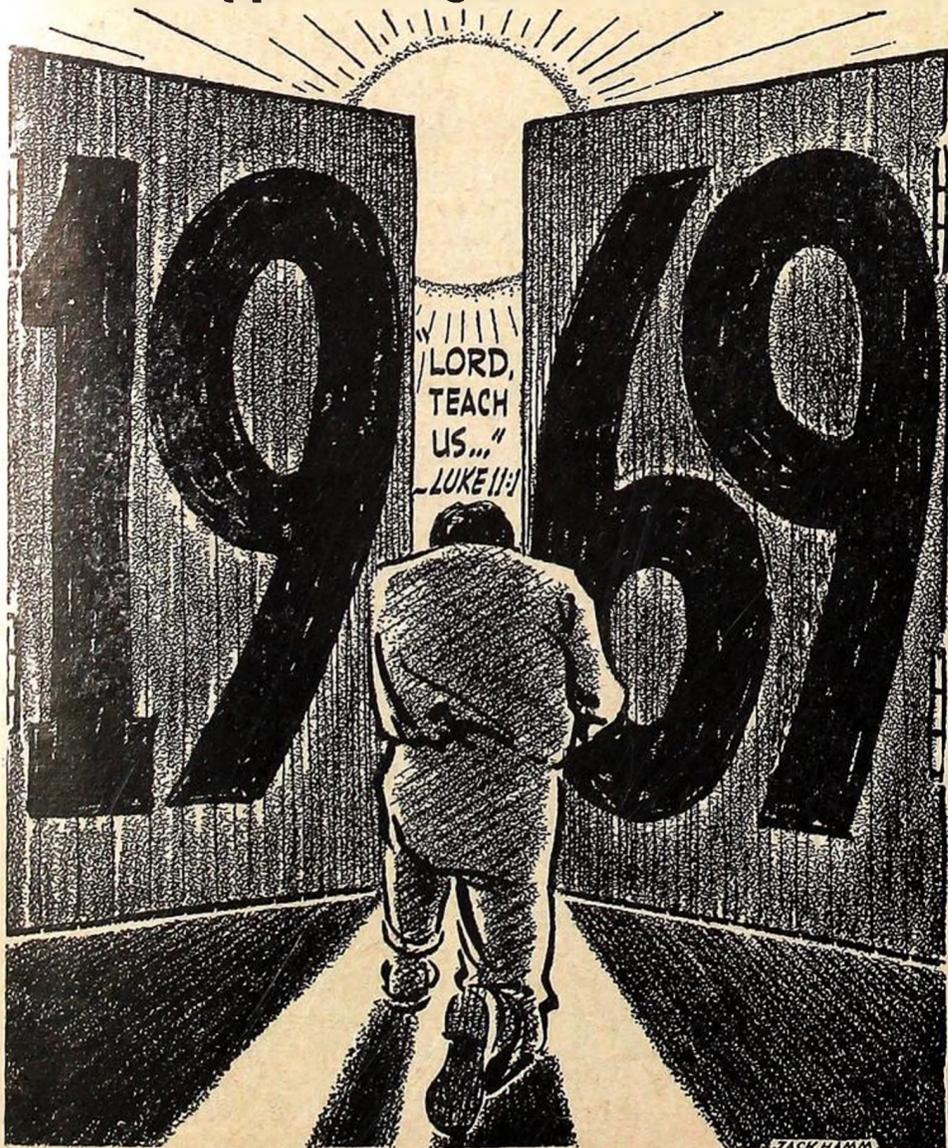
Comment: One who has any awareness of the rich heritage which Evangelical-Protestant theology owes to the Germany of other years cannot, we think, but be a bit saddened at renewed reminders that this nation, divided politically for 24 years now, is just as divided religiously in terms of effective organization. And the future is not bright. God's children on either side of the Iron Curtain are still God's children. And, just as we rejoice with Christian friends at good news, we express also sorrow at events which do not give good signs for the future.

AND NOW, TO THE TASK AHEAD

The first days of January, 1969, confront Tennessee Baptists directly with the task of preparation for the Crusade of the Americas! This is the year—after years of preparation, the days for the actual crusade are fast approaching.

Prayer, preparation, promotion, prayer. As Tennessee and Southern Baptists, we are committed in an unparalleled manner to this time evangelistic emphasis. We say, and have said for a long time, that we are evangelistic in outlook because of the New Testament directives to witness to a lost world. Now, like never before, let us prove what we say we believe for the glory of God, the advancement of His Kingdom, and the redemption of a lost world!

Approaching the New Year



Year's Top Ten Stories In Field of Church and State

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Pope Paul's encyclical, "Humanae Vitae," in which he affirmed the traditional Roman Catholic opposition to birth control, was chosen by the editors of *Church & State* as the top news story of the year in the field of church and state.

"Church-state issues regularly made front page news all during 1968," said J. Eugene White, managing editor of the monthly magazine. *Church & State* is the official publication of Americans United for Separation of Church and State in Washington, D. C.

White points out that Pope Paul's encyclical took on church-state significance of great magnitude by the inclusion of Article 23, which contains the Pope's directive to public authorities: "Do not allow the morality of your people to be degraded; do not permit that by legal means practices contrary to the natural and divine law be introduced into that fundamental cell, the family."

Other top stories in order, were:

2. The United States Supreme Court decision in "Flast v. Cohen," which pushed aside a 45-year-old ruling that no individual citizen has a sufficient financial stake in big government programs to challenge them in court. Federal aid programs involving parochial schools now may be challenged in the courts by a taxpayer.

3. The Republican Party platform, which pledged "federal funds in support of state-prepared, state-administered aid plans for private school pupils."

4. The endorsement by the United Methodist church and the United Presbyterian church, USA, of civil disobedience, in extreme cases, as a legitimate method of social reform.

5. The resignation of Dick H. Hall, Jr., as vice-president of Atlanta Baptist college in Georgia to protest a policy change allowing the school to seek and accept Federal funds for construction and equipment.

6. Pennsylvania's new parochial school aid law, which became effective July 1, and permits public funds to be used for the "purchase of services" from any school, "whether public or nonpublic, sectarian or nonsectarian."

7. The hour-long CBS program entitled "The Business of Religion." The program attempted to document, as far as possible, the estimated financial holdings and income of the churches and put the whole issue in the arena of public discussion. Tax-exempt property holdings and business income of churches were prominent in the television documentary.

8. Announcement by the Vatican that it

will pay some tax to the Italian government. Italian Premier Giovanni Leone has pressed for an end to the Vatican's present tax exemption on income from investments in his country.

9. The United States Supreme Court ruling in "Board of Education v. Allen" that a New York law requiring school systems to lend textbooks provided by tax funds to pupils in private schools, upon their individual requests, does not violate constitutional provisions.

10. Reversal by the United States Court of Appeals of a lower court ruling that taxpayers have no legal "standing" to sue for the discontinuance of religious postage stamps. As a result, "Americans United v. Watson, Postmaster," will go back to the courts for arguments. (C/SNS)

Pastor Proposes Study Of National Newspaper

ATLANTA—A Dallas pastor wants Southern Baptists to start a national news publication, and he asked the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here to initiate a study of its feasibility.

Neil T. Jones, pastor of the Shiloh Terrace Baptist church and a member of the Home Mission Board, said he saw a need for a national periodical that would include all of the best features of our leading periodicals.

"Personally, I would like something like *Time* magazine," he said: "But I wouldn't want to prejudice the findings of the committee."

"We have a great story to tell, but we are just telling it in little pockets. There's too much fragmentation in our periodicals."

Presently most agencies of the denomination have one or more publications, many of them with the same target audience in mind. In addition, each state convention has its own weekly newspaper.

"No one is telling the whole story, and too often the periodicals we have give the appearance of cheap tracts. We have professionals with the ability, but we need to create the vehicle," he suggested.

Jones said he realized the project was bigger than the Home Mission Board, "but you have to start somewhere, and this is the only group I'm a member of that counts."

Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge, in commenting on the motion, said that while it would not be the mission agency's place ultimately to implement such action, it could initiate the study.

The motion passed without opposition, but president Don Aderhold of Atlanta did not announce the committee since the action was taken just before adjournment. (BP)

Report Bright on Progress Of Czechoslovakian Baptists

Three world and European Baptist leaders, who made a brief visit to Slovakia, returned encouraged by their contacts with officers and pastors of the Czechoslovakian Baptist Union. They found the conditions in the churches to be "extremely good."

Making the 5-day visit were Josef Nordenhaug, Washington, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; C. Ronald Gaulding, London, associate secretary of BWA and secretary of the European Baptist Federation, and Rudolf Thaut, president of EBF and director of the German Baptist seminary and educational center in Hamburg.

Baptist churches have improved relationships with the government and also a better relationship with the people, was the report. New opportunities for the churches appear to be opening up.

Baptist children can receive religious training at church. A pastor can even use a school building to give religious instruction to children of Baptist families. A youth organization is flourishing.

For the first time in over 20 years, it was noted, chances are bright for constructing new church buildings in Czechoslovakia. In Slovakia alone, there is a hope of five new churches in five years.

Baptist ministers who had once lost the right to preach are able again to fill their pulpits.

The help of Baptists in other European countries will be needed if Czechoslovakian Baptists are to meet their challenge and opportunities, the visiting trio said on their return.

They traveled by air to Vienna and rented an automobile, entering Czechoslovakia just outside the city of Bratislava. They confined their visit to Slovakia. A meeting of the EBF committee to plan a Europeanwide Baptist conference in Vienna in August, 1969 began the day after their return to Vienna.

Goulding spoke to a week-end youth meeting in the Baptist church at Levice. The three spoke at various Sunday worship services.

Pastors of 20 of the 26 churches in the Czechoslovakian Baptist Union were present to meet with Nordenhaug, Goulding, and Thaut. Vaclav Tomes, president of the union, and Stanislav Svec, union secretary, came from Prague to take part in the talks.

A printing of the Bible, intended to serve all Protestant groups, is expected in the coming year.

There are 26 Baptist churches and 100 mission stations in Czechoslovakia, with a total membership of around 4200. (EBPS)

Tennessee News Briefs

Newly-elected officers of Cumberland Association are: **John P. S. Humphrey**, pastor, Hillcrest church, moderator; **Leroy Parks**, of First church, Clarksville, vice-moderator; **Mrs. Helen Tucker**, of New Providence church, clerk and **Virgil Allison**, of Gracey Avenue church, treasurer. **Thurman Fox** is associational missionary.

First church, Cumberland City has called **Charles Hunt** as pastor.

Gracey Avenue church, Cumberland Association, reports 22 professions of faith and three by letter during their recent revival. **Sam Cathey**, of Inkster, Michigan, was the evangelist. **M. L. Arbuckle** is pastor.

Steve Doran has been called as pastor of Mauldraugh Baptist church in Mauldraugh, Ky. He formerly served as pastor of Woodlawn church in Cumberland Association, and is presently enrolled in Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

First church, Charlotte, recently ordained **Thomas Jackson** and **Hulon Tidwell** as deacons.

David Yarbrough, pastor, Excell church, Cumberland Association and president of the Baptist Student Union, Austin Peay State university, has been named to Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities.

Washington Avenue church, Cookeville, recently dedicated their new sanctuary, built at a cost of approximately \$135,000, with a seating capacity of 800. Future plans call for a balcony which will seat 400. The new building features wall to wall carpeting, padded pews and is octagon shaped. The building committee consists of **R. P. Judd**, **Roy Gaw, Jr.**, and **Charlie Vaughn**. **Paul Durham** is pastor.

First church, Donelson, has called **Bill Scudder** as minister of education. He formerly served Forest Hills church, Nashville, in a similar position. **Mrs. Scudder** is the former **Joan Martin** of Nashville. They have four children: **Connie**, 16; **Dianne**, 12; **Amy**, nine and **Howard**, seven. **W. L. Baker** is pastor.

Judy Singleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J. W. Singleton** of Jones Mill, Ark., has been selected by a faculty committee of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, as outstanding student nurse in 1968.



Judy Singleton

The senior student nurse competed with 38 other seniors in her class and will now compete with representatives from other schools of nursing in Memphis on Jan. 15. In addition to a high academic average, she is a member of the glee club, a cheerleader and is current president of the Baptist Memorial Hospital's chapter of the Tennessee Association of Student Nurses.

Grover C. Lee, prominent layman of Cleveland, who served in many statewide capacities, passed away recently. He had served as a member of the Carson-Newman college Advisory Board, East Tennessee Baptist hospital Advisory Board, member of the Christian Business Men's Club, and a charter member of Westwood church, Cleveland. **Jerry Songer**, pastor.

B. Franklin Bates, pastor of Wells Station church, Memphis, for four years, has entered the field of full-time evangelism. Prior to his 12 years in the pastorate, he traveled across America as a Southern Baptist evangelist. The three churches he served as pastor received more than 1800 members by baptism and another 2300 by letter and engaged in major building programs, as well as almost doubling their annual budgets.

Alice Bell church, Knoxville, reports 21 professions of faith, three additions by letter and 76 rededications during their recent revival. Evangelist **David Walker**, of Cleveland, preached and **J. D. Price** of Knoxville, directed the music. **Clell E. Gibson** is pastor.

Gary Aslin has been called as pastor of Chapel Hill church in Beech River Association. He formerly served as pastor of Saltillo church in the same association.

First church, Concord, recently ordained **Larry Triplett**, **Wesley Peters** and **James Otto** as deacons. **Joe Stacker** is pastor.

E. H. McCaleb, pastor of First church, Gainesboro, for 12 years, has retired from the active ministry.

Court Upholds Atheist's Plea For C.O. Status

BALTIMORE—The 1965 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that one need not believe in a Supreme Being to have a faith which would qualify him as a conscientious objector may have successfully withstood its broadest interpretation—at least on lower court levels—when an avowed atheist was declared a conscientious objector by a federal judge here.

District Court Judge Alexander Harvey 2nd held that because Michael H. Schachter believes there is no being "superior to man in the universe," and that killing, therefore, "is a sin no man can endure," he should be reclassified to conscientious objector status by his local draft board in Bethesda, Md., a suburb of Washington, D.C.

The 21-year-old litigant, who has worked as a clerk at the Library of Congress for more than two years, was quoted as saying:

"My faith centers around mankind rather than around God. This does not mean that I am any less religious than a man who believes in God."

The Marylander, who now lives in the District of Columbia, heard Judge Harvey call his beliefs "perverse," but nonetheless the "product of faith," and therefore, by applying the 1965 ruling directly, enough to qualify him as a conscientious objector on religious grounds.

He emphasized that the atheist's viewpoints were not merely an academic belief, but were religious in nature, substituting for "orthodox" beliefs, the criterion for conscientious objector status before the Seeger ruling three years ago.

Schachter had been classified 1-A by the Bethesda board.

Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey said: "This is the first case I know of where a self-avowed atheist was permitted to become a conscientious objector to military service."

The case could have bearing on several other objectors who have been inducted or else await litigation over their draft status. There also is the possibility that the Selective Service Commission might seek further word from the Supreme Court. (RNS)

Valley Grove church, Knoxville, recently called **James R. Ely** as pastor. He formerly served as pastor of Belmont church, Holston Association.

Bangham Heights church, Stone Association, has called **Jack Miller** as pastor. He formerly served as pastor of Oakdale church, Greeneville.

Ralph Duncan is the new pastor of Steven Street church, Stone Association. He came to Tennessee from the pastorate of Providence Baptist church, Bellevue, Ohio.

Home Board Okays \$14.9 Million Budget

ATLANTA—Director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board endorsed a \$14.9 million budget that includes three new urban pilot projects, increased Christian social ministries and money for three nationwide evangelistic telecasts.

Acting in annual fall session here, the 64-member board of directors approved the record budget unanimously after hearing detailed accounts of how the agency's 12 programs of work and service departments would spend the funds.

The budget includes about \$3 million in work directly related to areas of racial tension and poverty, according to executive secretary Arthur B. Rutledge.

This is partially reflected in the \$1.3 million budget for Christian social ministries, which includes Baptist centers, weekday ministries, literacy training, youth and family services and migrant missions.

Most of these ministries relate to disadvantaged areas of the nation's cities, especially inner city situations. A new effort—a church oriented ministry to alcoholics—will get underway in 1969.

Asia Campaigns Precede 1970 Tokyo Congress

Large-scale evangelistic campaigns are being planned by Baptists in more than 14 parts of Asia. They will immediately precede the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo, Japan, July 12-18, 1970.

Many preachers, laymen, and church musicians on their way to the Congress will be participating in the campaigns. Using the theme, "New Life in Jesus Christ," campaigns are being developed in Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Guam, Indonesia, South Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Pakistan, and India.

Baptists in Indonesia have already requested 25 evangelists from South America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and North America to assist in campaigns involving every Indonesian Baptist church.

In Korea, simultaneous evangelistic meetings will be conducted in April and May, 1970. Then in June, special meetings will be held in 20 Korean cities, using preachers, musicians, athletes, businessmen, scientists, and other guests traveling to the Congress.

Plans in all of the countries include concerts by visiting musicians and choirs en route to the Congress, evangelistic rallies in municipal auditoriums that will launch or conclude simultaneous campaigns in the churches, and evangelistic efforts aimed specifically at university students. Use of the mass media is being studied. Millions of Scripture portions and evangelistic and doctrinal tracts will be distributed. (EBPS)

Rutledge, in his annual report to the directors, said 392 mission appointments were made by the agency, 81 of which are full-time career missionaries, 32 of which are young college graduates participating in two-year mission assignments.

The budget this year provides for an increase of about 100 missionary field personnel.

There are about 2260 home missionaries on the field that are at least partially supported by the agency. This does not include 997 Southern Baptist chaplains endorsed by the division of chaplaincy. About 700 of these are military-related, and some 100 are in Vietnam.

Income for the Home Mission Board budget is provided primarily through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

The 1969 breakdown shows nearly \$5 million from the Cooperative Program and about \$5.3 million from the Annie Armstrong Offering, which includes \$500,000

for Project 500, a plan to establish 500 new churches in strategic locations throughout the United States, mostly in dense population areas.

The budget reflects other receipts, such as from books and picture sales, magazine subscriptions, rentals on building space, church loans operations and insurance.

Overall, the net increase over the 1968 budget is about \$600,000.

The missions division, which includes nine of the Home Mission Boards 12 programs of work, will spend about \$9.3 million next year. Within this division, the program of language missions has the largest budget, with an allocation of nearly \$3.4 million.

The Home Mission Board programs are:

Establishing new churches and church-type missions, pioneer missions, rural-urban missions, metropolitan missions, language missions, Christian social ministries, work with National Baptists, work related to non-evangelicals, associational administration services (assists associations of churches in mission work), evangelism development, chaplaincy and church loans. (BP)

Foreign Board Sets Record; 247 New Missionaries in 1968

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, meeting in Richmond, Va., has appointed 21 career missionaries and employed 18 missionary associates, bringing to 247 the number of missionaries given overseas assignments in 1968. This year's figure sets an all-time record, and this is the second consecutive year in which records have been set.

The total Southern Baptist missionary force now stands at 2378 (including 2130 career missionaries and 248 auxiliary personnel).

The board appropriated an additional \$15,000 for the relief of suffering in eastern Nigeria, an area ravaged by civil war for almost two years. With \$35,000 appropriated earlier, the Foreign Mission Board has now provided \$50,000 to help Nigeria's needy.

Other actions by the board include a structural change within the newly created mission support division, transferring the press section of the department of missionary education and promotion to an office of public relations.

The new career missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are: Charles W. Cole and Barbara Norwood Cole, both of Oklahoma, for Indonesia; Donald R. Dolifka, of Colorado, and Mary Alice Dorsey Dolifka, of Texas, for East Africa; Richard B. Grant and Leo Ryden Grant, both of Texas, for South Brazil; Harry J. Harper, Jr., of Maryland, and Donna Compton Harper, of Ohio, for Colombia; Glenn E. Herndon and Pat Vaughters Herndon, both of Georgia, for Colombia; Vivian D. Hold-

er, of Louisiana, for Europe.

Also, Thomas A. Jones, Sr., and Nancy Kirk Jones, both of Georgia, for East Africa; Charles R. Middleton and Glenda Evans Middleton, both of Louisiana, for Malawi; H. Warren Rice, of North Carolina, and Bette Kelley Rice, of Virginia, for Indonesia; John C. Sanderson, of Michigan, and Hannah Trigg Sanderson, of Kentucky, for Trinidad; Darrell W. Wood, of Oklahoma, and Priscilla Kelly Wood, of Missouri, for Hong Kong.

The missionary associates are C. Don Bilbary, of Texas, and Carolyn Boyce Bilbary, of Tennessee, for Middle America and the Caribbean; G. Dale Blackwood, of Oklahoma, and Sue Lakey Blackwood, of Arkansas, for Costa Rica; Herbert T. Blanton, of North Carolina, and Betty Steely Blanton, of Arkansas, for the Bahamas; L. Roy Frierson and Jean Mays Frierson, both of Georgia, for Japan.

Also, W. E. (Bill) Grindstaff and Maxine Carnett Grindstaff, both of Missouri, for Israel; James M. Hill, of Tennessee, and Elinor Easley Hill, of Arkansas, for Kenya; Vernon L. Moore, of Kentucky, and Marion Poor Moore, of New Jersey, for Malaysia; Robert V. Myers, of Washington, D.C., and Jeane Christie Myers, of Arlington, Va., for the Bahamas; Garland M. Threlkeld, of Missouri, and Sally Murphy Threlkeld, of Texas, for Ethiopia.

For the first time the board named missionaries with the specific responsibilities of directing Baptist camps. They are Myers and Sanderson.

Ancient City Ruins Depict Dwellers' Fear

By Gene Jester*

JERUSALEM, Israel—"The people who lived in Ai were afraid."

That was the conclusion of a worker who watched a 4700 year-old city wall slowly emerge from the earth under the archeologist's pick and trowel. Afraid they must have been, because the wall of massive boulders stand flat on bedrock about 25 feet wide and towers nearly 20 feet high.

The story of the city called Ai (which means the Ruin) is written only in the plan of its fortifications and houses. Not one word survives the silence of antiquity for the first 1800 years of its history. Only when the Israelites entered the hill country with Joshua, some 1300 years after the great Early Bronze Age city fell, do we hear of it—and then it is only a small village, built on the ruins of its former glory.

"We discover its story with pick and trowel, not by reading ancient inscriptions," explains Professor Joseph A. Callaway of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, the director of the Joint Archeological Expedition to Ai, now completing its third season of work.

Twenty-five staff members, 12 of them Southern Baptists, spent the summer digging and supervising the work of 135 local workers in excavation at seven sites. The expedition was under the auspices of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

Ai, situated on a hill 2800 feet above sea level, is built down the east slope of the hill like a fortress. Its sanctuary and government buildings rest secure on the highest

part, with terraces sloping down to the East. The city covers 27 acres, almost four times the size of ancient Jericho.

Below the formidable east wall of the city is Wadi (dry valley) Auja winding like a road to the Jordan River, north of Jericho. In ancient times the Wadi Auja was the classic infiltration route into the central hill country of Palestine.

"The almost weekly boom of artillery that echoes up the valley from Jordan reminds one that it still is a place to be guarded. Only six months ago a pitched battle was fought with infiltrators on the north side of the Wadi within three miles of the ancient city," Callaway noted.

This city of fear, struggle and conquest is significant because it holds the secrets of the first organized capture and development of Palestine, some 5000 years ago.

"Our unnamed city, called Ai, was for unknown centuries one of the most important outposts of imperialism of the Egyptians, thought to be the first powers to bring Palestine under organized government control," Callaway stated.

If the ancient stones could talk, he speculated that they would tell stories of local sons led off as slaves to help build the pyramids.

On at least two occasions the Wadi Auja, key to the city's defense, was penetrated and enemies destroyed the city. The first of these was 4500 years ago and came as a surprise to the inhabitants.

In about 1220 B.C. a small village cover-

ing not more than two and one-half acres, was built around the ruins of the acropolis. Callaway claims that this now appears to have been the city of Ai that Joshua and his small army of infiltrators took in ambush, executed in the same Wadi Auja where Joshua's descendants guard around the clock today. (BP)

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Southwestern Seminary Elects Patterson Professor

FORT WORTH—Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary trustees have elected Farrar Patterson as assistant professor of preaching and oral communications.

Patterson, pastor of First Baptist church in Columbus, Tex., will specialize in oral communications as it relates to radio and television.

A native Tennessean, he is a former pastor of Baptist churches in Collierville, Tenn., and Weatherford, Tex., and former Baptist Student Union director and Bible instructor at East Central State college, Ada, Okla.

Patterson is a graduate of Southeastern Bible college, Birmingham; Baylor university, Waco, Tex.; Texas Christian university, Fort Worth, and Southwestern seminary where he earned the doctor of theology degree. (BP)

Thomas Merton Is Dead at 53, Stressed Man's Search for God

BARDSTOWN, Ky.—Trappist Father Thomas Merton, renowned for his many writings on the contemplative life and man's search for God, died in Bangkok, Thailand, at the age of 53.

The death (Dec. 10) of the famed monk, author of the best-selling autobiography, "The Seven Storey Mountain," published in 1948, was announced at the Trappist Abbey of Gethsemani. It was here that he was ordained in 1949 and became known in the Cistercian Order of the Strict Observance as Father Louis.

A spokesman for the abbey said Father Merton, who had gone to Bangkok to attend a congress of Benedictine and Trappist monks convened to study the problems of monasticism in the Far East, had apparently died of shock when an electrical fan toppled over on him. (RNS)

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New Names, Periodicals, Programs For Baptist Women Are Revealed

NASHVILLE—New Organization names, new periodicals, and new programs were approved by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) Executive Board meeting here following sessions of the Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference.

The action gives new names for the current WMU age divisions of Woman's Missionary Societies, the Young Women's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, and Sunbeam Bands.

The new names beginning in October, 1970, will be:

- Baptist Women (adult division, ages 18 and up)
- Baptist Young Women (ages 18-29 in the adult division)
- Acteens (youth division, ages 12-17)
- Girls in Action (children's division, ages 6-11)
- Missions Friends (preschool division, birth through age five).

The name changes resulted from a WMU decision to cooperate with the all-program grouping-grading plan suggested for use in churches beginning in October, 1970.

The four basic age divisions suggested in the plan differ from the four current WMU age-level organizations which grew into existence at different times in the 80-year history of WMU. Promotion of the new names will be launched at the WMU annual meeting June 9-10 in New Orleans.

"We feel that brand-new names will reflect the new age groupings and fresh spirit of Woman's Missionary Union in the 70's," said Mrs. R. L. Mathis, promotion division director for WMU.

"An advisory committee of the Executive Board and the staff of WMU, studied possible designations for the new age divisions for nearly a year. It was not easy to give up names that have served us well for many years, but we feel that the new names will eliminate some communications problems that have plagued us in the past," she said.

"For example, Woman's Missionary Society (the adult organization) has always been confused with Woman's Missionary Union (the over-all organization). The name Baptist Women eliminates that confusion. It also fits favorably with the name of the adult division in Brotherhood—Baptist Men," said Mrs. Mathis.

She pointed out features of other names. "Acteens has a ring that will appeal to today's young people. The name suggests the action-oriented approach of the organization," Mrs. Mathis said.

"The name Girls in Action retains the popular GA initials of Girls' Auxiliary but brings in a word that more clearly reflects the purpose of the organization," Mrs. Mathis said.

Mrs. Mathis explained that the Executive Board had wanted to change the name of Sunbeam Band for several years, feeling that the name had lost significance. The board held its action until the grouping-grading plan was approved. "The name Missions Friends reveals both the purpose of the program for preschoolers as well as the immediate concerns of young children," she said.

The board also voted new periodicals to support the 70's organization plan of WMU. Instead of four magazines cur-

rently published, there will be seven.

A general magazine for WMU officers will be called "Dimension." The reading magazine for Baptist Women will be "Royal Service", retaining the name of the adult magazine currently mailed to 450,000 subscribers.

Contempo is the name of a new magazine for Baptist Young Women.

The children's division will have both a leader and a member periodical. Leaders will subscribe to *Aware*, while girls will subscribe to *Discovery*.

The preschool division periodical, aimed only at leaders, will be called *Start*.

The grouping-grading plan also required changes in program design, according to Mrs. Mathis. The Executive Board approved the WMU Program Base for the 1970's—a complete statement of the plan of organization, study, and action for all ages.

"Because we began a new organization plan last October we did not need to make drastic changes in our program design for the 70's," Mrs. Mathis said. **"We reshaped only those points influenced by the grouping-grading plan, and smoothed out rough places which experience has revealed in the plan for WMU '68."**

New features in the 1970's include a restatement of WMU tasks; addition of a missions support chairman for Baptist women; and special approaches for young women in the adult division.

The board also approved individual achievement plans for Acteens and Girls in Action. The plans replace Forward Steps, which were a feature of Girls' Auxiliary. The Acteen individual achievement plan will be called *Studiact*, and the GA plan will be called *Missions Adventures*.

In other business, the board approved by-laws for presentation at the annual meeting. Plans for transfer of missions education of six-, seven-, and eight-year-old boys to Brotherhood were introduced at a joint WMU-Brotherhood meeting. The transfer is another change brought on by the grouping-grading plan. (BP)

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Disciples Leader Hits Attacks On Church As "Monotonous"

ST. LOUIS—Condemnation of the institutional church is becoming "monotonous," a high-ranking executive of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) complained here.

Dr. M. Maurice Grove, president of the Disciples' Conference of State and Area Secretaries and Board Chairman, said criticism and study of the church is all right—but not condemnation.

Grove, a resident of Jackson, Miss., and executive secretary of that state's Disciples organization, countered criticisms that the church is irrelevant because it is not out among the people by observing that the church "has been and is among the people most of the time—in the homes and markets, offices and schools, farms and factories."

"In spite of the criticism," he told a meeting of regional executives, "(the church) has been quietly and faithfully, sometimes anonymously, at work influencing benevolently, by a multitude of means, the structures around her."

He argued that while the church hasn't always been the "salt of the earth," the good that has been accomplished over the centuries "is not the work of the atheists." (RNS)

SBC Membership Estimated At 11.3 Million in 1968

NASHVILLE—Statistical projections based on an early profile analysis indicate that 1968 Southern Baptist Convention church membership will be 11.3 million, Southern Baptist leaders were told here.

The statistical projection was based on the first 25,368 church letters received and processed by the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

If the unofficial projections are correct, church membership would have increased about 180,800 over the 1967 total church membership.

Possible decreases were projected, however, in Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union enrolments, and also in the number of baptisms compared to 1967. An increase was projected in music ministry enrolments.

"The churches involved in this estimate are not completely representative of all Southern Baptist churches—some church size categories and state conventions are over represented due in part to the sequence of associational meetings," said Martin Bradley, secretary of the research and statistics department.

"However," Bradley said, "in arriving at the projections, statistical adjustments were made to effect proportionate representation of churches according to size and location."

"For instance, most meetings in Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri are held in August or September. In a number of other states, meetings are held during the middle and latter part of October. Receipt of church letters is closely related in time to the associational meetings.

The estimate disclosed a possible decline

in number of baptisms from 378,937 to 370,726. This would be a decrease of 8211 from the 1967 total.

The system of reporting Training Union enrolments was changed this year, but the ongoing Training Union enrolment for 1968 was projected to be 2,451,914 compared to 2,514,165 in 1967, a decrease of 62,251. The new system of reporting will be further explained when final figures are released in February.

Sunday School enrolment was projected as 7,532,215 in 1968, a possible decrease of 46,888.

Woman's Missionary Union enrolments were projected to total 1,401,244 for 1968, an estimated decrease of 43,220.

Brotherhood, the men's and boys' mission education organization, was projected to decrease by 7881 with a total possible enrolment of 449,889 for 1968.

Music ministry continued upward with an estimated total enrolment of 1,038,612, a projected increase of 19,482.

Total mission gifts were projected to be \$129,697,138 for 1968, a projected increase of \$9,242,269.

Final statistics based on church letters from more than 34,000 SBC churches will be released by the research and statistics department in February.

The preliminary statistical projections were released here during sessions of the Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference. (BP)

Pastors Will Attend Annuity Board Meeting

Three Tennessee pastors, trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, will represent Tennessee Baptists at the 51st meeting of the board in Dallas, Tex., Jan. 28-29.

According to R. Alton Reed, the three, Carl B. Allen, pastor, First church, Hohenwald; David Q. Byrd, pastor, West Jackson church, Jackson and A. D. Foreman, Jr., pastor, Temple church, Memphis, will join others in studying the board's program to determine if plans should be changed, added or dropped and to determine the total audience the board needs to serve and the most effective method of serving it.

Queen To Attend Assembly Of Scots Presbyterians

LONDON—Queen Elizabeth will attend next year's full business session of the (Presbyterian) Church of Scotland—the first Sovereign to do so in almost four centuries. The last visit by a Sovereign was well before the union of the Crowns of England and Scotland in 1603. (RNS)

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Baptist Student Work Is Begun On Troubled Frisco Campus

SAN FRANCISCO—While S. I. Hayakawa, acting president and general semantics scholar, tries to quell student uprising on the campus of San Francisco State college, Southern Baptists have begun a student program designed to be an influence for Christ on the troubled campus.

"We have begun our program with a nucleus of 14 students, and although small, this group is slowly gathering more prospects who are interested in a Baptist campus ministry," said Kenneth Schmidt, a student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and acting student work director at San Francisco State.

"There are over 20,000 students at San Francisco State. Our plans are to create a coffee house ministry in order to expand dialogue sessions.

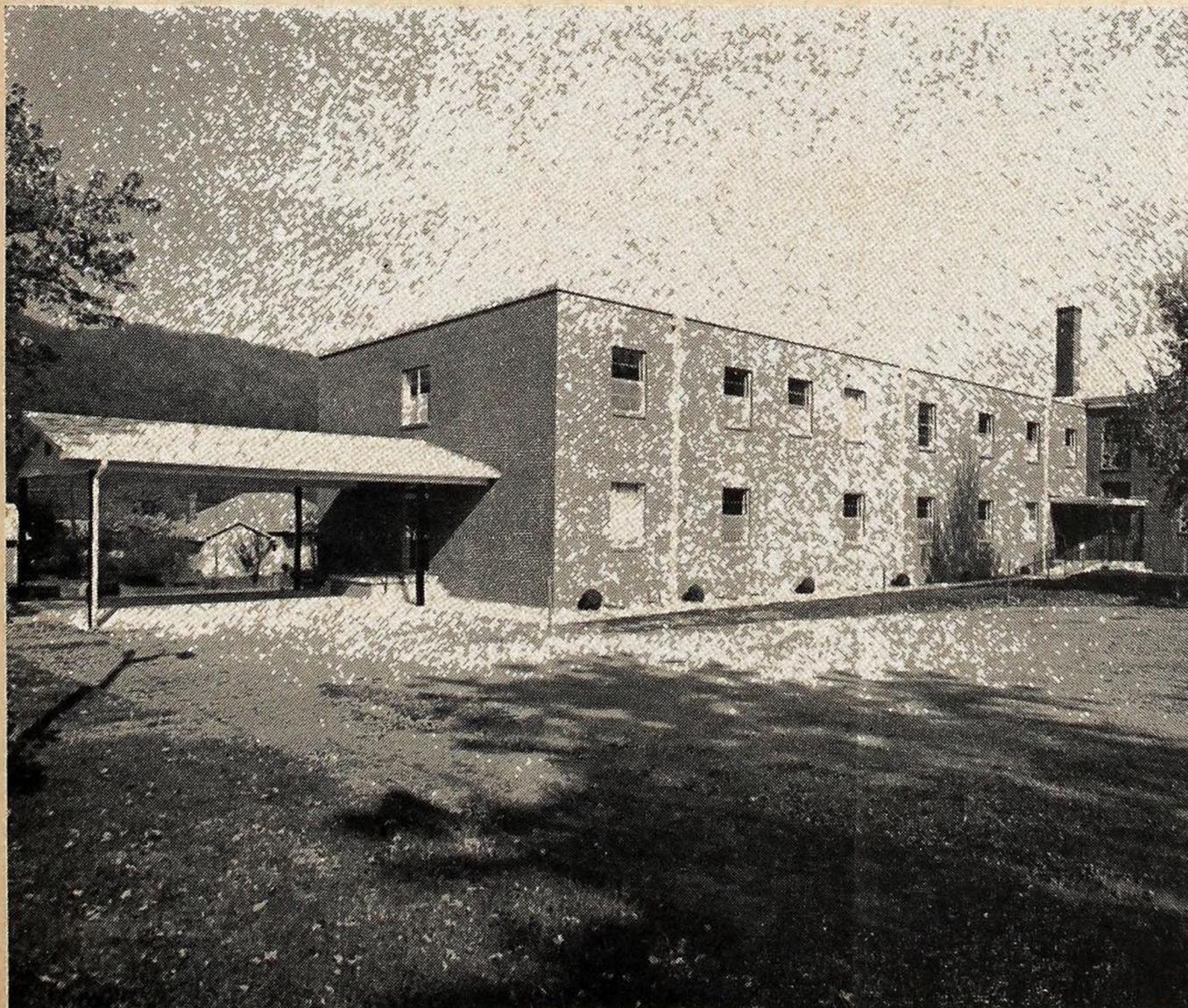
"The dialogue sessions have been held with students seeking the social reforms. This helps us get an overall understanding of the campus situation," Schmidt added.

Abraham Thomas, an Indian student at Golden Gate seminary, has begun work with international students at San Francisco State. Other Golden Gate seminarians have volunteered for a visitation ministry.

"We visit each Monday evening through the seminary field work class. Working with Miss Eva Marie Kennard, director of international student work in the San Francisco area, our students visit on several campuses including San Francisco State and also the University of California at Berkeley," said Francis M. DuBose, missions and evangelism professor at Golden Gate seminary.

The student program is not called Baptist Student Union (BSU) but rather Baptist campus fellowship. The initials B.S.U., which have appeared so often in the news, also stand for Black Student Union, which is a part of the radical movement on the San Francisco State campus.

As the quest for student reforms is worked out between Hayakawa, his college administration and the students of San Francisco State college, a Baptist student work program is quietly becoming a reality (BP)



Ninth Street Baptist church, Erwin, has dedicated their three-story, fire-proof educational building. It provides space for offices, adult, young adult, primary and nursery departments. The basement has recreational facilities with a fireplace and serving facilities. The church property is now valued at \$250,000. **A. Graham Brooks** is pastor.

Sermon Contest Slated On 1969-70 SBC Theme

NASHVILLE—A committee of the Southern Baptist Convention Inter-Agency Council has announced plans for a contest for the best sermon on the 1969-70 SBC theme, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Belief and Relevance."

The contest will be open to any Southern Baptist "sermonizer or would-be sermonizer", including both ministers and laymen. Deadline for entry is Mar. 31, 1969.

First place award in the contest will be \$150. Second place wins \$100, and third merits \$50. Five honorable mention awards are slated at \$25 each.

Purpose of the contest, according to a three-man subcommittee of the SBC 70 Onward Committee is to "encourage the widest possible concern about the significant implications of the theme, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Belief and Relevance."

Sermons should be 1500 to 2000 words in length, including outlines incorporated into the written material.

Decision concerning awards will be made at the time of the 1969 Southern Baptist Convention.

Entries should be typed, double spaced on 8½ x 11 white paper, and mailed to the 70 Onward Committee, Room 104, 460 James Robertson Pky., Nashville, Tenn. 37219. (BP)

University Offers B.A. In Study of Religion

MANCHESTER, England—A new honors degree of Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies, described as the first of its kind offered by a British university, has been approved by Manchester university.

It was announced that the new degree has been established because of the demand from students entering teaching and from school teachers. Said Professor S. G. F. Brandon, dean of the Faculty of Theology and professor of comparative religion:

"This reflects a trend which has grown since the war in the study of religion. Previously, degrees in theology were taken by ministers of religion as part of their professional training. In recent years there has been a general appreciation of religion as a field within the study of humanities, representing phases in human thought and behavior as much as politics.

"We have had an increasing number of students, who are not theological students, taking courses in comparative religion. Many of them, entering teaching, know that many students are not only interested in Christianity, but the other leading religions of the world." (RNS)

GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE OF REDEMPTION

Basic Passages: Genesis 12:1-4; Isaiah 45:22; 53:2-12; 56:1-8

Focal Passages: Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 45:22; 53:4-6; 56:1-8

The biblical basis for mission in the Old Testament will be the basis of the first four lessons in the coming year. It will be very evident that God had all people in mind when He seemed to be so occupied with creating, training, and discipling the Jewish people.

Our subject could be entitled "God's Eternal Purpose of Redemption For All Peoples." It may surprise some that the redemptive purpose of God is set forth so unmistakably in the Old Testament and that very early.

With the Old Testament revelation before him and the Holy Spirit leading him Paul gives us an interpretation describing God's redemptive purpose and program for mankind. This is clearly set forth in Acts 17, particularly in Verses 26-28. "He created every race of men of one stock to inhabit the whole earth's surface, fixed the epochs of their history and the limits of their territory. They were to seek God, and it might be, touch and find Him, though indeed he is not far from each one of us, for in him we live and move and in him we exist; as some of your poets have said, we are also his offspring." (New English Translation.)

In creation, history and the incarnation we see God moving toward the redemption of all things lost in the fall particularly a people selected from the entire population of the earth for His name.

Creating A People For Redemptive Purpose—Genesis 12:1-3

Abram was called from his father's family and all kindred, save his own immediate family, into a totally new human environment. He was asked to go to a wholly strange land. It was for the purpose of creating a new separate and distinct people. God promised to bless Abram and make him a blessing in so doing.

A unique blessing and curse were related to the treatment of Abram and his seed. History confirms the validity and vitality of this unusual covenant. Observe the lot of the nations that have been kind and unkind to the Jews politically.

God promised that through Abram's seed all the families of the earth should be blessed. This refers to a redemptive blessing. It is quite evident from the very beginning that God did not mean to make Israel His darling for her sake but had in mind all mankind in her very creation and special favor.

An Old Testament World-Wide Invitation—Isaiah 45:22

Jehovah called on the very ends of the earth to look to Him for salvation. God has ever loved all of the human race. When He was giving His oracles to Israel He would frequently break out with a message and call to all men everywhere. He did not wait till He had culminated His plan in the New Testament.

This outgoing compassion for all mankind should wield a powerful influence on all our thinking and plans. We recall an observation made by a fellow minister when we first saw Jaffa or ancient Joppa. He said, "This town reminds me of its association with two men who were changed from opposing foreign missions, one in the Old Testament and the other in the New Testament era. I refer to Jonah and Peter."

The Redemptive Gospel For All—Isaiah 53:4-6

A substitutionary redeemer has undertaken for all mankind a saving suffering. Our behavior has made this necessary and imperative. All of us have strayed away like sheep.

This is no abstract or arbitrary theory. Some of us who have accepted completely the finished work of Christ as our hope have found peace and healing.

A sinner has to have a savior. He cannot save himself. One who has no sin who needs no savior must do something for us which we cannot do for ourselves.

God's Redemption Gives Meaningfulness To All—Isaiah 56:1-8

There is a promise of good things to come for all who will be true to God and the truth made known. The stranger, eunuch, and any others who are at any disadvantage can qualify for a full measure of divine favor.

God is going to reveal a way of salvation and deliverance. Those who like Cornelius follow the light they have, will be given all the light necessary to be saved. Salvation based on God's redeeming grace will be manifested. Yes, He will gather the "nobodys" into His fold and make them "somebods."

We have observed people of great ability, culture and wealth seek out and persistently endeavor to win those greatly retarded and underprivileged. These very acts of unselfish love gave those whom they sought to win a

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Pupil Performance Found Better in Small Classes

New study findings emphasizing the effectiveness of small school classes have been released here by Orlando F. Furno, director of research, Baltimore School System, and George J. Collins, Massachusetts State Dept. of Education.

A 6-year follow-up study has shown that "regardless of whether a student is white or nonwhite, from a high or low socio-economic level, has a high or low IQ, the chances are decidedly greater that he will learn more if he is in a small rather than in a large class," their report concluded.

While every child in every situation benefited from being in a small class—25 pupils or under—"the advantages were considerably more productive for nonwhite than for white pupils," according to study results.

Pupil performance is better in small classes even when the classroom environment is better in a larger class, the study showed.

Former Chattanooga Pastor, Dr. Huff, Is Dead

Dr. John A. Huff, 81, pastor of First church, Chattanooga, for more than a decade and founder of the Radio Pulpit Foundation, Inc., has died in Chattanooga.

A native of Colbert County, Ala., and at one time a student at Howard college, Birmingham, he began his ministry in the First Baptist church of Bridgeport, Alabama.

Other pastorates include: First church, Kingfisher, Okla., Olivet church, Oklahoma City, and First church, New Orleans, a pastorate he held for 11 years before going to Chattanooga.

When he found that children were being put in jail with hardened criminals, Dr. Huff started a movement which resulted in the establishment of the juvenile court and detention home in Chattanooga.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Gertrude B. Huff, he is survived by a daughter, a sister and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Brainerd church, Chattanooga, with pastor J. Ralph McIntyre officiating.

sense of significance in the sight of God. Above all God's sovereign, saving grace gave them real meaning. He considers any soul superior to any and all material values.

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

From the pages of the **Baptist And Reflector**: "Tennessee Baptists are facing such an issue as they have never faced—the drive for \$300,000 for their colleges. Should they succeed, it will be the greatest step that was ever taken for Baptist education in the South; should it fail, they will feel the withering effects of it for many years."

20 YEARS AGO

Reporting from a personal study of Baptist trends, Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor, Druid Hills Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga., indicated a danger reflected in the heavy indebtedness incurred throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Newton pointed out that one state convention alone was indebted \$1,000,000.

10 YEARS AGO

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va., told the board in its annual meeting that "1958 has been the best in the history of Southern Baptist foreign mission work." The 24 missionaries appointed during the meeting brought the total under appointment to 137. A comparison of cash income for Jan.-Nov., 1958 with the same period in 1957, revealed a 13.02 per cent increase.

Carson-Newman's Annual Forensic Events Scheduled

Gatlinburg, Tenn., will be the scene of one of the South's largest high school debate tournaments in March.

Eugene Mathis, director of Forensics at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, has announced that the annual C-N Smoky Mountain Forensics Tournament has been scheduled for Mar. 7 and 8.

More than 300 high school debaters from eight southeastern states are expected to participate in the two-day schedule of forensic events which will include debate, original oratory, extemporaneous speaking, and oral interpretation. Awards totaling approximately \$350 will be given. The Edgewater and River Terrace Motels will be tournament headquarters.

Inquiries about the tournament should be made to Mathis.

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Standing on the threshold of a new year has always presented a challenge to me. I have witnessed the coming in of each new year since 1926 without missing one. Each year I try to make it a meaningful experience in my life. In a way, each day begins a new year, but the beginning of a new calendar year presents some challenges which one ought to evaluate.



Dr. Kendall

The new year has been compared to many things. It has been likened to an unwritten page. Some have thought of it as an open door or the sailing on an uncharted sea. All of these ideas are but an attempt to say

that we face a future which is unknown.

The new year makes us conscious of time and its value. It makes us realize that time is related to life because we live through each day and each hour. It is the events of life that makes each day so important. One of the poets wanted a "land of beginning again." So many become conscious of past failures and to time which is filled with the wrong events and acts. Paul speaks of "redeeming the time because the days are evil." The new year is an opportunity to face life and to begin again.

The resolutions many make at the new year are attempts to begin again or to add improvements and to make amends for past failures and mistakes. This is always commendable. For the Christian it ought to be a time of real heart searching and a fuller commitment to Christ. His resolution ought to lead to fuller obedience to the will of Christ.

The new year is an adventure in faith. In God we "move and live and have our being." He is the sustainer through each day and month. It is to commit the year to him and to seek to follow where he leads. One who approaches the new year in faith will have the spirit of surrender into his purpose and care. Paul reached such a mature faith with the assurance that whether he lived or died he was still the Lord's. That ought to be our spirit as we seek to live each new day with Him.

As we look toward 1969, let us pray that it may be a great year of spiritual revival and renewal. Everywhere there is growing evidence of spiritual crises and of dangerous trends which will bring greater problems and woe unless solutions are found. Our greatest need is a great return to God and the Bible.

Let us make this a year of united prayer. From this very first day will you join us in

"Lifer" In Prison Designs Church For Missionary

WRENTHAM, Mass.—A 29-year-old inmate serving a life sentence at Walpole State Prison has provided Father John Roche with the perfect answer to a church-building problem facing the priest on his return to a mission assignment.

Bob Carney has designed for the Columban Fathers' missionary a build-it-yourself church which meets exactly the liturgical decrees of the Second Vatican Council.

Father Roche has been serving as an assistant at St. Mary's Catholic church here while home after 10 years' missionary work in Korea. The 39-year-old priest is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Roche of Roslindale, a suburb of Boston.

Also stationed at St. Mary's is Father John J. Foley, chaplain at the state prison. He invited Father Roche to visit the institution to say Mass in the prison chapel.

"I had some misgivings," Father Roche said, "which increased as I passed through the labyrinth of clanging steel doors and bars at Walpole. But my nervousness gave way to wonder as I entered the chapel."

When the missionary priest met the designer of the chapel later that day, he mentioned that there was a great need for functional economical churches in Korea. Without hesitating, inmate Carney offered to design one.

In a period of six months, the prisoner, held in the maximum security section, had drawn up detailed plans and built a scale model of the circular chapel. Father Roche had high praise for the work of the man who learned his architectural design during the 12 years he has been confined at Walpole.

"Bob has done a remarkable job," he said. "Every beam and section of the chapel has its own separate drawing, and the model shows the exacting work of a craftsman. The design captures the spirit of the country, and it's something a missionary and his congregation can build together."

"In a war-scourged land like Korea, many churches have been reduced to rubble. Bob Carney's chapel can become an experience of faith for those who help build it and use it. Also, this rehabilitation of the Church will reflect the rehabilitation of the man who designed it, and his honest effort to make a useful contribution to his fellow man." (RNS)

praying for revival and for a great spiritual renewal of God's people during the coming months. May each of you readers have a great new year and may it truly be an open door to a great year for the glory of Christ in your life and in your home, and in your church.

Training Sessions Are Scheduled For Associational Leadership

The Sunday School, Training Union and Church Music Departments of the Tennessee Baptist Convention are sponsoring jointly regional banquets and conferences for all associational officers, particularly those representing these three phases of work, covering a two-week schedule beginning January 27 and concluding on February 7.

This year the associational missionaries are invited to attend the conferences of the Sunday School Department.

The banquets will begin at 6:30 p.m. each evening, followed by conferences for the various age group workers.

The first week of meetings, to be held in January is scheduled as follows: First church, Brownsville, Jan. 27; Woodmont church, Nashville, Jan. 28; First church, Columbia, Jan. 30 and First church, Trenton, Jan. 31.

The second week of meetings, to be held in February is scheduled as follows: First church, Cookeville, Feb. 3; Brainerd church, Chattanooga, Feb. 4; First church, Greenville, Feb. 6, and Wallace Memorial church, Knoxville, Feb. 7.

The Sunday School Department conferences and faculty for the first week are: Adult, Marlan Seward, minister of education, First church, Clinton; Young People, Mrs. Wendell Price, State Youth consultant, Nashville; Intermediate, Miss Lyn Brasfield, Sunday School Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention; Junior, Miss Beverly Dietzschold, Children's director, Central church, Chattanooga, also Primary, Leon Castle, assistant pastor and minister of education, Lynn Garden church, Kingsport; Beginner, Miss Kathryn Price, director of pre-school children, Bellevue church, Memphis; Nursery, Mrs. S. C. Wyatt, Sr., Nursery Department superintendent, Calvary church, Jackson and General Officers, Wendell Price, acting secretary, Sunday School Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

According to Price, the 75 minutes devoted to conference time helps officers explore their duties, resources and helps, new materials, get manuals for the year and enjoy Christian fellowship.

The Training Union Department will involve the same conference leaders for both weeks. Charles L. Norton, Department secretary, will lead a conference for the Training Union Directors. Associates in the Department and their conference groups are: Johnnie Hall, Adults; Miss Mary Anderson, Young People; Miss Mary Allen, Intermediates; Mrs. Helen Kennedy, Juniors and Mrs. Jesse Meek, Nursery, Beginner and Primary.

According to Norton, the purpose of the Training Union conferences is to give associational officers the latest information and train them for their responsibilities within the association for the year 1969.

According to Frank G. Charton, secretary, Church Music Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, the music phase of the

meetings will include choral reading sessions scheduled at 3 p.m. just prior to four of the banquets, held at Brownsville, Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville.

Both the materials and leadership for these three-hour periods of sight reading new evangelistic music will be provided by the Baptist Sunday School Board. Clifford Holcomb, of the board's Church Music Department, will be present for the meetings of associational officers following the banquet at all eight locations.

The second week faculty for the Sunday School age group conferences includes: Adult Workers, O. M. Dangeau, pastor, First church, McKenzie; Young People Workers, Mrs. D. Lewis White, teacher of youth, First church, Nashville; Intermediates Workers, Miss Lyn Brasfield. Also Junior Workers, Mrs. Ralph Johnson, Junior superintendent, First church, Nashville; Primary Workers, Mrs. John Turner, Primary Department superintendent, Bellevue church, Memphis; Beginner Workers, Mrs. Walter Nash, of Signal Mountain church, Chattanooga; Nursery Workers, Mrs. W. L. Howse, Immanuel church, Nashville, and General Officers, led by Wendell Price.

According to Price, the officers will receive an Associational Manual for 1969, explore new materials, find conference resources, and specific guidance for the age groups.

Kentucky Upholds Shared-Time In Louisville, Bardstown

FRANKFORT, Ky.—Attorney General John B. Breckinridge of Kentucky has advised that the shared-time programs involving Roman Catholic and public schools in Louisville and nearby Bardstown are legal under state law.

The opinion, which does not have the force of law, was issued in a letter sent to Wendell P. Butler, state superintendent of public instruction.

Butler sought the opinion after receiving letters from Louisville and Bardstown school superintendents explaining in detail how their shared-time plans work.

In both programs, public school teachers instruct parochial students in classrooms which the public school systems rent from Catholic schools.

New Books

A Quest for Reformation in Preaching; H. C. Brown, Jr., Word Books, \$5.95; The author points out that reformation in preaching must come and can do so through: the will of God; the spiritual fitness of ministers; the spiritual hunger of God's people and the homiletical or preaching fitness of the men in the ministry.

Down A Dark Road; Sallie Lee Bell, Zondervan, \$2.95; This novel is the story of Randy West, a member of a folk singing group who began running from the law, only to find that more than anything, he was running from himself, and realized that it was impossible to escape his own identity.

Then Sings My Soul; George Beverly Shea with Fred Bauer, Fleming H. Revell Company, \$3.95; "It is my prayer that **Then Sings My Soul** will be an inspiration and blessing to thousands of people who have an opportunity to glimpse the real George Beverly Shea, whom I have known and love so long."—(Billy Graham)

Junior Object Sermons; Jacob J. Sessler, Baker Book House, \$1.50; The author takes familiar objects such as a clock, potato, lily, corn, etc., and transmits moral and spiritual truths.

Twenty-four Planned Services for Installations, Dedications, and Devotions; Oleta R. McCandless, Baker Book House, \$1.95; In addition to installation services for officers for Sunday Schools and other church groups, this book presents six brief talks suitable for dedication services for elected group leaders.

Southern Baptists and Federal Aid; Loyed R. Simmons, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, \$1.25; "Dr. Simmons has made a fine contribution in a field where there is wide difference of opinion and growing confusion. He has carefully documented the historical and Biblical background of the doctrine of separation of church and state, has reviewed the present situation with its many involvements and has frankly pictured the dilemma in which church-related schools and colleges find themselves now."—(K. Owen White)

Sermon Seeds; Alexander Maclaren, Charles H. Spurgeon, and Others, Baker Book House, \$1.00; "This book is intended to serve a double purpose: (1) to focus the attention on a timely and worthy text and subject, and (2) to reveal some facet of a text or passage which might otherwise go unnoticed."—(The Publishers)