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# Scientist, Negro Legislator Key WMU Convention Speakers

HOUSTON (BP)—A scientist who coined the word "theonetics" meaning the study of God in change, and a physician who crashed race and sex barriers to be seated in the Tennessee legislature, will be the major speakers at the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Convention here June 3-4.

The headline speakers are Edward B. Lindaman, a manager of Apollo programs at North American Aviation, Inc., in California, and Dr. Dorothy Brown, the first Negro woman legislator at the Tennessee Capitol in Nashville.

The list of speakers, and the theme, "Hope of the World", were announced by Mrs. Robert Fling of Cleburne, Tex., president of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary.

The women's convention meets Monday morning, June 3, through Tuesday afternoon, June 4, at the Civic Center Music Hall adjacent to the Sam Houston Memorial Coliseum where the Southern Baptist Convention meets June 4-7.

The opening session bridges between the 1968 denominational emphasis on ministry and the upcoming year of world missions and evangelism, said Mrs. Fling.

Mrs. Robert Brannon, housewife from



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#### FRONT COVER PICTURE

At the request of the Liaison Committee that a picture of the Editor be on the cover of this issue, Editor Owen is shown recently adding the seventeenth bound volume, containing 1967 issues of the Baptist and Reflector, to the pile of annual bound volumes of the issues he has edited since September 1950, when he began his work with the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Freeport, Tex., will tell the story of her volunteer ministry to victims of the Alaska flood. Charles McLaughlin, secretary of the Texas Baptist State Missions Commission, Dallas, will describe ministries during Hurricane Beulah. These two speakers will be backdropped by flashing news photographs of the disaster areas.

A prologue to 1969 will be a report on the use of the birthplace of modern missions pioneer Luther Rice as a Southern Baptist church site. Wendell Belew, secretary for pioneer missions at the SBC Home Mission Board, will also report on other home missions work through Project 500, a plan to establish 500 new churches and church-type missions in strategic locations.

The Monday afternoon session focuses on retired missionaries. John A. Abernathy, Hot Springs, Ark., emeritus missionary to China and Korea and current second vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be song leader.

Other missionaries will deliver testimonies on the theme, "Underneath Are the Everlasting Arms." They are Miss Lucy Wright, China and Korea, currently of Greenville, S. C.; Miss Blanche Groves, China, Hawaii, and Hong Kong, currently of Bridgeport, Tex.; I. N. Patterson, Nigeria, currently of Wake Forest, N.C.; and Mrs. Helen Bagby Harrison, Brazil, currently of Waco, Tex.

Jesse Fletcher, missionary personnel secretary for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will speak on "A Continued Story."

Lindaman will speak during the Monday evening session. Past national president of United Presbyterian Men, he has urged dialogue between church leaders and changemakers of the nation in Theonetics Symposiums.

With a background of 20 major addresses during the past year on the significance of technological advances, he will address the WMU audience on the subject, "In an Age Without Precedent."

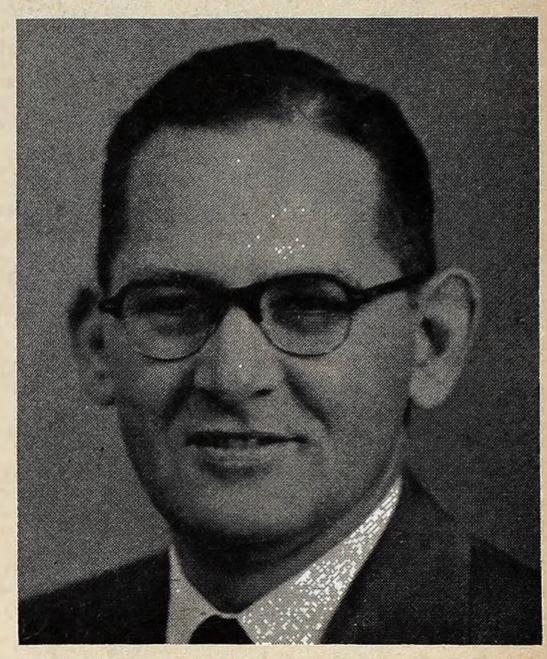
Tuesday morning's session will present women exclusively, emphasizing the role of women in the 1970's.

Dr. Dorothy Brown's address, "A Dream in My Heart," will reveal how she conquered poverty and prejudice to become professor of surgery at Meharry Medical College and chief of surgery at Riverside Hospital, Nashville.

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Devotional

# God's Love Is Beyond Limits



By Hobart B. Ford, Judson Memorial Church, Nashville

"This world of Living Things" by Paul Howes, draws a striking parallel between those scientists who insist that Science has resolved most of life's mysteries and those scientists who admit "Our knowledge is a drop; our ignorance is a sea."

Our ignorance of God's nature and His intentions for man is abundant, and our knowledge of such will always be incomplete. But of this we may speak with quite a bit of humble certainty: "God is love, and whoever lives in love lives in Him. This is the purpose of love". I John 4:16 (Good News For Modern Man) God exists because He is Love. Man exists because he is loved. Man exists to love. Understanding and accepting God (Who is Love) expresses our faith and love to Him. Jesus said man's whole purpose on earth was "to love God with all of one's being and to love one's neighbor as one's self. This is the law and prophets".

Could it be possible that we are so busy "courting our doubts that we escape our responsibilities?" There is no fear in love and since God is love, perfect love casts out all fear. Had young David courted his fears he never would have encountered Goliath. His strength came from in-dwelling love, and the absence of fear. Joseph refused to court his fears when his brothers cast him into a pit, and when he was sold as a slave and imprisoned. His faith did not know, when, but it taught him why he would be victorious. This was true of the early disciples. They so loved Jesus, who had taught them that God had worked for them through Him, that they took no

# Home Mission Board Votes Building, Ghetto Priority

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will move this summer to a new, larger building to keep pace with a staff that has grown from 40 to 78.

The board of directors, acting in annual spring session here, approved a recommendation that the mission agency lease a near-completed seven-story building on the fringe of downtown Atlanta.

Representatives of the Home Mission Board and the builders have agreed to a 10-year lease, with option to purchase in three years for about \$1.8 million.

In other action, the 64-member board of directors approved the addition of two new staff members in the church loans division, voted funds for Bible distribution through the agency's 12 programs of work and endorsed a resolution that pledged renewed efforts in the nation's strife-torn inner cities.

Responding to the President's Commission on Civil Disorders report calling for mammoth efforts in big-city ghettoes, a Christian social ministries subcommittee urged the agency to channel every possible ministry into the troubled areas of metropolitan America.

The report, which was approved unanimously, read in part:

"No mammoth venture of the Crusade of the Americas nor of Project 500 can atone for our unwillingness or inability to be alerted sufficiently, distressed or repentant to relate redemptively to these hundreds of thousands of our neighbors who are all but bereft of human dignity and hope."

Edwin Perry, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., said the report was not intended to squelch activity in the two projects, but to say "that we can't do one and ignore the other."

time to "court their fears and escape their responsibility". They simply said "we are witnesses of these things", and expressed their love.

"Under His control all the different parts of the body fit together", Eph. 4:16. Courting your doubts to escape your responsibilities will degrade life as well as disgrace God. In 404 A.D. "Fighting with the sword" as gladiators, was outlawed in Rome, through pressure of Christians upon the Emperor Honorius. This was in response to young Telemachus, who as a Christian had entered the Coliseum to plead with the bloody gladiators to cease their murder and destruction of human life. Young Telemachus did not "court his fears nor escape his responsibilities." "God is love . . . this is the purpose of love" John 4:15-16.

"God will not hold us guiltless," he said, "if we don't make some attempts out of the ordinary to deal with this critical problem."

The subcommittee's recommendations did not include a request for special appropriations, but urged that current programs be focused on urban centers, with particular regard to Baptist centers—mission points often placed in inner-city areas and that major on providing weekday activities.

One recommendation urged immediate communication "with all persons and responsible groups at the local level, with the immediate purpose of preventing needless hurt, bloodshed, loss of property, and further agony of many thousands of persons."

Current program budgets include more than \$1 million to be spent in inner-city areas.

The directors also voted \$8,500 for the purchase of 40,000 copies of the Good News for Modern Man translation of the New Testament, which will be distributed through the agency's programs of work.

L. O. Griffith, director of the communication division, said this action marked the beginning of a plan through which program leaders will utilize portions of scripture designed for special use by the American Bible Society, such as one being prepared now specifically for inner-city work.

"We do not have the imaginations to conceive what would happen if all of us put forth the faith and effort to use the Word of God with all the people we minister to," Griffith told the board members.

"Communicating the gospel with God's Word is the best way for us to fulfill our mission."

Board member Guy Rutland Jr. of Atlanta gave \$1,500 earlier in the year, with the request that the money be used for Bible distribution, Griffith said. These funds will be added to the \$8,500 voted by the directors.

Rutledge said the fast expansion of the Atlanta-based staff of the agency was due primarily to increased Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong mission gifts, which have made it possible for the agency to increase the number of missionaries on the field by about 50 percent since 1960.

Currently, about 2,270 missionaries are on the field in the U. S., Panama and Puerto Rico.

"Another major factor in the staff increase," Rutledge said, "has been the increasing awareness of the agency's role as resource and consultant for local church ministries that do not involve Home Mission Board appointees or funds."

### Readers Write ....

... Work in the local community

• I am pleased to note the recent emphasis on Home Missions and the Christian Witness in our Southern Baptist work. But Baptists everywhere seem to put the stress "elsewhere", not in the "local community".

For several years I have been urging Baptist churches to begin a creative program of community missions such as calling a full time Minister of Visitation whose duty would be to carry the gospel of salvation into the homes of the lost of the community and there get a decision for Christ.

We must work in our own community as well as send missionaries and cannot limit this community work to church services, for Jesus said, "Go".

If the Christian witness fails, it will fail because churches failed to convert the community.—Carroll R. Stallans, Route 7, Farris Road, Maryville, Tennessee.

#### . . . Agrees with Maston

• I certainly thank you for the article by T. B. Maston (Churches, Denomination, and Taxes) in our Baptist paper. I agree with him and more. No wonder our churches are not gaining members, too many of our preachers and staff members are concerned in personal affairs and how to get as much vacation etc. and not the Lord's work. If we pay our pastor too little, let us pay him more and then pay taxes as his members do. Then we would see a change in church work and support of the program.—Dr. H. H. Carter, 5517 E. Normandy Road, Memphis, Tennesee 38117

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The first Negro woman to be elected to the Tennessee legislature, she is the author of a recent controversial abortion bill, which bogged down in committee in the Tennessee legislature this spring.

Sharing the session with Dr. Brown will be Mrs. Milton Cunningham, missionary to Zambia, and Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Southern Baptist WMU, Birmingham, Ala. Miss Hunt's address, "WMU Geared to Change," will point up new WMU ways to involve women in missions.

Final session will be devoted to the Crusade of the Americas. Main features will be a dramatized presentation of the possible implications of the Crusade. The drama will be staged in cooperation with the church recreation department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, directed by Cecil McGee and Robert Oldenburg.

William Ichter, missionary to Brazil who wrote the crusade theme song "Christ Is the Only Hope" will teach the song to the women present.

Soloist for all sessions will be Virginia Babikian, artist in residence at Houston Baptist College. Students and faculty from the college will serve as accompanists, coordinated by Paul Green.

# Observations by Owen...

### After These Years

For seventeen and a half years it has been my high privilege to serve as Editor of Baptist and Reflector.

Now it is time to make known the fact that I expect to retire.

This I told the Administrative Committee's Chairman and members of its Liaison Committee for the paper last December.

The date of my retirement has been set for Sept. 30, 1968.

This is in line with the Executive Board's policy manual adopted last September. At that time provision was made by the Administrative Committee that the mandatory retirement age clause would not become effective concerning any employee of the Board till twelve months after adoption of the policy manual.

The following is my letter to the 15-member Administrative Committee. These men serve Baptist and Reflector as its Board of Directors.

"It will be eighteen years this June since the Executive Board elected me Editor of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. I took up the work September 1, 1950.

"This has been a period of Baptist growth and expansion amidst far-reaching changes—moral, social, economic—sometimes bewildering in their impact. It has been a time making it difficult to wisely counsel and helpfully advise concerning many matters in the public eye; a time difficult in fact to really discern the true issues amidst the confusion, and how best to guide the readers.

"We are confident however in God's Spirit mightily at work in hearts and lives yielded to Jesus Christ for His revealed purposes in human life. We are sure God is still speaking in wisdom through His Word with the revelation completely relevant to individuals and to nations in our distraught time.

"During these years the paper has continued to reach a wider segment of our people as subscribers have increased from some forty-three thousand to more than seventy-three thousand per week. In addition to editing we have managed the paper's production each week, had the responsibility for the advertising and the business affairs. Altogether these duties have demanded prayer, time, talent, thought, energy six days a week. To the best of

my ability I have sought to fulfill the trust imposed on me, but none is more aware than I that my performance is far short of my intent.

"The time approaches that I should turn over to another the privilege and responsibility of this work. So in keeping with the Board's retirement policy I am asking to be relieved of the duties of the Editorship as of September 30, 1968, as I indicated to the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR Liaison Committee December 7, 1967.

"It has been a treasured privilege these years to serve the interests of our State Convention together with the wider aspects of our Baptist fellowship beyond our own borders. No one appreciates more than I our Tennessee Baptist fellowship as it has been my happy lot to experience it, be strengthened and challenged by it, and to have helped sustain it I trust in increasing vitality.

"Thank you for the privilege of serving with you the cause of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

# What Should An Editor Be?

Because those to share in nominating my successor asked it of me, I have set forth my idea of what an Editor needs to be. The profile I have drawn is not my likeness to be sure. But maybe you will recognize it in the next Editor.

What is needed in one who would be Editor? It is easier to idealize than to actualize. But from experience it seems to me an Editor needs to be:

Educationally prepared with thoroughness in the arts and sciences, especially in English and advisably in journalism;

Intellectually alert—awake to the movements in present day life; yet neither a devotee of the cult of change nor a worshipper of the status quo, a son of the kingdom who can bring from his storehouse things both new and old;

Spiritually motivated with a deep love for God and man, who will honor truth wherever he meets it, free from bigotry and partisanship;

Biblically grounded with a faith strong, honest, firm, but not dogmatic; openminded, but free from credulity; revering the heritage of our spiritual forefathers, but realizing a faith to be viable cannot be inherited but must be personally experienced through meeting God in Jesus Christ;

Experienced in the local congregation's life, in denominational affairs, and the religious realm in general. One who 'knows the ropes', but does not cynically rely on them for political pull in church matters;

A Writer who can use the English language with precision, directness, clarity, simplicity, honesty; who neither writes above his readers' heads nor down to the level of the abcs;

A Man who would devote himself to his editorial task with wholeheartedness, realizing it as a means of serving his Lord through truth, righteousness, good will—one who never hesitates to oppose wrong nor is fainthearted in contending for the right;

A Man who can stand pressure yet remain poised so as to help people see what is going on—

While issues demand clarification,

While principles must be firmly upheld, While personalities must be respected,

While events must be faithfully reported,

While aims and objectives must ever be kept in clear view—and all the while he must tell the story within the type space available and still meet the relentlessly nearing deadline which always hits him, whether ready or not;

A Man who can take responsibility for a mass of details yet not get lost in them; a person who honors accuracy and strives incessantly for it in every word, punctuation mark, and character upon the page; remembering a single page of type this size carries the possibility and threat of 7,560 errors—and one error in 16 pages is one too many;

A Man who can oversee production of a creditable paper week after week; working harmoniously with many others not only in the areas of the State Board building and in his office, but elsewhere throughout the Baptist world, also with those concerned at the printers and at the post office, so as to achieve and deliver to the reader a journal that is reliable, informative, interesting, worthy of the Baptist name, witnessing faithfully to Jesus Christ as God's Son and the world's only hope.

(Sixteenth in a series)

# The Sovereignty Of God And Social Concern

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Southern Baptists are expressing more concern than formerly for people and for social conditions in general. This is encouraging to many of us.

Is there a solid basis for such concern? There are a number of bases, but these bases are ultimately grounded in the nature of God. Through our union with Christ we have been brought into the family of God.

# Interpretation

By Herschel H. Hobbs

#### When Ignorance Is Bliss

"Ye know not what ye ask" (Mark 10:38). James and John are good examples of blissful ignorance. They asked to share with Jesus in His "glory" (v.37). Little realizing what His "glory" was. They thought of throne and honor. When Jesus' being glorified involved a cross and shame. But this latter was fartherest from their minds.

So Jesus proceeded to tell them (v.39). On the cross He was to drink the "cup" of the world's sin; He was to be baptized or overwhelmed with the calamity of suffering and death as He was forsaken by both God and men. Were they able to do this?

Missing the point of Jesus' figures they replied gliby, "We can" (v.39). Or, "We are able." How lightly we continue to sing, "Lord, we are able!"

Jesus reminded them that even though they did not at that time understand, they would indeed share finitely in His experience (v.39). James was the first of the Twelve to become a martyr (Acts 12:2). John was finally exiled on Patmos where, according to tradition, he died from hard labor. Thus both men did share in Jesus' "glory."

But as for position of glory in Christ's kingdom, that was another matter (v.40). This was not for Jesus to grant arbitrarily. It had already been "prepared" by the Father. This word renders a Greek verb form which means that it had been done previously and would stand. This preparation does not refer to persons but to principles. God has ordained heavenly reward, not on the basis of family relationship, but on the basis of unselfish service in the kingdom (cf. vv.29-31, 43-45).

Our heavenly Father expects us to be like him—like him in character and in concern.

For example, the limits of our concern should be determined by the limits of his concern. As the sovereign God of the universe, he was and is interested in the totality of life. His concern is limitless.

He is concerned about what we do on Sunday in the house that has been dedicated to his worship and service. But, he is also concerned about what we are and what we do on Monday through Saturday in our home and neighborhood, where we work and play, on the streets—everywhere.

He is also concerned and we should be concerned about every aspect of the lives of those we touch from day to day. And we should remember that he knows no color or cultural limits. God is concerned for the total life of all people. We, the children of God, should be impartial in our concern for the total life of all men.

Because the God revealed in the scriptures was impartial he showed a special concern for the neglected and underprivileged. bis Christ (Rev. 11:15).

His prophets in the Old Testament were defenders of the poor, the widows, the orphans, and the strangers. We believe that God continues to have a special interest in the neglected and that the same thing will be true of his prophets in every age.

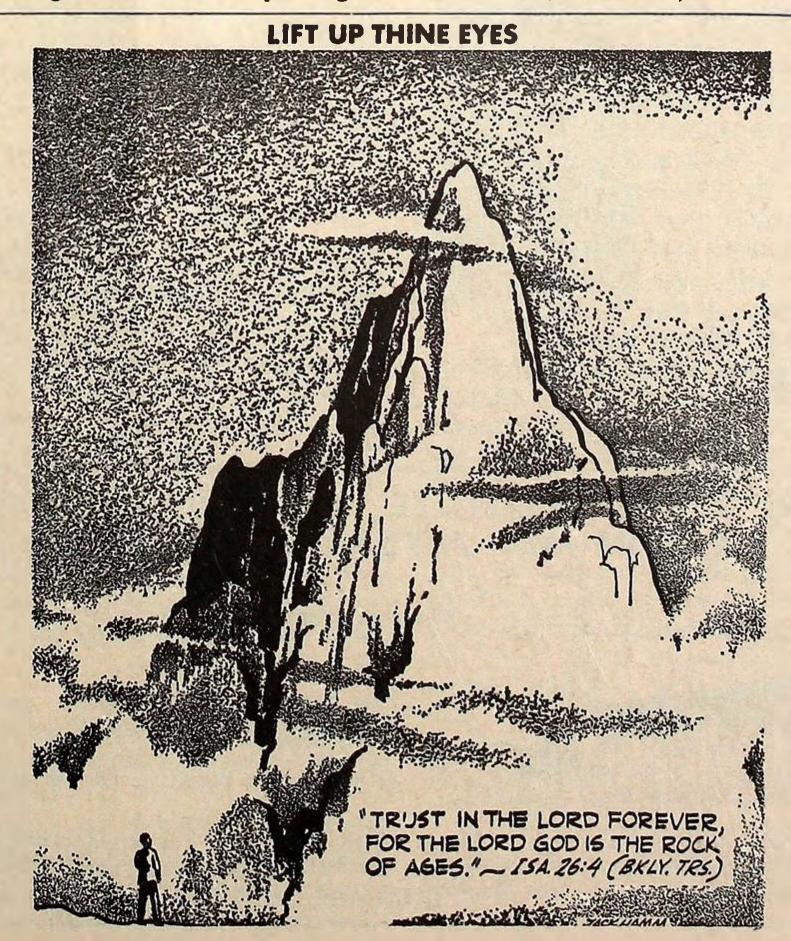
Jesus who revealed fully the father reached out in a particular way to those who suffered, the handicapped, and the moral and social outcasts of his day. If we walk in his way, we will reach out in compassion and concern to all kinds of people and particularly to those in the neglected segments of our society.

The sovereign God is not only interested in the totality of the life of the individual, he is also concerned about every phase of the life of the world. God who is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore is seeking to work out his will and purpose among all peoples in every part of the world. He is creatively active in Vietnam, in Moscow, as well as in Washington.

The preceding provides a basis for our concern as individual Christians, as churches, and as a denomination in the affairs of our nation and other nations of the world.

It is the sovereignty of God that sets the proper limits of our concern. It also provides the most effective motive or dynamic for social action and concern.

We also believe that the sovereign God's purposes for the world will ultimately be achieved. If we are cooperating with him in his work in the world, we can rest assured that there will come a time of ultimate victory when the kingdom of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ (Rev. 11:15).



# Tennessee Topics

Brooks Hays will deliver the Commencement address at Union University, Jackson, June 4. A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Congressman from Arkansas, and consultant to three Presidents, Mr. Hays is now director of the Ecumenical Institute in Wake Forest University, North Carolina.

J. Victor Brown, pastor, Broadway Church, Maryville the past four years came to First Church, Mt. Pleasant, March 25. He succeeds Joe B. Good who now serves Fairview Church in Oak Ridge. Ben P. Stringer of Columbia has been interim at Mt. Pleasant. The Maryville church received 321 additions of which 159 were by baptism during Brown's ministry.

Gerrie Gordon, 17, Memphis, is second award winner in the poetry category of a creative arts competition sponsored by "Upward," a leisure-time magazine for youth published by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Oak Grove Church, Moscow, ordained as deacons Joe Allen, Hershel Martin, and Samuel (Buddy) Morgan.

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Boulevard Church, Memphis, moved into its new building at 2124 East Holmes in February. Pastor C. M. Pickler reports more in Sunday School and Training Union than at their old location on South Parkway, East.

Robert L. Kelley became Minister of Music and Youth at East Lake Church, Chattanooga, March 3. Nickey, his wife, joins with him in leading East Lake in a renewed emphasis on youth and music according to Pastor Ben L. Peacock.

Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, has noted Pastor Ralph E. Norton's 20th anniversary. Dr. Norton has contributed greatly to Baptist activity in Hamilton association where he has been moderator, in the state Convention which he has served as President and a member of the Executive Board, and a trustee of Carson-Newman College and also as a trustee of Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

First Church, Baxter, ordained Joe Case and Jimmy Medley as deacons. Guy Farris is pastor.

Otis Harness, 60, pastor, Laurel Grove Church, Briceville, died March 7 at his home in Concord, Rt. 2.

Eldon Smith, a member of the faculty of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, has been named interim pastor of First Church, Concord, following the resignation of Kenneth Chapman. Concord Church recently completed a \$141,000 educational unit.

# Pastoral Care Institute Set For April 8

NASHVILLE—The Fourth Institute on Pastoral Care is scheduled for Apr. 8 in the chapel of Woodmont Baptist Church here. The institute is sponsored jointly by the Baptist Hospital and the Middle Tennessee Pastor's Conference, according to Chaplain Mays of the hospital. Dr. Edward Thornton will be the conference leader. Dr. Thornton is professor of Pastoral Theology at Crozer Seminary, Chester, Penn. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The one-day Institute on Pastoral Care, Monday, Apr. 8, begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 3:30 p.m., according to Chaplain Mays. A large number of pastors from the Middle Tennessee area are expected to share in the institute.

Fellowship Church is the name of the new Baptist Church which was organized at Brownsville, Nov. 12. It is composed of 50 members, 32 of them charter members, and they have purchased property from W. D. Frady on the Memphis highway where they held all-day services Mar. 17. Guy W. Mc-Carly, pastor, has held pastorates in Bluff Dale, Tex., Owasso and Ypsilanti, Mich., and Ripley, Miss. His most recent church was Calvary in Waynesboro.

First Church, Trimble, is building a new addition to its church. Work has been completed on the new vestibule, pastor's study and coat room, and new furniture for the study purchased. One young man surrendered his life to the ministry Sunday, Mar. 17. Joe Jones is pastor. A church secretary has recently been employed.

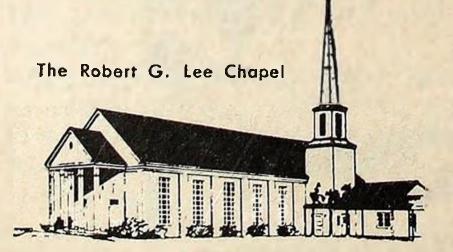
Youth revival was held at New Union Church, Medon, Mar. 15-16 with **Jimmy** Powers doing the preaching. There were six professions of faith, one by letter and five rededications.

Miss Evelyn Schwartz, missionary to Indonesia, expected to leave for Djakarta, Java, on Mar. 18, following furlough in the States (address: Tromolpos 77/DKT, Dakarta, Java, Indonesia). A native of Winchester, Tenn., she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1949.

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NASHVILLE—Speakers for the 1968 Sunday School leadership weeks at Glorieta are:
Top row (left to right) William Shamburger,
pastor, First Church, Tyler, Tex., preacher;
David Ray, pastor, First Church, Lubbock,
preacher; James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Sunday School Board,
special emphasis speaker; Charles L. McKay,
executive secretary-treasurer, Arizona Southern
Baptist Convention, special emphasis speaker;
Gerald Ray, minister of music, Sagamore Hills
Church, Fort Worth, music director and William H. James, minister of music, Wilshire
Church, Dallas, music director.

The two Sunday School leadership weeks at Glorietta will be June 27-July 3 and July 4-10.

These conferences will seek to provide Sunday School workers with fresh and new ideas and creative approaches to problem solving.—BSSB PHOTO.

Gerry Claybrook and Bobby Grooms, both students in Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark., were ordained to the ministry at First Church, Paragould, Ark., Mar. 10. Both of these young men are members of the Paragould Church and Gerry's father, P. E. Claybrook, is the pastor. Gerry's grandfather, Lyn Claybrook, preached the ordination sermon. The young ministers are serving churches in Greene County Association. Lyn Claybrook, retired, lives at 1461 Woodston Rd., Memphis, Tenn., and does interim pastoral work and supply preaching.

### Missions In Action

By Roy Jennings

MEMPHIS—The parents of the young Viet Nam casualty were clearly ill at ease when they reached the naval base 16 miles north of here where their son was hospitalized.

In a strange city more than 500 miles from home, they were prepared to rent a motel room for a week, eat on the run, and visit their son at each opportunity.

They certainly were not prepared for hospital authorities to tell them First Baptist Church of Millington two miles from the hospital was offering them a rent-free apartment for the length of their stay.

And they weren't ready for the way the church members provided clean linens, fresh fruit, and other thoughtful gestures to make their visit a happier one.

And when the visit was almost completed, the parents found the church didn't insist that they make a public expression of thanks.

Instead, H. A. Hunderup Jr., the pastor, suggested they spend those last moments with their son and he would convey their appreciation for them at prayer meeting.

As the parents left for the final visit with their boy, the mother, a Southern Baptist, told the pastor privately the interest of the Christians had made a profound impression on her non-Christian husband.

"My husband had become disillusioned with Christianity. Now he can't believe this is real," she said.

Providing rooms for persons in need is part of the mission action ministry of the Millington church, whose membership is 60 per cent military.

With casualties from Viet Nam arriving in increasing numbers, this Baptist group has joined with other religious groups in opening private homes with extra bedrooms to relatives of the injured men.

"We made one announcement about the opportunity and 15 families responded the same day," Hunderup recalled. "The members are very interested in this ministry."

While a Methodist layman originated the idea in this area, a friend who attended First Baptist Church at Millington brought it to the attention of his pastor and the action followed.

Since then, First Baptist Church has supplied mimeographed forms to all participating churches for those who want to take in visitors.

The chaplain and Red Cross workers at the hospital put visitors in touch with families offering rooms.

Red Cross officials say the visits by rela-

tives speed recovery of the patients.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, said this ministry and witness exemplified the mission action program suggested for church Brotherhood and WMU groups. He said mission action group guides have been prepared for seven kinds of ministries.

Closely related to this mission action ministry is a service the Millington church provides families of servicemen who visit worship services.

The visitor's card includes space for the name of the person the visitor would like the church to notify about his visit.

Many parents answer the pastor's letter, often reporting it's the first time they have heard from their sons, even indirectly, for several months.

# An Unforgettable Visit

By Richard L. Johnson, Superintendent, Chattanooga and Min-Tom Homes



Johnson

The "new" boy came into my small office one afternoon, spoke casually, and sat in the big chair opposite me, making himself comfortable and at ease. He began to talk, making conversation much as if we were the same age—my age rather than his. He looked at a picture of Lee hanging on the wall and

asked, "Is that your father?" I said, "No". He asked, "Your grandfather?" I said "No". He continued, "Some of your kinfolks?" I said, "No". Then I tried to tell him that Robert E. Lee was a great American, a distinguished Southern leader, a sincere Christian, and a college president of earnest qualities. We talked on together for some while, about 15 or 20 minutes. Then he lifted all of his 50 pounds from the chair, stood to his full 47 inches of height, looked me directly in the eyes, concluded our conversation and with all the casual assurance of his 7 years, took his leave to be about several other interesting matters that needed seeing about before suppertime!

Your love gifts through your church on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, will help support this boy and all of the children in our Homes.

# 18 Years Balancing The Editor's Tripod

Soon it will be 18 years since Tennessee Baptists picked up their Sept. 27, 1950 copy of Baptist and Reflector and read an article by the newly elected editor. He wrote:

Let me shake hands
With each of you—
A host of more than 572,000
Members of 2,515 Churches, . . .

Editor Richard Newton Owen will retire in September. He will have served as editor of the **Baptist and Reflector** for 18 years. He has served Tennessee Baptists for more than 45 years.

A native Tennessean, Richard Owen, born in Covington, was the son of Claudia Lydia McFadden and William Alexander Owen, who was a Judge in the Tennessee Court of Appeals.

Owen's early school years were spent in Covington, where he graduated from Byars Hall High School the Valedictorion of his class. Afterwards he attended Tulane University in New Orleans. While at Tulane, he participated in debating and speaking competition. Because of his outstanding ability in this field, he was awarded the President Carnot medal by Baron Pierre De Coubertin of France, and won the Glendy Burke medal for oratory accomplishments.

Later he went to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree. Desiring further educational study, he attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. and earned the Master of Theology degree.

After his seminary study Owen pastored four churches in Tennessee. He accepted the call of First Church, Milan, in 1923 and remained through 1925.

In 1926 he was called to First Church of Elizabethton and stayed through 1930. During his ministry at Elizabethton he had his first experience in leading a church building program.

In 1930 he became pastor of the First Church, Paris, and remained on this field for 8 years. It was during this pastorate that his service and influence were felt beyond that of his church field. For when the convention met in 1931 at Harriman, Mr. Owen was elected a Vice-President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. In 1934 Union University awarded him the Doctor of Divinity honorary degree. In 1935 through 1937 he was moderator of Western District Association. He served on the Board of Trustees at Union University 1937 through 1938.

In 1938 Dr. Owen left Paris to go to Clarksville where he pastored First Church for 12 years. During his Clarksville pas-

(At the request of the B & R Liaison Committee this article was prepared by Mrs. Evelyn Strickland, News Writer for Tennessee Baptist Convention News. The Committee is deeply grateful unto God for the ministry of Dr. Richard N. Owen, and shares with Tennessee Baptists their prayer of thanksgiving for that ministry. In addition they pray that the Heavenly Father will continue to bless and use Dr. Owen, and direct in the selection of the one who will follow Dr. Owen as Editor of our beloved Baptist and Reflector.—Lewis Bratcher, chm B & R Liaison Committee)

torate, he was a trustee at Tennessee College beginning in 1940 and continuing through 1945.

Again Dr. Owen's service and influence were to be extended. From the pastorate and state convention, he now moved into the work of the Southern Convention. In 1940 he was elected a director of the Southern Baptist Hospital and served for 10 years. He was president of the Hospital Commission Board during 1946 and 47. And, he was president of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission 1952 through 58. Even with these additional responsibilities, he continued to serve at home. For these same years, he was a trustee at Cumberland University 1946 through 49, and when the Tennessee Baptist Convention met in Chattanooga in 1946, he was elected president. He served on the Executive Board for four years and was a member of the Administrative Committee. This is the time that Dr. Owen's interest and concern for education were felt. For, in 1947 through 1951 he served the Commission on American Baptist Seminary as vice president.

On Sept. 1, 1950, Dr. Owen took his place as editor of the **Baptist and Reflector**. He wrote:

The Editor's tripod is a place where it is never easy to keep one's balance. Just how difficult it really is can only be known by the person who must do it.

To help keep the balance Dr. Owen continued to serve in area's beyond the challenging responsibilities of the "editor's tripod." In 1952 he was elected President of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and continued to serve in this position for six years. In 1959 he became president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society and held this office through 1967.

Through the years Dr. Owen has had opportunity to travel abroad. His tours have included: Algeria, Egypt, Jordon, Palestine,

#### Confronting Baptists

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semi-annual session here agreed to explore at its October meeting the problems and issues in conscientious objection to military service.

Another area of conscientious objection has arisen since ministers can now be exempt from participation in Social Security coverage only on grounds of conscience or violation of religious principles.

The committee also investigated churchstate and religious liberty issues in tax exemption for churches, the military chaplaincy, housing programs and other areas on the state and local levels.

The Baptist Joint Committee took no position on the problem of tax exemption for churches. In 1960 the committee sponsored a Religious Liberty Conference on "The Churches and American Tax Policies."

Although it cannot be a policy-making body on tax questions, the Baptist Joint Committee will continue to be a resource and consultant agency to help Baptists understand the issues, its executive director said.

Syria, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, England, Germany, Belgium, France, Scotland, Spain, Portugal, Panama Canal, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and British West Indies.

Mrs. Owen is the former Margaret Mc-Nairy Steele of Nashville. They have one son, Richard N. Owen, Jr.

Since 1951 Dr. Owen has been listed in Who's Who In America.

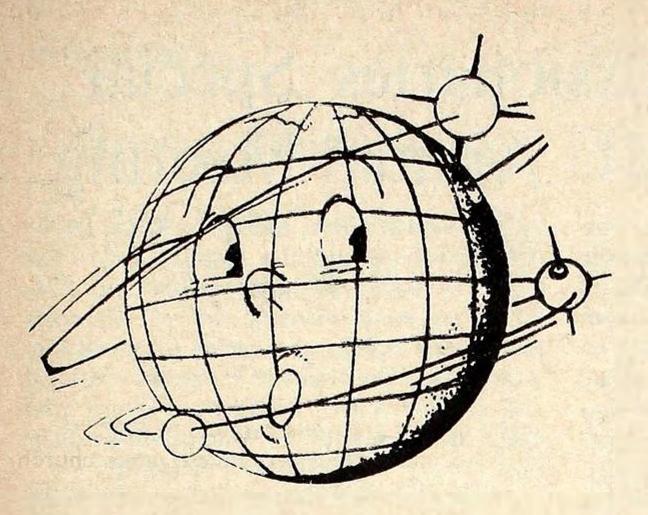
In 1954 he authored Basic Beliefs, published by Tennessee Baptist Press, Inc.

In the 18 years that Owen has been editor "the host of 572,000 members of 2,515 churches" has increased to 856,871 members of 2,678 churches.

The growth in circulation of the Baptist and Reflector is a tribute to his work. In 1950 the circulation was approximately 43,000. On Mar. 5, 1968 the total circulation was 73,116.

At his first writing, Dr. Owen wrote:
It is the hope of this scribe
As he takes up the Editorship of
The BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR,
That its pages week by week
Will give voice to
Tennessee Baptists
That they may become
More articulate,
As the Spirit may desire
Through the Lord's people;
That the Kingdom may come and
His will be done on earth
Even as it is in heaven.

Today, almost 18 years later, Tennessee Baptists can say, Richard N. Owen has been faithful to the "editors tripod" and "the hope of this scribe" has been fulfilled.



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# Atlanta Association Asked To Reconsider Federal Aid

ATLANTA (BP)—The question of federal aid for Atlanta Baptist arose again here when a formal plea was presented for a called meeting of the Atlanta Baptist Association to reconsider their previous action.

In January, the Atlanta Baptist Association voted to allow the trustees of Atlanta Baptist College to decide for themselves if they wanted to accept federal aid, including grants.

In March, the pastor of Venetian Hills Baptist Church here, W. I. Warren, asked the associational executive committee to call for another associational meeting to reconsider the action.

The request was referred to a committee to determine the constitutionality of recon-

sidering action taken in a called session. John J. Buell, assistant moderator acting in the absence of moderator Roy W. Hinchey, referred the resolution to the survey and communications committee.

Hinchey, the moderator, is also chairman of the survey and communications committee. Hinchey, pastor of Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church in East Point, Ga., presided over the January associational meeting when trustees were authorized "to apply for and obtain federal funds" which, in their discretion, would not "limit the freedom of the college."

Warren, who made the formal request that the action be reconsidered, said many churches, including his own, were opposed to the January 16 action. "A branch of fellowship in the association is deepening," his resolution said.

Warren's request also asked that messengers be given opportunity to vote on the release of the college from control and/or connection with the association, if another associational meeting is called.

#### Minister's Biblical Ignorance Leads To Trouble

SHAUGH PRIOR, ENGLAND— (ABNS)—Helping his wife wash the dishes, the Rev. John Byrnell protested: "This isn't a man's job!"

"Oh yes it is," his wife retorted, quoting II Kings 21:13, ". . . And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down."

The minister wrote in his parish magazine that he was so surprised he dropped the plate.

### 48 Area Meetings To Interpret WMU Changes

The staff of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union will conduct 48 meetings in 40 areas of the state, Apr. 3-19, to interpret coming changes in the organizational structure of Woman's Missionary Union, effective Oct. 1, 1968. Refer to the Mar. 7 issue of The Baptist & Reflector for a complete schedule. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING IN RIPLEY, APR. 17, HAS BEEN CANCELLED. Invited to the meetings are WMU-WMS officers, leaders and members, pastors, educational directors, associational leadership and chairmen of nominating committees—local and associational.

# Tennessee Missionaries Special Guests At WMU Annual Meeting

Foreign missionaries furloughing in Tennessee, Home Missionaries in Tennessee under appointment of the Home Mission Board and retired missionaries of both boards living in Tennessee are invited to be the special guests of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union at its 80th annual session at Bellevue Church, Memphis, May 2-3, beginning Thursday evening and closing Friday evening. Baptist families of Shelby County Association will open their homes and be host to them during this meeting. Missionaries who plan to attend may write Mrs. J. W. Sigman, 3311 Park, Memphis, Tennessee 38111 (tel. 324-0659, area code 901) by Apr. 27 to secure accommodations.

Headquarters motels for others attending are the Admiral Benbow Inn, Midtown,

1220 Union Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. 38104 (tel. 274-0638) and the Holiday Inn, 1262 Union Avenue, Memphis 38104 (tel. 274-8400). A supplementary list of Memphis motels and hotels (with price of accommodations) has been sent to every associational and church WMU President. Persons who prefer not to stay at the headquarters motels may contact their WMU Presidents.

Desks for registering persons attending the annual meeting will be open from 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the headquarters motels. There also will be a registration desk in the foyer of the main sanctuary, of Bellevue Church 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thursday and before and after every session.

The emphasis of the entire meeting is the Crusade of the Americas as it relates to both hemispheres, to our Southern Baptist Convention and to Tennessee.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

A proposal to amend the By-Laws of

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary

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#### Three New Professors

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—The board of trustees for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here elected three new professors to the faculty, planned to establish a chair of evangelism, adopted a record \$548,233 budget, and re-elected the trustees' president.

Named to the faculty were Burlan A. Sizemore, Jr., as associate professor of Old Testament interpretation and Hebrew; Kenneth R. Wolfe, associate professor of New Testament interpretation and Greek; and Dewey E. Merritt, named visiting professor of missions for the academic year of 1968-69.

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### Report Bares Soul; Urges New Attitudes, New Will

By Beth Hayworth Baptist Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (BP)—The report of the President's National Commission on Civil Disorders is as much a profile of the soul of America as it is of recent urban riots.

The 250,000-word document, addressed to "the conscience of the nation," is a call to commitment and action to every American, and by implication, to the churches.

As such, its judgment and prophecy will be uncomfortable reading for private citizens who make up the substructure of leadership in churches and communities as well as for top-level decision-makers in all areas of our society.

The report contains no startling truths or unique insights into the causes of urban disturbances. The commission's seven-month investigation documented what many people have been saying all along—that the riots grew out of the segregated, intolerable living conditions of life in the inner city.

It documents these conditions for the ghetto residents: bad housing, poor educational opportunities, unemployment and underemployment, crime, overcrowding, brittle police relations.

Added to these were feelings of being alienated from local government and the mainstream of society, and frustration and powerlessness to do anything about it.

The lengthy report amounts to a judgment on white Americans for creating and maintaining the ghetto. "White racism" was blamed for the "explosive mixture" which has been accumulating in the cities during the last 20 years.

The commissioners recognized that complex factors combined to cause the riots, but it labeled as "the most fundamental" the "racial attitude and behavior of white Americans toward black Americans."

The report said: "What white Americans have never fully understood—but what the Negro can never forget—is that white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto. White institutions created it, white institutions maintain it and white society condones it."

One of the myths exploded by the panel's study is that the rioter "is a migrant from the rural South." He was not. The typical rioter was born in a northern state and was a life-long resident of the city in which the riot took place.

The profile shows that he was an unmarried male between the ages of 15 and 24.

### Tennessee's 1967 VBS Picture

By Bob Patterson

Sixty less Vacation Bible Schools were conducted by the churches in 1967 than in 1966.

1967's total number of schools in the state was 2,230, as compared with 2,290 in 1966.

This number of Vacation Bible Schools included 2,046 church schools; 128 mission schools; and 54 Negro schools (reported).

While 75.2% of our churches had schools, 24.8% of our churches— or 673— did not have a Vacation Bible School.

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

Year	No. Schools
1925	10
1935	87
1945	1,231
1955	1,944
1965	2,271
1966	2,290
1967	2,230

It is observed that in the past ten years, the increase has been significant but slow. The 673 or more churches without schools offer a real challenge. Could your church help another church?

Most likely, he was a high school drop-out, but better educated than the average innercity Negro. If he worked at all, it was not full-time and it was at a menial job. The description showed him as extremely hostile to white persons and to middle class Negroes.

When President Johnson appointed the panel last July, he asked them to find out to what extent there had been an organized plan or conspiracy in the riots. The commission answered that they found "no evidence" of such.

Extremists of the Black Power movement came in for sharp criticism, however. Preaching their doctrines of Black Power and violence "helped to create a mood of acceptance and expectation and thus contributed to the eruption of the disorders," the report said.

The commission concluded from its findings that the past riots were not a racial war as such. Instead, they were a "striking out against white authority and white property, and not against white persons."

In a summary statement, the 11-member panel said: "This is our basic conclusion: our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal."

According to its findings, national reaction to the disorders of 1967 has quickened this movement and deepened the division

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In Tennessee's 2,230 Vacation Bible Schools in 1967 there were:

178,177 pupils enrolled

49,283 faculty members enrolled

227,460 total number enrolled

192,449 in average attendance (86.3%)

11,923 enrolled in Nursery Departments

32,611 enrolled in Beginner Departments

43,010 enrolled in Primary Departments 50,097 enrolled in Junior Departments

21,262 enrolled in Intermediate Departments

Pupils not in Sunday School numbered 18,063.

Parents not in Sunday School numbered 37,018.

Professions of faith amounted to 3,836, an average of 2.7 per school. Five-day schools average 2.1 professions per school, while ten-day schools averaged 3.8 professions per school.

Unsaved Juniors enrolled numbered 11,390; while there were 1,680 unsaved Intermediates enrolled.

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

Tennessee's Vacation Bible Schools gave \$47,446 to missions in 1967. This amount was received in regular daily missions offerings. Pupils were taught missions and encouraged to make a worthy investment of themselves in missions through the offerings and through answering God's call to service. Of the total amount given to missions, \$37,470 were given to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

1968 offers a new Vacation Bible School challenge and opportunity. There are the challenges of:

untaught boys and girls, unenrolled pupils and parents, lost boys and girls, men and women, untrained minds, hands, and hearts, unchurches communities.

During this season—

Associations are conducting clinics, Churches are enlisting workers, Workers are studying and preparing.

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# Southern Baptist Named Christianity Today Editor

WASHINGTON (BP)—A Southern Baptist who teaches at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., has been named editor of Christianity Today, an independent interdenominational Protestant journal published here.

The new editor, effective Sept. 1, will be Harold Lindsell, 54, professor of Bible at Wheaton College, a private, non-denominational college which emphasizes conservative theology.

Lindsell, a former associate editor of Christianity Today, will succeed Carl F. H. Henry, an American Baptist, who will continue as an editor-at-large, but who plans to devote full time to study, research, and writing. Henry will spend six months to one year in Cambridge, England, beginning next September.

The new Christianity Today editor, like his predecessor, has strong faith in the future influence and strength of Evangelicals in shaping future Christianity, according to statements in a release from Christianity Today.

Unlike Henry, Lindsell has not been involved in the current move to unite Evangelicals in a trans-denominational coalition, but he did attend the last session of those interested in Evangelical ecumenicalism held at Key Bridge, Va., just across the Potomac River from Washington.

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between the races. If more riots occur, and white retaliation follows, the division could quite conceivably lead to a kind of "urban apartheid", the commission warned.

They urged that the country take as its national goal, "the creation of a single society... with a single identification as Americans."

A national commitment that is "compassionate, massive and sustained," will be necessary to correct the destructive environment of the ghetto, the commissioners agreed. The great need is not so much for the government to design new programs as it is for the nation to generate a new will, the commission challenged.

In its recommendations, the commission urged churches and other institutions "to deepen their involvement in the life of the city and their commitment to its revival and welfare."

The Kerner Report underscores some unanswered questions which confront the church again and again. Among these are: To what extent is the church "the consci-

# "Tell The Good News" Is Task Of Missions, Says Cauthen

lone Gray, Director of Press Relations

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, meeting in Richmond, Va., Mar. 14, elected a regional representative in its department for missionary personnel, appointed 12 new missionaries and reappointed two, and assigned its first missionaries to the African nations of Angola and Senegal (pending necessary arrangements for the beginning of work there).

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, said in his report that the Southern Baptist Convention and the Foreign Mission Board came into being to tell the good news of God's love for man.

"That is why missionaries go across the world," he said. "That explains the daring and dedication recently demonstrated by missionaries in Vietnam, Nigeria, the Middle East, and many other areas of danger.

"That explains the vast array of ministries in which missionaries pour out their lives—evangelism, church development, Christian education, medical services, publications, and benevolences.

"That is the motivation for the dedicated response to the Great Commission rising up in the hearts of millions of people in the churches as they pray and make their gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"That is why we dare to call upon Southern Baptists to give yet more and more in love, labor, prayer, money, and personal involvement.

"May God grant that when the record of this generation is written it shall be in terms of the telling of the good news to all mankind. There is hope for all if this good news is told."

ence of America?" Will local congregations sense the urgency confronting the country and develop policies and programs that demonstrate further their belief in the brotherhood of man and the conviction that the power of God changes both persons and society?

How can the inner city church help bridge the chasm now separating persons in the ghetto from the larger community? Is a new stewardship of influence forthcoming for the church in the city regarding church property, week-day programs and involvement in the community?

Instead of answering all the questions, the report tends to raise some questions that only society can ultimately answer. The big question now is, how will society respond? Southern Baptists now have 2,277 missionaries under appointment to 69 countries.

The new regional personnel representative is Rev. Melvin E. Torstrick. A missionary to Chile since 1954, he is now on furlough in Louisville, Ky.

Of \$221,259 appropriated for various purposes, \$26,500 was from relief funds, \$15,000 for suffering war victims in Vietnam, \$10,000 for flood victims in the Itabuna area of Brazil, and \$1,500 for flood victims in the Buenos Aires area of Argentina.

#### Angola and Senegal Described

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, briefed Board members on Angola and Senegal. Angola, an overseas province of Portugal, is in the southern part of the continent, just above South West Africa. Senegal, a former French colony which became a republic within the French Community in 1960, is on the extreme northwestern edge of Africa.

"Angola is a vast region of 481,351 square miles, almost twice the size of Texas," Dr. Goerner said. "In its population of a little more than 5,000,000, about 5 percent are Portuguese settlers but the majority are of Bantu origin.

In 1966 Portuguese Baptists sent Rev. and Mrs. Antonio Tiago Pereira to Angola. They worked with the churches started earlier and began a church in Luanda, the capital. Under Mr. Tiago's leadership, representatives from seven churches, with a combined membership of about 400, organized the Baptist Convention of Angola.

"We want to help the little Baptist churches of Angola," explained Dr. Goerner. "Emphasis will be placed upon services in the Portuguese language, aimed both at the European settlers and Portuguese-speaking Africans, who mingle freely."

Senegal is much smaller and more densely populated than Angola, with an area of about 77,000 square miles (somewhere near the size of North and South Carolina combined) and a population of 3,500,000, about 80 percent Muslim. Dakar, the capital, is an ultramodern city of a half million people.

"We earnestly solicit the prayers of Southern Baptists as we plan for beginning mission work in Angola and Senegal, the 15th and 16th countries in Africa south of Sahara and 68th and 69th within the total Southern Baptist overseas program."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR MARCH 31, 1968—By W. R. White

# Christian Worship and Service

Basic Passage: Heb. 13 Focal Passage: Heb. 13:8-21

Worship of various religions presents quite a variety. Sacrifice offerings and prayers are in most forms. Some religions have a very complex and elaborate form of worship. Others have a very simple ceremony.

Catholics have developed a highly ritualistic system. Some Protestant groups have a rather elaborate form also. Others have music, meditation and a message. The message or the sermon is the primary feature.

In the Old Testament the activities of worship were quite comprehensive. There was the altar outside, in the entrance there was the laver, then the shew bread. Within the Holy of Holies there was the Ark of the Covenant and mercy seat. There were a number of activities in blood sacrifice and burnt offerings, sprinkling of blood, ashes and water, bathing, etc. They used music rather liberally in certain phases of worship. The priests and high priest performed most of the services. Reading scriptures and music gave the people a significant part.

in the New Testament the services were very simple including music, prayer, Bible reading and preaching. The symbolism in the tabernacle and temple had been fulfilled in Christ. The Christian services were very much like the synagogue, however, the central figure and content of messages were very different.

#### We Have A Stable Faith Heb. 13:8-14

We have a changeless, ageless Christ. Ceremonies and forms of worship may change. Cultures and civilizations rise and fall but Christ is superior to any of them. He remains constant and current.

It is good for the heart to be established with grace regardless of variables in worship. A vacillating faith makes anyone very unstable. We need to root our great convictions in the once-for-all work of Christ. He suffered without the gates just as the bodies of sacrificial animals were burned without the camp. We are to cast our lots with Him. All the merit these offerings ever had was to point to Him.

We have no continuing order here but we seek one. Therefore let us set our souls unwaveringly on that eternal order ahead of us.

#### We Have A Worship Heb. 13:15-16

We should spend much time in praise and thanksgiving. In a sense this should replace the ancient sacrifices. We should speak to each other in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs making melody in our hearts to the Lord.

We should do good to each other. We should share our experiences in the Lord

with one another. Christian fellowship should be warm and prevalent in our worship service. Worship should overflow into life outside the church.

We should build each other up on the most holy faith. Worship should tighten the bonds of Christian love.

#### We Have A Service Heb 13:17-21

The overseer of the congregation or flock is the pastor. His voice is not to be treated as on a par with that of any member of the congregation. All things being equal, he is to have the directive oversight of the flock at all times.

We believe that the author of Hebrews is in substance saying, "Do what your pastor says do unless it is obviously unscriptural, unwise and unreasonable." If it is debatable then give him the benefit of the doubt. Follow him as he follows Christ.

There are those who have special authority over us because God has appointed them to oversee our spiritual welfare. They are under a solemn obligation to give an account to God in this regard. Enable them to give a joyous, praiseworthy account. Let them not be embarrassed before God on our account.

The writer requests their prayers that he may have a clear conscience and live honestly. He wants them to pray that he may see them sooner than is to be normally expected.

He addresses the God of peace who brought the Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, from the dead through the blood of the everlasting covenant and implores Him to make them complete in every good work to do His will working in them that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ to whom glory shall be ascribed forever. What a benediction and what a prayer!

We have an affirmation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was an integral part of primitive Christianity. Without this firm faith there would have been no Christianity of consequence in history.

He is called the great shepherd of the sheep. He is over all the undershepherds and supreme over all flocks. He watches over us day and night.

His blood is efficacious for our salvation and sanctification. It is related not to a passing but an everlasting covenant.

God can make our work mature, complete and well-rounded. He works in us to do His work in His way. He does this through Jesus Christ. This Christ He leads us to magnify.

Worship, therefore if sincere, will be highly productive in service.

# On Matters of FAMILY LIVING

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# See Tendency To Catch Colds Can Be Inherited

With some children, there is no such thing as "a" winter cold; there is only "the" winter cold, an infection that blossoms, withers, flowers again and never really disappears. Why do some youngsters get cold after cold, while others stay healthy no-matter-what?

"There is a growing belief that tendency toward colds can be inherited, much the same as diabetes or any disease in which the genes are involved," says Dr. Katharine H. Hain, director of medical services for Schering Corp.

"Thus many children who come down with colds may do so primarily because of inherited tendencies rather than anxieties or direct contact with cold viruses."

Tension is, however, recognized as a factor in frequent colds, reminds the pediatrician. A youngster who is having difficulties is likely to have less resistance to infection than he ordinarily would.

"There is much evidence to support the psychosomatic factors relating to colds. When children are tense and anxious they will suffer more colds than during relatively calm periods. A new or unfamiliar situation can also trigger the kind of emotional state that can lead to colds, coughs and nasal congestion."

Romantics may like to think of the heart as the center of human emotions, but psychiatrists know better. "Many psychiatrists believe that the nose has the highest degree of sensitivity to emotional ups and downs," says Dr. Hain.

She advocates sending children to school with colds unless they have fever. "The most contagious period of a cold is just before the symptoms show, so classmates will have been exposed anyway."

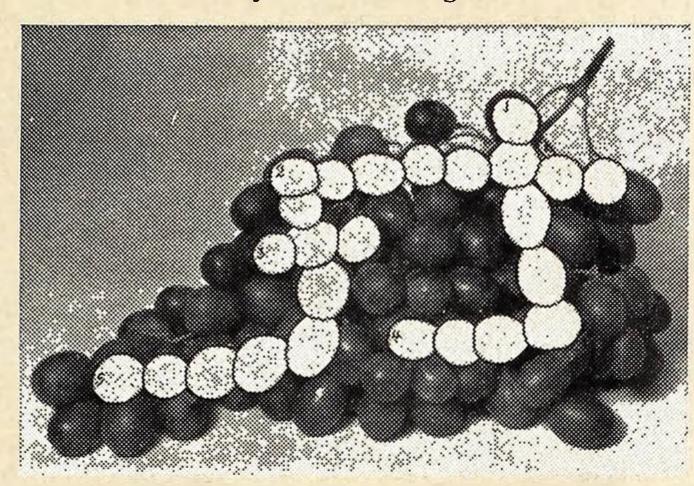
Kids should be taught to cover-up their sneezes, however; a single kerchoo catapaults thousands of infectious droplets into the air, where they can float around for more than an hour.

Over-dressing young children is still a common maternal mistake and should be avoided, observes the physician. "Dress your child according to the temperature, not the season," she advises.

# Children's Page

#### FRUITS OF THE BIBLE\*

By Robert H. Wright



Several fruits are mentioned frequently in the Bible. They were important to people then just as fruits are important to us today. See if you can identify the fruits mentioned below.

#### Across

- 2. Groves of fruit trees. Eccles. 2:5.
- 3. Rhymes with pig; not a wig; helps make you big. Matt. 7:16.
- 4. It is the fruit of the palm tree, although its name is not given in the Bible.
- 5. If the teacher says, "You are the

of my eye," maybe it is because you gave her one of these. Deut. 32:10.

#### Down

- 1. Some are blue, some are red, some are greenish-white. It is the fruit in the picture. Isa. 18:5.
- 2. A dove brought Noah a leaf from the tree that bears this fruit. Gen. 8:11.

Answers

Across: 2. orchards, 3. fig, 4. date, 5. apple Down: 1. grape, 2. olive

#### APRIL FOOL!\*

#### By Sandy Breed Hodges

Don't feel bad if you are tricked or fooled this April Fools' Day. There have been lots of "April fools" down through the ages, and there are a number of jokes that are used successfully every year.

The custom of trick-playing on April 1 began in France when King Charles IX adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1564. Under the old Roman calendar, people celebrated the new year on April 1. The Gregorian calendar established January 1 as the beginning of the new year.

In 1564, news of the change traveled slowly. Many people were uninformed about the change for quite a while. Many other people were conservatives and refused to adhere to the new date for New Year's Day. So jokesters sent mock New Year's gifts to these people and made calls of pretended ceremony on April 1. These actions developed into the practice of joking and sending mock gifts on All Fools' Day.

All sorts of jokes, forerunners of our present-day jokes, were thus played in France. Early settlers from England brought the tradition with them to America.

One of the favorite jokes was to send

#### FISH OR FILLY?\*

#### By Sandy Breed Hodges

What is small enough to live in an aquarium, swims upright, and looks like a horse?

Yes, the answer is a sea horse—probably the most unfishlike fish in the sea. It has an arched neck, horselike head, and a fleshy body enclosed in bony rings. The snout ends with a small mouth, used to suck in tiny animals. The sea horse is usually in an erect position, clinging to seaweed or swimming freely.

The warm Atlantic Ocean from New

unsuspecting people on foolish errands. A man would ask someone to deliver a note to a person. That person would ask the deliverer to carry the note to yet another person. History says that some men might spend their whole day on such foolish errands.

This set the precedent for some of our jokes today. Last year a friend with whom I was riding stopped at a stationery store and asked me to get a pen for him. I went in, but he drove off without me.

There is nothing quite so disappointing and surprising as getting an empty envelope from the postman on April 1!

#### Laughs . . .

Waiter to man at head table just as main speaker is ready to begin: "More coffee, sir?"

"No thanks, coffee keeps me awake."

The weekly newspaper carried this notice in the lost-and-found column: "Found: a \$10 bill. Will the owner please form a line at the front entrance to the office."

An insurance man was teaching his wife how to drive. As they approached a steep hill she shouted, "The brakes won't work, the brakes won't work—what can I do?"

"Don't panic, honey!" he said. "Don't panic, just try to hit something cheap!"

The young man wired home from his job, saying, "Made foreman; feather in my cap." After some weeks, he wired home again: "Made manager; feather in my cap." A few days later came another wire: "Fired; send money for fare home."

His dubious young wife unfeelingly wired back: "Use feathers and fly home."

Psychology tells us that it is bad to be an orphan, terrible to be an only child, damaging to be the youngest, crushing to be in the middle, and taxing to be oldest. There's no way out except to be born an adult. Bulletin, SBC Education Commission

While visiting his grandfather's farm, little Billy from the city pointed to the lightning rods on top of the barn and gasped: "You must be rich! Even the cows have TV's!"

When a 16-year-old boy showed up at a neighborhood barbershop and ordered his long hair cut down to a flattop, the barber naturally was curious and asked about the change.

"Well, it's like this," the boy explained, "yesterday was my 16th birthday, and Mom and Dad gave me a dress for my present."

York to Brazil is the chief habitat of the sea horse.

Appearance is not the only thing unusual about the sea horse. The female lays about two hundred eggs and places them in a kangaroo-like abdominal pouch on the male's body. After six weeks or so, baby sea horses, each a fourth of an inch long, emerge from the pouch.

Perhaps you have a dried sea horse curio. You may be able to order a live family of these "fish or fillies." They are lots of fun to watch.

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NASHVILLE—Speakers for the 1968 Sunday School leadership weeks at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly are: Top row (left to right) William E. Hull, professor of New Testament Interpretation, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, preacher; Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, special emphasis speaker; Robert L. Snead, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Nashville, music director, Second row, E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, preacher; John Havlik, associate director, division of evangelism, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, special emphasis speaker; Genter Stephens, professor of church music education and voice, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, music director; Third row, James Landes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Birmingham, preacher; Leonard Sanderson, director of evangelism, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, special emphasis speaker and Al Fennell, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Pompano Beach, Fla.

The three Sunday School leadership weeks at Ridgecrest are scheduled for July 18-24, July 25-31 and August 1-7.

These conferences will seek to provide Sunday School workers with fresh and new ideas and creative approaches to problem solving.—BSSB PHOTO.

### Evangelicals Confess An Incomplete Gospel

WASHINGTON (BP)—Twenty-five representatives of Evangelical Christianity in America met here and confessed that their movements have not given meaning "to the full dimension of the Christian Gospel."

The group issued a statement that listed five ways conservative evangelicals have failed to present a "whole gospel" to the world. The statement said:

- 1. "We have not made clear the full implications of the love of God for all men;
- 2. "We have been insensible to the biblical concern for justice and mercy;
- 3. "We have failed to present to many men the living reality of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Lord, as an alternative to the frustrations, despair and spiritual death in which they exist;
- 4. "The church has not demonstrated before the world the oneness of the body of Christ across all boundaries of race and class; and
- 5. "Our personal contacts have often been limited to our own race and class, to the disregard of the body of Christ and the entire family of man."

### -New Books-

Take Heaven Now! by Robert J. Hastings; Broadman; 126 pp.; \$2.95. Inspirational messages, based on the Beatitudes, show that the quality of life here on earth for the Christian whose life is based on Jesus' teachings is so far superior to the life of the non-Christian that it may be called the "beginning of heaven."

When the Rain Falls by Herschel H. Hobbs; Baker; 89 pp.; \$2.95. Purpose of the book is to blend the somber and black threads with the bright and cheerful ones, so

The statement expressed a determination that Evangelical Christians should give meaning to what some called "the social implications of the gospel of Christ."

One spokesman said that Evangelicals have preached a partial gospel the same as the liberals have done.

The group statement was made against the background of the riots in American cities in the summer of 1967, in the light of the charges of "white racism" set forth in President Johnson's Commission on Civil Disorders, and the prospect of rioting during the approaching summer.

that we may learn the the whole of life may be beautiful.

The End of This Present World by Lehman Strauss; Zondervan; 133 pp.; \$3.95. The author expounds the following prophetic truths: The Coming World Church, The Coming Man of Sin, The Coming Doom of Russia, The Coming World Conflict, The Coming Reign of Christ, and The End of This Present World.

Marriage is for Living A Faith at Work Book with a prologue by Sam Shoemaker; Zondervan; 157 pp.; paper; \$1.95. Case histories, engrossingly and simply presented, which will help Christian couples work out their own marital problems.

The Resurrection and the Christian Faith by W. J. Sparrow-Simpson; Zondervan; 462 pp.; \$6.95. The author treats of three main subjects: The Resurrection of Christ as a fact of history, the Resurrection of Christ as the basis of Christian doctrine and the source of spiritual life, and The Christian Doctrine of the Resurrection of the body.