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Missing the Main Event



By Rayburn W. Ray
Matt. 25:1-13

During the 1908 presidential campaign, Democratic nominee William Jennings Bryan was scheduled to speak at a small city in southeast Alabama. Feverishly excited, several thousand people descended on



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Front Cover Photo—Pact Files Grow

Pact, prayer partner project for the Crusade of the Americas, already has 10,000 applications for prayer partners on file at Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala. Jean Johnson, one of a crew of secretaries, sorts and files applications according to the type of partnership requested.

Partners will begin to be assigned in late spring, after more applications have come in from other countries. Churches will be matched with churches, groups with similar groups, individuals with individuals, and families with families.

Southern Baptists will be assigned partners outside their convention as long as non-SBC applicants last. All applications must be received by Dec. 31, 1968.

the town's Court House square that hot Summer morning.

The imposing figure of Bryan, who had arrived by special train, overshadowed the lesser political lights who sat with him on the platform. Two local officials, however, had managed to get small places on the program. One was assigned to open the rally and the other was to introduce "the silver-tongued orator."

The presiding officer took twenty minutes introducing the man who was to introduce Bryan. The dignitary appointed to introduce Bryan, impressed by the large captive audience, consumed another forty minutes before the famous visitor was presented with a flourish.

The orator politely thanked those who had introduced him "so adequately" and told the patient crowd he was glad they had come. He then ceremoniously removed his large watch and addressed his hearers in calm, measured words: "I see by my watch, if I will hurry, I will just have time to make my next stop."

Bryan then turned from the rostrum and walked briskly in the direction of his waiting train, followed by his embarrassed aides. The large throng watched in shocked disbelief. They dispersed slowly, smarting with the frustration of having been denied what they came for. They had missed the main event.

This modern parable recalls a much older story about five young women who missed a wedding celebration because they neglected to make preparations. Both stories remind us how easy it is to miss life's main event. Preoccupation with life's preliminaries can cause us to miss the principal attraction, Jesus Christ.

The people who came to hear candidate Bryan missed the main event through no fault of their own. But we, like the five foolish virgins, must bear the brunt of our neglect if we miss the main business of living—to know and serve the Saviour. The hour may be later than we think.

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Cooperation Asked For

PACT

By C. E. Autrey

Most of our people know what we have reference to when we talk about PACT. We know that it is the effort on the part of Woman's Missionary Union to lead all of our churches to be a part of the prayer program for the Crusade of the Americas. It is necessary for you, as soon as you have seen this article in your state paper, to write to Mrs. R. L. Mathis at Woman's Missionary Union Headquarters, Birmingham, Alabama, and let her know that you want to be a part of the prayer program; that you want to be connected with some church in some other Baptist group, either South, Central, or North America; and if you have a particular group that you wish to designate, you may do so.

It could be that by now your state secretary of evangelism has taken care of this but in case this has not been done, please, at the earliest possible minute get your application to Mrs. Mathis. This is an urgent matter because regardless of our methods and regardless of our enthusiasm, if we do not have the power of God back of us, we shall fail. If we do not pray and lead our people to pray, we shall fail. It is essential, therefore, that we shall support Mrs. Mathis in this effort and give her one hundred percent cooperation in getting our people involved in prayer with some other group. If our people are praying with other groups for the Crusade of the Americas, God will create an urge and a desire within each heart to do something about the local situation.

May God bless every church and every pastor as they enter this great prayer program for the Crusade of the Americas.

Reconsideration Federal Aid Declined

ATLANTA (BP)—An effort to get the Atlanta Baptist Association to call another special session to reconsider its earlier approval of federal funds for the Atlanta Baptist College here has been ruled out of order by the association's executive committee.

The committee agreed that "a motion to reconsider must be made by the one voting with the majority," according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Action on the matter turned down a plea from W. I. Warren, pastor of Venetian Hills Church here asking for a called associational meeting to rescind the federal aid action of January, and to allow messengers to vote on releasing the college from the association.

Congress Enacts Broad New Civil Rights Law

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP)—Congress, in the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and of rioting in major cities in the United States, passed and sent to the President one of the most far-reaching civil rights bills in the nation's history.

While most of the public discussion of the civil rights bill has focused on its fair housing provisions, the 50-page act also includes civil rights for Indians, prohibitions or interference with federally-protected activities, a limited firearms control act and riot control provisions.

The House of Representatives first passed the civil rights bill in August, 1967. The Senate then held hearings and its Judiciary Committee reported a greatly altered bill.

When the second session of the 90th Congress convened in January of this year, a lengthy filibuster on civil rights followed. After much debate and many amendments, the new version of the civil rights bill emerged victorious.

The revised Senate version was stalled in the House of Representatives until it was

Baptists Aid Refugees

WASHINGTON (BP)—Fires raged within two blocks of the Baptist Building that houses the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and the Baptist World Alliance during the recent rioting in the nation's capital following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

Store windows were smashed by looters within a block, but no damage was done to the Baptist Building or to churches in the city.

Across the city where the offices of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs are located two blocks from the U. S. Capitol, smoke from the inner city engulfed Capitol Hill.

On the Friday afternoon following the assassination as the city began to burn and as widespread looting ran rampant, most government offices as well as those of the Baptist Building and the Baptist Joint Committee closed two hours early. Traffic jammed the streets almost to a standstill.

Churches were opened for refugees from their burning homes and as distribution centers for food, clothing and medical supplies.

The National Baptist Memorial Church and the Calvary Baptist Church were in the heart of the riot-torn areas. National Church in cooperation with a Methodist, Presbyterian and Unitarian Church already were engaged in a project to minister to spiritual and physical needs in the inner city.

jarred loose by the national upheaval caused by King's death and the following riots.

Here in greatly abbreviated form are the main provisions of the civil rights bill.

* **Protected activities**—The act makes it a criminal offense to interfere with and discriminate against persons voting and participating in elections, enjoying benefits of state and federal services, seeking employment, serving on juries, attending public schools, traveling, gaining access to food, lodging and entertainment, and engaging in business during a riot or civil disorder.

* **Travel for riots**—Prohibited is travel or use of mail, telegraph, telephone, radio or television with intent to incite riots. Also prohibited is the use of these means to organize, promote, encourage, participate in, or carry on a riot, or to commit any act of violence in furtherance of a riot, or to aid and abet any person in inciting or participating in a riot.

* **Rights of Indians**—For the first time the Bill of Rights of federal Constitution is extended to the Indian tribes of the nation. The bill also provides for a model code of justice governing courts of Indian offenses, establishes jurisdiction over criminal and civil actions involving Indians, and provides for legal counsel for Indians.

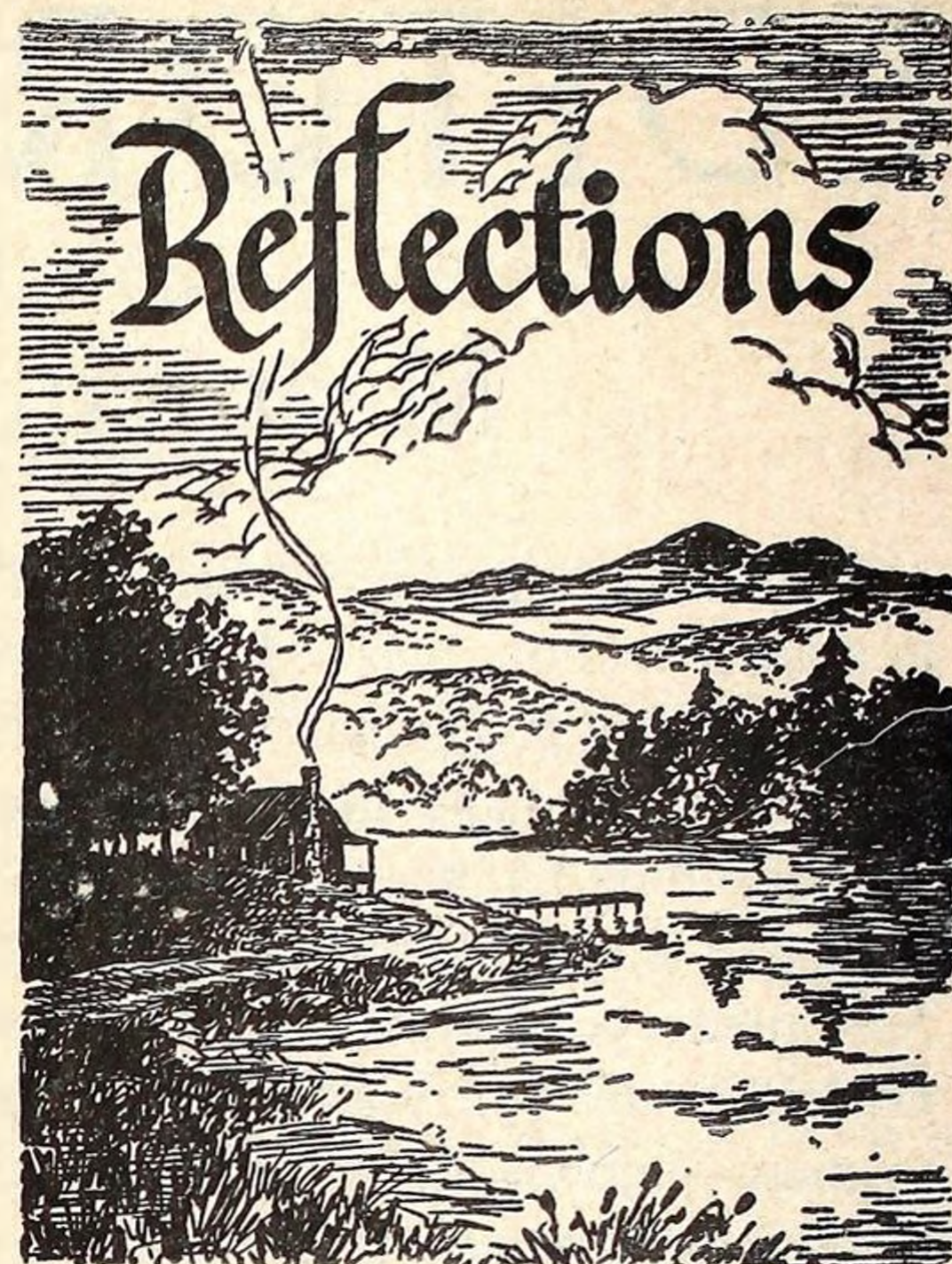
* **Fair housing**—The 1968 Civil Rights Bill says: "It is the policy of the United States to provide within constitutional limitations, for fair housing throughout the United States." To implement this policy it is unlawful to discriminate against a person because of race, color, religion, or national origin.

Hence the bill makes it unlawful to discriminate in selling or renting dwellings, to discriminate in the terms of selling or renting, to advertise on the basis of discrimination and to misrepresent in selling or renting.

Also prohibited is inducement to sell or rent property because of the entry of persons of particular race, color, religion or national origin into a neighborhood, discrimination in financing the sale or rental of homes, and the denial of brokerage services.

* **Exemptions to fair housing**—Individual dwellings sold by the owner without advertising or use of brokers are exempt, within certain limitations. Religious organizations using their property for other than commercial purposes are exempt from the fair housing requirements. Likewise, private clubs not open to the public are exempt.

* **Firearms restrictions**—It is now a criminal offense to teach or instruct the use,



It is a peculiarity of man that he can only live by looking to the future. And this is his salvation in the most difficult moments of his existence, although he sometimes has to force his mind to the task.—Viktor Frankl, **Man's Search for Meaning** (Beacon Press).

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Recreation is a basic need which serves as a counterbalance to the individual's responsibilities and monotonous, humdrum existence. Recreation gives an elastic, buoyant, and resilient quality to the human spirit.—James E. Gray, "Balance Work and Play," **Jnl. of Health, Physical Education, Recreation**.

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The reputation of a man is like his shadow: it sometimes follows and sometimes precedes him; it is sometimes longer and sometimes shorter than his natural size.—**French Proverb**.

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Jesus achieved what He was sent to do because He was not concerned with the categories of success and failure as understood by the world. Because He was content to appear to fail in the sight of men, if this had to be the cost of witness to the truth and obedience to God, His mission gained an effectiveness which became universal.—Douglas Webster, **Yes to Mission** (SCM Press).

application or making of firearms, explosives or incendiary devices, knowing that they will be used in civil disorders.

Likewise it is unlawful to transport or manufacture such items, knowing that they will be used in civil disorders.

The new law makes it a criminal offense to obstruct or interfere with firemen or policemen in the performance of their duties during a civil disorder.

EDITORIAL

Measuring Ourselves by Comparison

How do Tennessee Baptists rate? Who knows so as to answer without bias? Men use many tests and standards in trying to evaluate themselves and others. Such have some measure of truth. Some evaluations however can only be made in Heaven. God only knows all facts and is capable of judging without fault and error. No human computation can determine correctly how anybody rates spiritually. This involves things hidden to men—knowledge of motives and inward tests and of how rightly one's talents have been used. God who sees the secrets of hearts knows and judges each of us individually. He also judges us collectively as churches and denominations, religious groups, of which we may be a human part. God alone then can answer some questions we are too ready to answer for ourselves. God is the judge.

But this fact does not deprive us of some ways of humanly estimating ourselves. There are means by

which we can statistically gauge ourselves. We can take our fellows into view as possible gauges of our own strength and accomplishments by way of comparison.

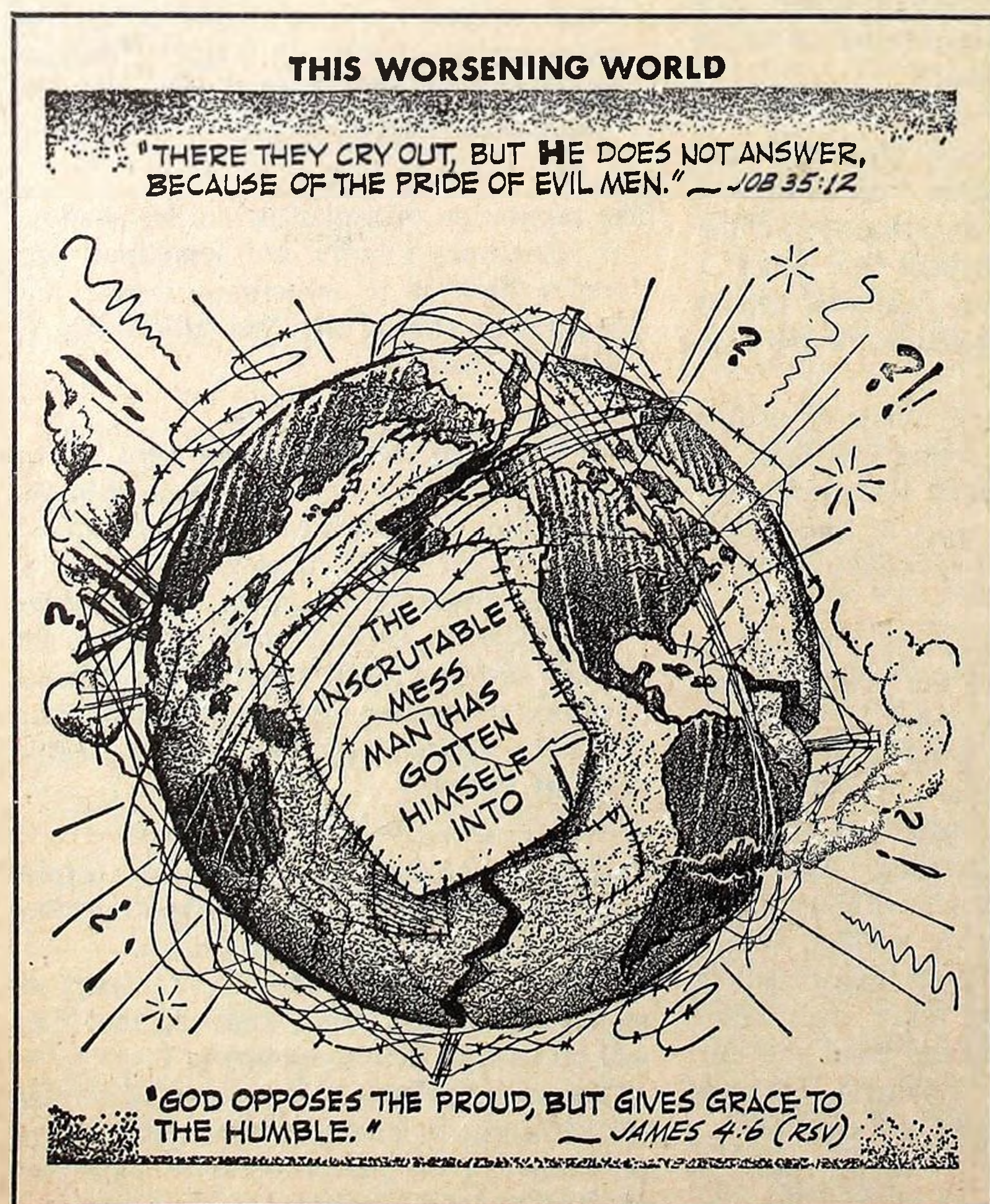
Among the 29 state conventions of Southern Baptist churches, Tennessee Baptists rank fourth. This we learn from comparison of statistics in a summary by state conventions for 1967. This was recently released by the research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Tennessee is fourth among all the states with respect to six measures: church membership, Sunday School enrollment, Training Union enrollment, value of church property, total gifts, and total mission gifts.

How many Tennessee Baptists are there? They number 856,871; with 547,571 enrolled in Sunday School; 191,246 enrolled in Training Union; \$239,059,497 value in church property; \$50,356,798 in total gifts; and \$8,262,350 in total mission gifts. Texas, North Carolina and Georgia, in that order, outrank Tennessee in these categories.

Tennessee Baptists took fifth place in six other categories, namely: number of churches, number of baptisms, additions by letter, Vacation Bible School enrollment, music ministry enrollment, and total salaries paid annually to pastors. Churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention number 2,678, with 27,726 baptisms reported; 33,113 additions by letter; 227,460 VBS enrollment; 70,371 in the music ministry; and a total of \$8,551,319 paid in annual salary to the total number of active pastors. Alabama joined the three previously mentioned states in stepping ahead of us in these figures.

Tennessee Baptists had sixth place in two categories, namely, WMU enrollment, with 91,069; and Brotherhood enrollment, with 28,638.

In comparison with the other state conventions, Tennessee has 67 associations. This number is exceeded by seven other states. We believe it indicates a better condition of denominational life that we have a lesser number of associations than some others. It would appear to us that the local unit of Baptist life nearest the churches themselves ought to be big



A Christo-Centric Universe

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:17).

In what or in whom does the universe center? This is a question for our space age.

Originally men thought of a **geocentric** universe, or that it centered in the earth. Since the time of Galileo we regarded the universe as **heliocentric**, or that it centered in the sun. But even this is no longer a tenable position in this age. For we now know that our sun is only the center of our solar system. Our present telescopes can see over a sextillion miles (1 followed by 21 zeroes). The number of stars in our galaxy is 100 billion stretching across 500 quadrillion miles (5 followed by 17 zeroes). The number of galaxies which may be seen through modern telescopes is over a billion. And the total number of stars now visible is about 100 sextillion (1 followed by 21 zeroes). One astronomer insists that there are at least 12 quadrillion (12 followed by 15 zeroes) solar systems, each centered about its own sun. Obviously, therefore, we can no longer believe in a heliocentric universe. In what (whom) then does the universe center?

Paul, writing under divine inspiration, told us almost two thousand years ago. For in Colossians 1:17 he said, literally, "And he himself is [eternal essential being] before all several parts of the universe, and the universe as a whole in him alone completely holds together" or "coheres." So the universe is neither **geocentric** nor **heliocentric**. It is **Christocentric**. It centers not in the sun but in the Son.

The more we learn about this marvelous universe, the more we know about the glory and the greatness of Christ!

enough, composed of enough churches to function as a strong unit of Baptist organized life. Multiplication of associations can lead to weakness in associational life and in division of strength. With the use of today's communication and travel, associations can well cover larger geographic areas than in earlier days. In view of this, it is not necessarily in the best interest of Baptist life to have a multiplicity of associations within each state, but, rather, a smaller number of better functioning units through which the churches carry forwarded the work in a given area.

Tendencies That Threaten The SBC

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

We should be grateful to God for his evident blessings on the work of our denomination. At the same time, we should be alert to tendencies that threaten to reduce, if not to destroy, the effectiveness of our work.

There seems to be a tendency to move up the economic ladder and to move away from the common people.

The movement upward seems to be inevitable. The movement away from the common people is not. It is the latter that is a threat to Southern Baptists.

Our strength has been among the laboring people. We must continue to maintain a good rapport with them if we are to have an effective voice in shaping the future. The restless masses are doing more to determine the direction of the contemporary world than any other group.

If we are to counteract the tendency to move away from the common people, we must honor the small church as much as the large church, the poor church as much as the rich church, the "working people's church" as much as "the professional and business people's church".

Second, there seems to be a tendency for our churches to conform to the world rather than to transform the world.

One evidence of this is the tendency to measure the success of our churches in worldly, material terms. We talk entirely too much about the size of budgets and the cost of buildings. The materialistic spirit threatens to capture our churches.

Even some denominational leaders seem to be more concerned about our prestige in

the world than in our power to change the world. This is a contributor to some of our problems, such as the tendency to build and to maintain too many and too elaborate institutions.

Third, there is an apparent tendency to resist change in a rapidly changing world.

On the surface, this may sound contradictory to the preceding. We will see that is not when we understand that the major movements of change come up from the masses. These movements are usually resisted by the privileged.

Many, and possibly most, Southern Baptists tend to identify with the status quo. Entirely too many of us have failed to understand that the old ways of life are on the way out.

There are many pastors and even denominational leaders who have not moved into the twentieth century. They take pride in resisting change.

Fourth, there is a tendency to stress quantity more than quality.

There is a need for both, but we need desperately more emphasis on quality in local churches, in our denomination, and in our denominational institutions and agencies.

It seems quite evident that we cannot indefinitely have the quantity without improving the quality. This is true of our evangelistic results, and of the work of our churches and denomination in general.

Fifth, there seems to be a tendency toward a controlled press.

This may be an accomplished fact rather than a tendency. It is, potentially, extremely dangerous.

State denominational papers are owned and controlled by state conventions. They evidently cannot live without convention support.

We should help the editors of those papers to maintain as much independence as possible. This should include resistance to efforts in some states for the papers to be controlled directly by the executive committee or board of the state. We should be grateful for courageous editors, who speak as prophets of God through the pages of their papers.

Let us not forget, however, that a controlled press by a state convention or by an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention is a threat to our churches and our denomination.

Tennessee Topics

Services for **Mrs. Audrey I. Ramsey** of 340 East Parkway North, Memphis, were held Apr. 12. Mrs. Ramsey, who was 63, died Apr. 11 at Baptist Hospital after an extended illness. She was the widow of **Preston L. Ramsey**, a minister in West Tennessee. She was admissions counselor for Union University, Jackson. Before becoming counselor two years ago she managed the campus bookstore for many years.

James M. Gregg, executive director-treasurer of Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Inc., Nashville, was elected a vice chairman of the Conference of Southern Baptist Business Officers at their meeting in Dallas, Apr. 4-5.

Hardeman Association—Grand Junction's pastor, **Tom C. Pitman**, resigned to become pastor of Green River Church, Waynesboro. New Bethel is progressing with plans to brick its church building. Silerton plans dedication and note burning ceremony for its debtfree, beautiful new auditorium, May 5.

Elvis Brandon, has resigned as minister of music at North Cleveland Church, effective June 1. He has served the Cleveland Church four years. He will be available for revivals this summer before going back to school this fall. His address is 145 Hiwassee Street, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311. Mrs. Brandon is the former **Jean Arbuckle** of Lebanon.

Walter H. St. Clair, evangelist, has moved from Johnson City to Kingsport, Tenn. His address there is P. O. Box 5152. St. Clair is beginning his fifth year in full-time evangelism.

Antioch Church, Henderson, engaged in revival services Mar. 31-Apr. 6. **Robert L. Armour**, missionary for Beulah Association, Troy, was the evangelist. There were four professions of faith. **Harold Smotherman** is pastor.

Church building is big business in Memphis as the city grows and spreads. Broadway Church at 1574 East Shelby Drive dedicated one of the most expensive plants in Shelby County Apr. 7. It was a 1,500-seat auditorium and wings built at a cost exceeding one million dollars. **J. G. Miller** is pastor. Construction is nearing completion on Eudora Church at Poplar and Perkins. **Fred M. Wood** is pastor.

Robert G. Capra, pastor of First Church, Lebanon, reports a 12-day revival in which Evangelist **Jack Stanton** of the Home Mission Board did the preaching. **Elmer Bailey**, associate pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, led the music. There were 25 additions to the church, 22 by baptism, and three by letter. There were three other professions of faith and one Intermediate girl surrendered her life to missionary service.

Highland Park Church, Lawrenceburg, was led in revival services Apr. 1-7 by **Hugh L. Callens**, pastor of Leclair Church, Memphis. **J. Arnold Porter**, pastor, states, "The meeting was attended by extremely large crowds and the Spirit of revival was evident in every service." There were 14 professions of faith, all of whom united with the church, and one addition by letter.

Holston Association—Southside Church, **Elmer Sellers**, pastor, is building an addition to the present building and remodeling the basement. Skyline Heights purchased a new brick pastorium. East Park Church, **Earl Campbell, Jr.**, pastor, burned a note which represented the end of \$20,000 indebtedness. During the past three years the church not only has paid \$8,852.07 on the debt, but has given \$2,234.70 to missions and had 60 additions. Cherokee Church, **James E. Archer**, pastor, ordained **Vestal Treadway** and **Pat Watson** as deacons. **Paul Chance**, native of Minneapolis, N. C., is pastor at Gravel Hill and was ordained at Gravel Hill. **Floyd Ishee** of Clear Branch Church has accepted the pastorate of Union in Watauga Association. **Ed Glover**, Carson-Newman, is interim pastor at Calvary, Erwin.

Robert Patterson Resigns

NASHVILLE—Robert B. Patterson, Jr., secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, has resigned. He has been employed in this capacity since January, 1963.

Prior to his present work, Patterson was superintendent of Weekday and Vacation Bible School Expansion of the Vacation Bible School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Before going to the BSSB he was an associate in the State Sunday School Department, serving as superintendent of Adult and Extension Work. For two years before coming to Nashville, Patterson was the Associational Sunday School Superintendent in Madison-Chester Association at Jackson.

A native of Ky., Patterson graduated with the B.A. degree from Miss. College and received the B.D. degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Before entering denominational service, Patterson served churches in Miss., and from 1953 through 1956, was pastor of Westover Church at Jackson, Tenn. During World War II, he served two years in the United States Army Air Corps.

Patterson submitted his resignation the last of March to become effective May 1.

First Church, Trimble, voted to pave its parking area at a cost of \$3,600 and call a part-time minister of music. **Joe Jones** is pastor.

Holston Valley Association—Carter's Valley Chapel of Oak Grove Church called **Earl W. Ownbey** as pastor. He was ordained at Oak Grove Apr. 14. He will graduate from Southeastern Seminary in May, and plans to move on the field June 1. Persia, **Thomas Thompson**, pastor, voted to build a new church building at a cost of \$52,500. The building committee is composed of **Lynn K. Newton**, **Leon Wright**, **James Lawson**, **Larry Hagood** and **Woodrow Everhart**. West View has installed wall to wall carpet, storm door and canopy on the east side. Three pulpit chairs were purchased and oak pews are to be brought. **John Hipsher** is serving as interim pastor.

Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, midway between Knoxville and Sevierville, begins its summer school June 10. **Charles C. Lemons** is president.

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12 Tennesseans Among 73 Youths Begin "Journey To Become"

By Carol Hunt

"Amid the confusion and complexity of life today, God has a place for me."

These words of a 22-year-old Tex. college senior speak for the Southern Baptist missionary journeymen of 1968, the 73 young men and women employed by the Foreign Mission Board on Apr. 10 for a two-year adventure abroad.

The journeymen—college graduates or soon to be, under 27 years of age, with skills in demand overseas—will work alongside career missionaries, searching, learning, contributing.

Most of the 26 boys and 47 girls are already painfully aware that there are no easy solutions to the 20th century's "confusion and complexity." ("When I was in high school I thought I had all the answers," one youth recalls with amusement. "In reality, I simply had failed to ask any questions.") But they are spurning what one calls "the easy life of noninvolvement" for what another terms "the journey to become."

Royal Ambassadors Help Missionary

By Roy J. Gilleland, Jr.

The Royal Ambassadors of Cedar Grove Church, Big Emory Association, are helping their church support missionary Billie Keele, his wife, and five children in Thailand.

Billie dedicated his life to the Lord at Cedar Grove as a teenager. After a long hard road of preparation and of being in the pastorate, Billie was led to Thailand to serve as a missionary. Shortly after arriving at Bangkok, fire broke out in his home. The Keele's lost their home and all personal belongings. The Royal Ambassadors of Cedar Grove are doing their part to help their church raise money to assist this fine missionary family. Every Royal Ambassador chapter could adopt some missionary and add that personal touch.

Knox County Royal Ambassadors Elect New Officers

The new officers for Knox County Royal Ambassadors are: Richard Todd, president, Smithwood Church; David Smith, first vice-president, Smithwood; Kenneth Cochrum, second vice-president, Park Lane Church; Philip Ownbey, secretary, Meridian Church; Bruce Maples, chorister, Fifth Avenue Church; Bill Hunter, pianist, Central Church, Fountain City; Ricky Griz, Meridian Church, special assistant.—Roy J. Gilleland, Jr.

They are tentatively assigned to 28 countries. (They must complete eight weeks of training this summer, and by then some assignments will probably be changed.) Nearly half of them will teach school. Seven are nurses, desperately needed to maintain the Baptist School of Nursing in Eku, Nigeria, and Baptist hospitals in Mbeya, Tanzania, in Sanyati, Rhodesia, and in the Gaza Strip.

Others will do office work, operate centers for university students, assist with general evangelism, direct music or youth work in churches, inject some Christian compassion into the slums of great cities through social service in Baptist community centers, help in Baptist book stores. One will be librarian at a theological seminary, another will be a youth worker in a dormitory for teen-age missionary children. A young man now completing his master's degree in business administration will assist with the business of a mission hospital.

Mature enough to know they are not mature, many of the journeymen-to-be acknowledge that through overseas experiences they hope to discover themselves and life's meaning.

"Who am I?" queries a coed from S. C. "How do I relate to Jesus? In relating to him, how do I relate to others? In the final analysis, what does love mean?"

Others explain their motives in terms of a desire "to step outside my own culture and share and learn," "to find what is over the next hill," "to break from my shell and begin to live," "to do something worthwhile and rewarding," "to find God's ultimate purpose for my life."

Natives of 22 states and the District of Columbia, they include the first journeyman from Haw., Louise Tomita. A Japanese-American, she expects to be a secretary in the administrative office of Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan. Born into a nominally Buddhist home, Louise had her first contact with Christianity as a five-year-old, when a Southern Baptist missionary started a Friday afternoon "Sunday School" in her community on the island of Maui.

Twenty-two of the journeymen are now working (most of them teaching) and 52 are in school. Forty-three percent have attended Baptist colleges.

Forty percent have had experience as summer missionaries, some overseas, but most in the States. Lou Ann Carrington spent last summer in the Watts section of Los Angeles, working with Mt. Zion Baptist Church as a representative of her conferees in the Texas Baptist Student Union. The Negro pastor says she did very effective

work. She expects to teach science in Niger Baptist College, Minna, Nigeria.

Lou Ann says day-to-day Christian living began to have real meaning for her because of what her father said when she achieved an advanced rank in Girls' Auxiliary (Baptist missionary education organization). She expected him to praise her, but he squeezed her hand and said simply, "Live it, Lou Ann. If you don't live it, it's all in vain."

Training will begin June 15 at Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Va. The rigorous curriculum will include the language, history, and culture of the countries to which the journeymen are going, plus Christian doctrine, Bible, missions, evangelism, training for special skills, health and personal development, and physical education.

The journeymen will come to Richmond, Va. (location of Foreign Mission Board headquarters) for a commissioning service Aug. 8, and will leave for their overseas posts immediately thereafter.

Twelve of the 73 are native Tennesseans or are now at school in Tenn.: Latithia Crisp, of Loudon, to Ruschlikon, Switzerland; Sherry Deakins, of Johnson City, to Oshogbo, Nigeria; Thomas Erwin, of Knoxville, to Mombasa, Kenya; Jo Ann Fite, Peabody College, to Corrente, Piaui, Brazil; Virginia Fitch, of Johnson City, to Sao Paulo, Brazil; Judith Guerry, C-N College, to Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Diane Hall, C-N College, to Saigon, Vietnam; Patricia Haynes, of Lawrenceburg, to Gaza; John Hinkle, of Johnson City, to Blantyre, Malawi; Arnold Nuckles, Jr., C-N College, to Abidjan, Ivory Coast; Raymond Pople, of Memphis, to Buenos Aires, Argentina; Roger Swann, of Knoxville, to Limuru, Kenya.



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Vacation Bible School Emphasis Day

By Bob Patterson

Vacation Bible School is a church affair. It is a happy occasion which all the church needs to be aware of and in which all the church can share.

How to make your church Vacation Bible School conscious?

Have a "Vacation Bible School Emphasis Day."

When?

The Sunday before Preparation Day is the best time. Two weeks before would be too early. A Vacation Bible School deserves a good Preparation Day. The "Vacation Bible School Emphasis Day" will give great impetus to Preparation Day.

On "Vacation Bible School Emphasis Day" several things will be done that will make it impossible for anyone who comes to the church on that day to miss the excitement of the anticipation of a good Vacation Bible School.

As the people arrive for Sunday School or church services on this morning, they are met by some of the older Junior or Intermediate girls. They are "tagged" with a Vacation Bible School tag on which are written the dates of the school. They are asked to wear the tag all day long, wherever they go. Attention is called to them in the morning and evening worship services.

When you enter the main hallway or vestibule of the church (and on bulletin boards throughout the church), Vacation Bible School "jumps at you." Posters, post-ettes, pupils' books, and many other things that say, "Vacation Bible School," are prominently displayed.

In the vestibule also there are two large pasteboard boxes. On one there is a facsimile of a lemon. On the other, a sugar bowl. Yes, we're having a "sweet and sour shower." We've asked the men to bring lemons and the ladies to bring sugar (did you ask why?) to be used in the preparation of refreshments. Many who cannot participate in the school can help in this way.

In the morning worship service, we give a few minutes to emphasize the coming events. Of course, all the schedule for the full two weeks appears in the Bulletin: the days and hours of the school, the Preparation Day schedule, the picnic, the Parents' Night schedule.

We also take a few minutes to ask the boys and girls, "Who knows what is going to happen next Friday afternoon at 2:30?" (Preparation Day, of course!) Through asking and securing responses we enlist their promise of attendance and lead them to invite other boys and girls who are not aware of the school.

The highlight of "Vacation Bible School Emphasis Day" comes when recognition is

Hemisphere-Wide Baptist Layman's Program Outlined

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (BP)—Involvement of laymen in the Crusade of the Americas will be the theme song oft repeated at the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress slated here July 15-19, a draft of the conference's tentative program discloses.

The program was outlined by Owen Cooper, president of the Mississippi Chemical Corp., in Yazoo City, Miss., and chairman of the laymen's committee for the Crusade of the Americas Directory Council.

Evening sessions during the five-day conference, expected to attract about 750 Baptist laymen from nearly every country in North, Central and South America, will feature evangelistic messages and sermons, and will be open to the public. Evening sessions will be held at the 33,000-seat Maracanazinho Auditorium.

Morning sessions will feature Bible study led by John Soren, pastor of First Baptist Church in Rio de Janeiro and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, testimonies from laymen, and messages on the congress themes.

Afternoon sessions will include meetings by interest groups and occupations or vocations. Both morning and afternoon sessions will meet at the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro.

Principal speakers for the evening sessions at the congress will be, Cooper said, David Gomez, secretary of the Home Mission Board for the Brazilian Baptist Convention (Monday); Samuel Libert, area coordinator for the Crusade of Americas for Southern Latin America (Tuesday); Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Foreign Mission Board (Wednesday); and Nilson Fanini, pastor Niteroi, Brazil, just across the bay from Rio de Janeiro (Thursday).

Each morning session will close with an address on the theme for that session. Speakers include Maxey Jarman, chairman of the board of Genesco (formerly Jarman Shoe Co.), Nashville, Tenn.; Roy L. Lyon, Southern Baptist missionary in Venezuela; and the closing address on Friday morning by Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky., and North American coordinator of the crusade.

given to the faculty. It may be possible to call each one by name. But at least they are asked to stand. The congregation is told of the hours of diligent preparation they have made. The pastor leads in a special prayer of thanksgiving, of dedication, and of intercession. The whole church is asked to continue in prayerful support of this, the best Vacation Bible School ever.

During the last evening session of the week on Thursday night, the president of the Crusade of the Americas, Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, will make a presentation outlining the comprehensive plans of the crusade to reach North, Central and South America with the gospel during 1969.

The conference will open Monday afternoon, July 15, with a welcome from Lopes, and presentations on the beginnings of the crusade in Brazil by Amelio Giannetti, evangelism secretary for the Brazilian Baptist Convention; an outline of present plans for the crusade by Henry Earl Peacock, general coordinator for the crusade; and a presentation on lay involvement in the crusade by Cooper.

Numerous testimonies from leading laymen of various countries throughout the hemisphere, and practical presentations on lay involvement in the crusade will also be presented.

Among those giving testimonies or practical presentations include Wallace Johnson, of Holiday Inns of America and George W. Shroeder and George Euting, of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, all of Memphis, Tenn.; Jaime Goytia of Bolivia; Ricardo Villalobos of Costa Rica, N. Aldo Broda of Argentina, Miguel Angel Veloz of Ecuador; Roderick James of Jamaica; Celsio de Oliveira of Brazil; Hugo Emilio Sanchez of El Salvador; J. Reis Pereira of Brazil; Esteban Jofre of Chile; and Claude Townsend, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Immediately following the congress, the Baptist laymen attending plan to divide into teams and conduct week end laymen's revivals in churches throughout Brazil on the week end of July 19-21.

About 250 Baptist laymen from the United States are expected to attend. Invitations are being issued by the layman's organization of each of the 39 participating Baptist bodies, including the Brotherhood Commission of the SBC.

Search For Picture

Do you have a picture of Murfreesboro First Baptist Church's second house of worship built in 1869, razed in 1890? If so, you can be of help to **Dr. Homer Pittard**, now completing the church's history, in his search for such a picture. He has pictures of the first, third and fourth buildings. Can anybody come up with the second building picture? If so, get in touch with First Baptist Church, 200 E. Main Street, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130.

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THEME: Christ the Only Hope

THURSDAY EVENING — 7:10

Worship in Prelude Baptist Hospital Nurses Choir
Thomas P. Lane, Director
(7:30 Doors Closed)

Meditation Mrs. S. E. Kidd
Hymn
Greetings Dr. Ramsey Pollard
Calendar of Prayer
Organization
Presentation of Hostess Committees Mrs. O. V. Patton
Hymn
YWA Presentation Frances Sullivant
Hymn
Announcements
Special Music
Launching the Crusade Dr. C. E. Autrey

FRIDAY MORNING — 9:15

Meditation Mrs. S. E. Kidd
For the World We Pray
Hymn
Report of Executive Secretary Mary Jane Nethery
Prayer in Memoriam and Thanksgiving
Hymn
Business
Book Store Information Virginia Martin
Hymn
The Hope of the Southern Hemisphere Dr. Rogers M. Smith
Special Music
The Hope of the Homeland Dallas M. Lee

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1968

FRIDAY AFTERNOON — 1:45

Meditation Mrs. S. E. Kidd
Hymn
Report of Committees
Hymn
Announcements
Special Music
The Hope of Tennessee F. M. Dowell
Dr. W. Fred Kendall

FRIDAY EVENING — 7:10

Worship in Prelude Baptist Hospital Nurses Choir
Thomas P. Lane, Director
(7:30 Doors Closed)
Meditation Mrs. S. E. Kidd
Prayer
Hymn
Laborers Together in Brazil Alma Oates
Hymn
GA Presentation Beulah Peoples
Presentation of Officers Mrs. Joe W. Patterson
Hymn
Special Music
The Hope of the World Mrs. Robert Fling

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD LUNCHEON

12:00 noon, C.S.T., May 2
Dining Room, Bellevue Baptist Church
Remit \$1.50 for reservation by April 27
To: Mrs. Poston Cox
301 East Strathmore Circle
Memphis, Tennessee 38112

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING—Immediately following at
1:00 p.m.

BSU Study Committee Sets Meeting

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)—A 27-member committee to make a detailed study of Southern Baptists' work with college students has been appointed here, and the first meeting of the group has been slated in Nashville on May 16-17.

The committee was appointed by Rheim L. South, chairman of the program subcommittee of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Named chairman of the 27-member committee was Lamar Jackson, pastor of the Southside Church, Birmingham, Ala.

The committee was appointed at the request of the SBC Executive Committee, acting on a request by the Sunday School Board and the state student directors working with the Baptist Student Union.

The committee will be asked to study both the program of student work (the Baptist Student Union), and the placement

of the student work program in the convention's organizational structure.

The committee is comprised of eight members of the SBC Executive Committee, five Baptist state convention executive secretaries, six student directors for state conventions, five directors of campus Baptist Student Union programs, and two at-large members, including one editor and one college professor.

The first meeting will feature several panel discussions on such topics as a profile of the college student of 1968, how student work has changed in the last decade, and the church and college youth, plus general discussion on the basic problems that committee members feel the study will help resolve.

South said that the plan approved by the program committee for the study procedure includes interviews with Baptist leaders in-

involved in study work and students, a national consultation on the Baptist student, integrative review of all materials for study, and surveys.

One or two seminary faculty members would be employed in the summer to conduct interviews of state executive secretaries, state student directors, campus BSU directors, faculty advisors, groups of pastors and groups of students. An estimated 60 days of interviews would be held.

The proposed national consultation on the Baptist student would probably be held in May of 1969. The study committee would not prepare its report until after findings have been determined on previous aspects of the study.

Members of the committee who are from Tennessee, as announced by South, are: Tom B. Madden, pastor, First Church, Tullahoma; State Student Director Charles Roselle, Nashville and Dan R. Grant, professor at Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

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How descriptive are these words "men under construction" of the work of your Children's Homes. Our Homes are full of growing boys. Each day every one of them comes a day closer to becoming a man. The kind of man depends so much on us.

Your past contributions may well have paid for the working tools used in this construction. Wherever the money was used—for food, clothing, recreation, education, experienced care—it went to the front lines in our fight to turn a "hopeless" boy into a man.

Can you help us again this year? Whatever you can give will contribute to the wonderful results we are achieving in our Homes. In all of our work, we keep the plus sign of Christian concern as a measure by which we build and guide our program.

Give through the **MOTHER'S DAY CHILDREN'S HOMES OFFERING** in your Church on Sunday, May 12, or the day designated by your church. Thanks for your prayers and support.

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Friday

- 3:00 Registration and Room Assignment—Elaine Matthews
 6:30 Appetizer
 7:00 Banquet—Arranged by Mrs. Jesse Meek
 Charles Norton, Presiding
 “Journey Into Space”
 8:00 Adjourn to auditorium
 “Countdown”
 Film—“What Direction?”
 Message: “Exploring the Unknown”
 —Nathan Porter

Saturday Morning

- 7:00 Rising Bell
 7:30 Breakfast
 Mary Allen, Presiding
 “Exploring Space”
 8:30 Worship in Drama—Bellevue Baptist Youth, Memphis
 8:45 Announcements
 9:00 “What Direction?”—group conferences
 10:15 Free Time
 10:45 “Tracking Stations”—Dr. Lee Garner
 11:45 “Conquering Inner Space”—Charles McDonald
 12:15 Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

- Johnnie Hall, Jr., Presiding
 “Exploring Vocations”
 1:15 Worship in Drama—Bellevue Youth, Memphis
 Announcements—Introductions
 1:45 Exploring CHURCH Vocations
 Vocational Counseling—Dr. Thurman Prewett
 2:45 Coke Break
 3:15 Exploring OTHER Vocations
 Vocational Counseling—Dr. Thurman Prewett
 4:15 Free Time—“Testing” by Dr. Lee Garner
 6:00 Dinner

Student Work Program Priorities Established

CALLAWAY GARDENS, Ga. (BP)—Priorities and approaches for the Southern Baptist Convention program of student work during the next 18 months were discussed April 8-10 at a meeting of state student secretaries with personnel of the student department of the Sunday School Board.

W. O. Thomason, acting director of the student department, moderated the discussions, which were held at a motel here.

The two groups agreed unanimously on five areas that demand immediate priority consideration in the student department of the Sunday School Board:

(1) Campus evangelism, (2) Work with international students, (3) Creation of new literature and other resource material, (4) Pre-college orientation, and (5) Special support of student work in new convention territories.

In order to meet the first two of these priorities, Thomason announced the readiness of the student department to employ a full time staff member in each specialty as soon as the persons can be enlisted.

“Questions have been raised,” stated Thomason, “about the status of student work during the period of study by a committee of the SBC Executive Committee. Because of the rapidly increasing opportunities and challenges of college campuses, we are committed during the period to support with greater vigor than ever before our ministries for students.”

Saturday Evening

- Mrs. Edward Kennedy, Presiding
 “Preparation For Orbit”
 7:00 Worship in Drama—Bellevue Youth, Memphis
 7:15 “College Briefing”—panel led by Dr. Rabun Brantley, Nathan Porter, Shelley Richardson, Margaret Baird, Dan Aleshire
 8:00 “Lift-Off”—Union University Concert Band
 “In Orbit”—testimonies
 Margaret Baird—Shelley Richardson
 Break
 “The Big Blast”—fellowship led by Mrs. Thurman Prewett

Sunday Morning

- 7:30 Rising Bell
 8:00 Breakfast
 Mary Anderson, Presiding
 “Power For Orbit”
 9:15 Worship
 Sunday School
 Charles L. Norton, Presiding
 10:30 Morning Worship
 Message: “Re-Entry”—Nathan Porter
 11:30 Dinner

Reaction from the state directors was expressed by W. F. Howard, director of the division of student work of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and president of the state directors group.

“The concern of the men with responsibility for student work in the states,” said Howard, “is that they be prepared to take advantage of the opportunities in student ministry throughout our convention territory. Unparalleled challenges are before us in the number of students, the new techniques in the work, and the ever changing conditions in the world of higher education today.

“We appreciate being involved in shaping the organization and services of our SBC student department to make it the flexible and adaptable instrument it must be in order to administer a basic program with a variety of applications.”

During the meeting, Albert McClellan, program planning secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, presented the outline of the study which was authorized by the Executive Committee in February.

Many of the workers at the meeting expressed the hope that the results of the study will be the birth of a new dynamic thrust in Baptist student work.

Book Review

The Progress of the Protestant—This large volume (9¼ by 12¼ inches) of 273 pages, is a picture-book of Protestantism. John Haverstick gives the history from the early reformers to present-day ecumenism. It is a very interesting volume with a compact, coherent account of the religious, political, cultural, economic contributions of Protestantism to world history. The volume by Holt, Rhinehart, Winston, Inc., sells for \$14.95.

100 Bible Games by Edith Beavers Allen; Baker; 86 pp.; \$1.50; paper. These games are designed to help young people and adults become more familiar with New Testament teachings. They are entertaining as well as instructive.

The Junior by Marjorie Elaine Soderholm; Baker; 95 pp.; \$1.50. A handbook to help the teacher of the active and often unpredictable junior in Sunday school. It helps the teacher to understand and appreciate this lively youngster.

The Week that Changed the World by Herbert Lockyer; Zondervan; 128 pp.; \$2.95. While most useful as a series of Lenten studies, the book has an abiding value because of its unusual outline on various aspects of our Lord's Passion.

FMB Creates Overseas Division, Makes Winston Crawley Director

By Ione Gray, Director of Press Relations

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its three-day spring meeting, Apr. 8-10, created an overseas division and named Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient since April, 1954, its director.

The Board also subdivided two of its four geographical administrative units and further rearranged the world map to form the following areas:

1. South America (except Guyana—where missionaries are located—and Surinam and French Guiana should the Board begin mission work in those countries)
2. Middle America and the Caribbean (Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean area, Guyana, and the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex.)
3. East Asia (Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, and mainland China when it reopens)
4. Southeast Asia (the Philippines, Guam, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Thailand)
5. Europe and the Middle East (Pakistan and India were detached from the Orient and placed with the Middle East)
6. Africa (this area, which was not changed, consists of all the countries on the African continent except those which have a coastal front on the Mediterranean Sea—Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt)

The work of all the Board's area secretaries and overseas consultants will be related to the overseas division.

"The creation of this division will make possible more careful planning and consultation," explained Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board. "The division will make possible the consideration of work in one area in relationship to its worldwide bearings. It will also bring together into a closer relationship the work of the consultants and the area secretaries."

The Board increased its missionary staff by 101 and took action which is expected to eventually increase its medical personnel.

Seventy-three missionary journeymen were employed, pending their completion of eight weeks of summer training. Single young people under 27, they will work alongside career missionaries in 28 countries for two years.

Twenty-two career missionaries were ap-

pointed, two reappointed, and four missionary associates employed.

A medical receptorship program was authorized as a two-year experiment. Each year four "receptors"—qualified Baptist medical and dental students who are mission candidates or prospects—will serve for eight to 10 weeks in overseas medical institutions related to the Foreign Mission Board. Travel and living expenses will be provided.

"Missionary Task Made Harder"

"The task of the missionary was made harder by the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," said Dr. Cauthen, addressing the appointment service congregation in First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., on Tuesday evening, only a few hours after Dr. King's funeral. "People in many lands find themselves unable to understand, and they will question the effectiveness of the Christian message to transform men and society."

Dr. Cauthen began his report to the Board with a plea for "fresh resolve to remove all barriers to the expression of Christian love for all persons."

Referring to the worldwide concern which the tragedy has evidenced, Dr. Cauthen said: "The fact that it could occur in our country is a deep disappointment to millions of people who look to America with hope for the future. We pray that out of this deep sorrow may come fresh heart examination and recommitment. We pray that we may become more aware of the urgency of communicating the love of God in Christ."

Nine Laymen Appointed

Among the new career missionaries are two from Tennessee, Laurence A. Walker and Nancy Applewhite Walker, for Brazil.

Nine of the 13 men appointed are laymen. Four couples expect to work in general education, two in theological education, two in business administration, and one each in general evangelism and church development, medicine, music, mass communications, and ministry to servicemen.

Vietnam Mission Hopeful

A resolution which Southern Baptist missionaries in Vietnam adopted during a recent meeting in Danang was read to the Board by Dr. Winston Crawley:

"We, the Vietnam Baptist Mission, express our deep appreciation to God for his abundant providence, to multitudes of Christians who are praying for Vietnam, and to the Foreign Mission Board for its unwavering support. We are grateful for the oppor-

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Crawley



Tennesseans among new missionaries of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board admire azaleas at Board headquarters in Richmond, Va. They are (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Laurence A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Hendrick.

The Walkers, natives of Jackson, were appointed to Brazil. Mrs. Walker is the former Nancy Applewhite. Jones, native of Delaware, Ohio, is a graduate of Middle Tenn. State University, Murfreesboro. Mrs. Jones, the former Helen Brandon of Woodbury, is a graduate of Belmont College. They go to Pakistan. The Hendricks are graduates of Carson-Newman and will go to Argentina. He grew up in Oak Ridge, and she, the former Joanne Tyre, is from Leesburg, Fla.

Poverty Official Urges Religious Leader Action

ATLANTA (BP)—A former Southern Baptist leader now with the War on Poverty, Ross Coggins, has urged religious leaders in six Southern states to plan specific efforts to help extricate poverty, racism and injustice in the South.

Coggins, acting deputy director of the Office of Economic Opportunity's Southeast Regional Office here, offered seven specific suggestions in a letter circulated to several hundred religious leaders, including numerous Southern Baptists, in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and South Carolina.

The former director of communications for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville suggested that churches offer camping and recreational activities to the poor, Vacation Bible Schools for poverty-level youngsters, employment of the poor, summer tutoring, VISTA Volunteers, cash contributions to anti-poverty programs and getting acquainted with the local War on Poverty agency staff and programs.

Coggins said his letter to religious leaders came as a result of numerous requests from religious leaders asking what they can do in the War on Poverty. He specifically suggested:

—Summer camping and recreational activities. "The chances are you have personnel and/or physical facilities which could be used much more than in previous years. You might enlarge your programs to bring in youngsters from poverty-level families. You might even initiate special or extra programs for them."

—Vacation Bible Schools. "These might be expanded or extended to care for poverty-level youngsters. You could also employ poverty-level people in these and other programs. There are many jobs which poor people with minimal training can do well."

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tunity of serving in Vietnam at such a strategic time in the history of this nation. In spite of difficulties, we wish to reaffirm our belief that the work of Baptists in Vietnam will continue to advance, and we look forward to the early return of those temporarily out of the country and to the coming of additional missionary personnel." (During the Tet offensive, most of the missionary wives and children went to Bangkok, Thailand.)

The Vietnam missionaries have scheduled an evangelism conference to be held in Saigon late in April, and they intend to proceed with plans to begin work in two additional cities as soon as more missionaries are available.

—Employment. "You can encourage businessmen in your church to hire more of the poor. Some of them may require special training, but money so invested usually brings rich dividends."

—Specialized summer tutoring. "You probably have housewives who are former teachers, along with high school and college students who could do this well."

—VISTA associates and volunteers. "Some of your people might volunteer as VISTA associates while others may be interested in serving as regular VISTA volunteers. The VISTA office at this office will be happy to answer any specific inquiries on these programs."

—Cash contributions to anti-poverty programs. "Your church as a whole, Sunday School classes, missionary societies, men's groups or other organizations may simply want to consider making cash contributions to anti-poverty programs already underway in your community."

—Get acquainted with poverty programs. "If you are not already familiar with the Community Action Agency serving your area, please get acquainted with that staff and the programs they administer. They might have some critical need you could meet or specific suggestions as to where you could provide the most help."

Coggins concluded his letter to the religious leaders, saying, "Of course you understand that most of the things we have mentioned can be difficult tasks, and could generate more criticism than thanks. The need is great, however, and the opportunity is all around us."

HARRISBURG, Pa. (RNS)—A Negro clergyman from Philadelphia said here that "black power" advocates must find some means besides violence to attain their goals.

Dr. Stanley W. Hatch, pastor of St. Mark's Tabernacle Baptist church, urged ministers of the Harrisburg area to provide leadership to counteract "misdirected use of 'black power' . . . leading our people down a suicidal road."

The clergyman is known for his Self-Help Movement which encourages self-initiative in lifting persons from poverty and unemployment.

Dr. Hatch said that people are looking to the church for leadership in a day in which "talk of violence" threatens cities. If the

Regional O.E.O. Official Takes Washington Post

DuPree Jordan, Jr., Director of Public Affairs for the Southeastern Region of the Office of Economic Opportunity, has been named Religious Liaison Officer for the National anti-poverty effort.

A former minister, teacher, broadcasting executive and newspaper publisher, Jordan who grew up in Tennessee and was educated in Nashville began his new duties in Washington Apr. 22.

As Religious Liaison Officer, Dr. Jordan will develop and coordinate a massive campaign to enlist greater involvement from churches and other religious institutions in human renewal activities.

Baptists In 5 Nations Invited To Elect Seminary Trustess

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (RNS)—Baptists in five more European countries—four of them Communist-dominated—have been invited to elect trustees to the Baptist international seminary here.

The addition of trustees from Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Russia and Scotland would bring to 19 the number of European countries represented on the board.

The action by the seminary trustees' annual meeting here also would allow the five countries to send students to Ruschlikon. The seminary, founded to serve European Baptists, is sponsored primarily by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (USA).

Trustees also asked national Baptist unions to increase their support of the seminary to add more European professors to the faculty. The school has a mixed American-European teaching staff.

'Misdirected' Black Power Held 'Suicidal' By Negro Pastor

church has failed to give leadership, he stated, the failure is attributable to its ministers.

"Let us call an end to hesitation," he said. "I'm asking the ministry of all denominations to carry out the mission of the church—to go into the hedges and highways and byways of life and compel the people to come."

He said a solution to the urban and racial problems is the creation of jobs, "instead of welfare reservations."

Dr. Hatch is chairman of the Civic Commission of the Progressive Baptist State Convention in Pennsylvania and the director of a regional race relations department of the National Baptist Convention.

Written For Our Obedience

Basic Passages: Deut. 30:11-20; 31:9-13;
Matt. 7:24-29

Focal Passages: Deut. 31:9-13; Matt. 7:24-29

We have in our lesson a strong reference to the law as given to Moses and the Sermon on the Mount as given by Jesus. One is a great moral code and the other is a very high ethical and spiritual code. Neither one is a way of redemption but each is a way of life.

The moral code or the law is too difficult for perfect obedience; therefore, by it we cannot achieve eternal salvation. However, we can observe it so as to achieve a very high moral behavior. If we have not been saved we can let it be a schoolmaster to lead us to Christ.

The principles of the Sermon on the Mount are more difficult to attain in perfection than the requirements of the law. If we are to depend on our keeping them for salvation then we face a hopeless frustration. However, if we will depend on the indwelling Spirit and take them seriously we can live a most beautiful life. Both the law and the Sermon on the Mount reveal our need of salvation through grace by faith in the finished work of Christ.

Obedience Is Vital Deut. 30:11-20

Moses made it very clear that the law was easily available. It was neither obscure nor far removed from the people of Israel. God had given it to Moses and he had recorded it for them. In fact it had been repeated to them so much that it was not only in their minds but they could quote it easily.

The obeying or disobeying of the law was equivalent to making a choice between good and evil, life or death. It meant continuity, longevity and survival in the land of promise. It meant highly desirable well-being individually and national security collectively. Well balanced moral behavior can greatly benefit our physical being.

Faithful Transmission Essential Deut. 31:9-13

The Feast of Tabernacle or booths memorialized Israel's journey through the wilderness. The people not only were to celebrate this marvelous series of trials and ordeals but the great providential deliverances.

The event was to be a fresh facing up to the law. Moses had preserved the law by recording it for the people. It was presented in a most dramatic way to all the people during the feasts of the booths. It was particularly presented to the children.

The main purpose in reiterating the law was to inspire observance and obedience.

This was for the purpose of developing strength and stability in the chosen people for the glory of God.

The Way of Wise Building Matt. 7:24-29

The principles of the Sermon on the Mount are highly idealistic but they are very practical too when taken seriously. Jesus indicated that if they were sincerely heeded they would provide an unshakable undergirding for life. Such a foundation would stand any test that might come.

All of us would like to build a beautiful life on a solid foundation. Jesus has shown us the way to accomplish that grand achievement. While the beatitudes may have a fuller application to a new order yet to come, they do embody principles that can contribute much to our present order and way of life.

We mean by a beautiful life a winsome and useful life. Some lives are morally and ethically correct but are frigid and repelling. Others are very attractive and influential but do not have either depth, height or reach. They are not highly useful.

The people were astounded at the teaching of Jesus for both its content and the conviction that went with it. It was rich in meaning and compelling in the way He presented it.

He did not sound like a parrot or an echo. He spake with authority. He had the authority of truth and of divine origin.

This is our assurance our Lord brought the genuine words of the Father. Jesus knows life for He is the fountain of life. He knows what is in man. He sees the course of events to the end. We are wise if we let Him be our teacher and guide in building our lives.

The right kind of life is our greatest gift back to God for His redeeming love. It is our greatest contribution to society. It is a telling witness. It is the best polemic for our faith.

PERIODICAL INDEX Now Available

The **Southern Baptist Periodical Index—1967**, a comprehensive author and subject index to the 1967 issues of 35 periodicals published by 17 Southern Baptist Convention agencies, was released by the Historical Commission, SBC, Apr. 22. This is the third in a series of annual volumes designed to

On Matters of FAMILY LIVING

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Who Has Time For Family Worship Anymore?

Family worship is often referred to as one of the most significant places of spiritual development for the Christian, and yet one of the most neglected. There is no subject relating to the Christian family about which pastors talk more, and parents do less, than worshiping together as families. Consequently, any discussion of the subject is likely to arouse guilt feelings on the one hand and grandiose claims for the practice on the other.

My wife and I have written a new book entitled **Making the Most of Family Worship** (Broadman Press, 1968). Designed to assist in family worship it considers all the normally encountered types of family worship situations.

Part One deals with the why and how of family worship. Part Two contains fifty devotions that can be used in family worship. A Home Dedication form and a list of other resource materials are also included. It is available in all Baptist Book Stores.

Worshiping as a family is part of God's plan for Christian families and is one of their richest experiences. Many families today are seldom all together at the same time, but the family that is striving to be Christian must find some time when it can have family worship.

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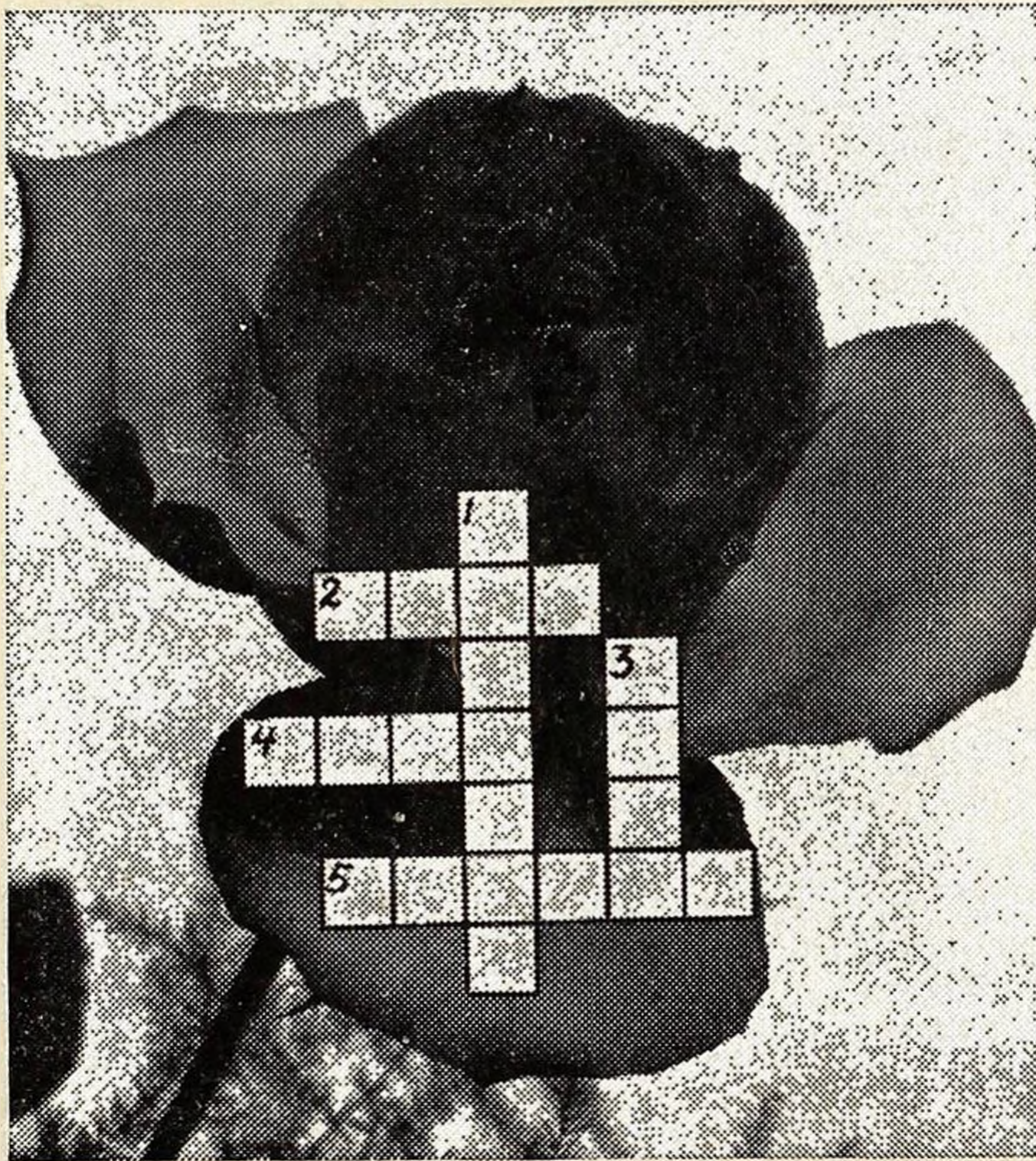
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Children's Page

BIBLE FLOWER PUZZLE*

By Robert H. Wright



Few flowers that we know today are mentioned in the Bible. So many beautiful flowers grew wild that people had no need to cultivate them in gardens as we do today.

Two flowers which we all know are talked about in the Bible, however. Two of the "flower words" in this puzzle are both in one verse of the Bible (Song of Sol. 2:1).

The other flower words should be easy for you to guess, but Bible references are given if you need to look them up.

Down

1. Another word meaning "to bloom" or "burst into flower." Isa. 35:2
3. A beauty with thorns to protect it. The puzzle picture. Isa. 35:1

Across

2. "I am the rose of Sharon, and the _____ of the valleys" Song of Sol. 2:1
4. Unopened flowers, about ready to bloom. Num. 17:8
5. Colorful part of any plant. What the puzzle is about. Ps. 103:15

Answers

Down

1. blossom, 3. rose

Across

2. lily, 4. buds, 5. flower

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Laughs . . .

Nothing improves a person's driving like a police car right in back of him.

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Among the perils of life in a democracy are speakers who have nothing to say and refuse to let that stop them short of an hour.—**Commercial Appeal.**

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Three men at the office were discussing what most people wanted to get out of a new car. "Dependability," said one fellow. "Styling," declared another. "Economy," said the third.

Just then a fourth man, who recently had bought a new car, entered the room. They decided to pose the question to him.

"What is the thing you'd like most to get out of your new car?" they asked.

"My teenage son," he replied.—**General Features.**

Every day he played with a different secret toy. But one day, a dreadful thing happened. After he lapped up all his white milk, cleaned his face with his paws, walked to the back porch, and lifted the edge of the blue rug—nothing was there! No shiny foil, no tissue paper, no marble, and no old flat catnip mouse.

He looked behind the laundry basket. There was a bright penny, forgotten in the corner. But his secret toys weren't there.

He looked behind the ironing board. There was a piece of white string, but his secret toys weren't there.

He looked under the sink. There was a small red rubber ball, but his secret toys weren't there, either.

When he looked at the broom, he guessed what had happened. Someone had swept all his playthings away. Too-Too had tears in his eyes. He did not feel like sleeping by the warm water heater. When dinnertime came, he did not feel like lapping up the white milk. All his secret toys under the blue rug were gone!

Nancy knew Too-Too was unhappy about something. She patted his long black fur. Sad Too-Too could not purr. She tickled him under the chin. He still could not purr.

But remember, Too-Too was a smart cat. The next day he knew what he would do. He walked out to the back porch. He pushed the penny from behind the laundry basket. He pulled the string from behind the ironing board. He rolled the small rubber ball from under the sink. These would be his new toys.

Too-Too looked happy again, which made Nancy smile. He lapped up all his white milk. He washed his face with his paws. He played with all his new toys. Before he jumped up by the warm water heater, he stood on the blue rug and looked all around the back porch.

Then he decided on a new secret hiding place for these new toys. A place no one knows about. Not even you or me.

TOO-TOO'S SECRET HIDING PLACE*

By Shirley Miller

Too-Too's bushy tail floated behind him. Too-Too was a beautiful cat. In fact, that was how Too-Too got his name. He was too, too beautiful for words.

Besides being beautiful, Too-Too was smart. He had a secret hiding place, on the back porch under the blue rug. He hid his secret treasures there—treasures like a shiny piece of foil, a scrap of bright-green tissue paper, an orange-and-yellow marble, and an old flat catnip mouse. Not even Nancy, his owner, knew he had a secret hiding place. Nobody knew but you and me.

Every day Too-Too lapped up all the white milk Nancy gave him. Every day he washed his face with his paws, like all cats do. Every day he walked out to the back porch with his bushy tail floating behind. He lifted the edge of the blue rug with one paw. With the other paw, he pulled out one of his treasures—maybe the orange-and-yellow marble.

The fun began. He rolled it; he chased it; he pushed, batted, and pawed it until he got t-o-o-o tired. Then he hid the marble back in its secret place under the blue rug, jumped up by the water heater where it was warm and quiet, and went to sleep.

A New Reformation?

By William E. Hull
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For more than a decade, Southern Baptists have debated the controversial career of Martin Luther King, Jr. Now, with the savage swiftness of an assassin's bullet, the life about which we argued is at an end and history demands a verdict.

To be sure, we can continue to refine our assessment of his philosophy, strategy, and methods as time sifts the permanent from the perishable. But a deeper decision presses upon us with more urgency: **What was God trying to tell us through the ministry of this martyred prophet?**

We dare not sidestep the issue by crossing verbal swords over the pros and cons of his anguished life. The Scriptures tell us that even the pagan despot, Cyrus, served as the Lord's anointed (Isaiah 45:1). Thus, we need not be shocked should God have chosen a Negro Baptist preacher to do the same.

King did not always bear the name by which he will be remembered. In childhood, his father changed both his own name and that of his son from Michael Luther to Martin Luther in honor of the great reformer. In that change we may have the clue to the ultimate significance of his life. Was his new name a portent that he would spark a New Reformation in the history of the church?

Anglican Vicar Quits To Become Baptist

DONCASTER, England (RNS)—Latest critic of Anglican infant baptism is the Rev. Ronald S. Whitehead, Vicar of Denaby, who announced he was leaving the Church of England and seeking entry to the Baptist ministry.

"I feel in conscience drawn towards a church that does not practice infant baptism," he said. Mr. Whitehead has already been baptized at a nearby Baptist church.

Several Anglican clergymen have announced opposition to infant baptism on the grounds that it is often indiscriminate and that the parents have no intention of bringing up the children in the Church. Very few, however, have gone so far as to resign, feeling they can make their case better while still in the Church.

Mr. Whitehead became a deacon in 1960 in the York diocese and was ordained the following year. He served in two parishes in southern England before returning to the north as Vicar of Denaby in 1966.

Four hundred and fifty years ago, the first Martin Luther was gripped by a Biblical conviction that was destined to guide Christendom out of the morass in which it was mired. "Justification by faith" became the battlecry of a sweeping reformation which cut through the trivia that had sapped the vitality of the Medieval Church and exploited the superstitions of the masses.

During the centuries that followed, this discovery exercised an incalculable influence on the spiritual sensibilities of mankind. It served as a Magna Charta liberating the individual for a deeper relation to God.

But gradually Luther's burning passion became a rigid doctrine, and then a tired cliché. Slowly but steadily, superstitions began to swarm around the phrase "justification by faith" as they had around those systems which it had sought to replace. Most sinister, the phrase came to suggest in the popular mind an absolute acceptance by God independent of any obligation to one's fellow man. Clearly it was time for a New Reformation.

Into this spiritual crisis of our time came Luther's namesake, not to negate "justification by faith," but to balance it by another Biblical concern of equal significance, "**reconciliation by love.**" With nations poised on the brink of nuclear warfare, with slums festering in poverty, with racial prejudice smoldering even in the church, is it any wonder that this was God's decisive word for our day? Further, just as a Roman monk was prepared to hear the Word of "justification by faith" precisely because he knew from the inside the futility of merit-by-works, is it strange that the Word of "reconciliation by love" was heard most clearly by an embattled preacher in the Negro ghetto?

Here, then, is the issue we must face: not whether to glorify or to damn Martin Luther King, Jr., for such responses belong to the devotees of a personality cult. Rather, the more profound spiritual question must be asked:

Did God disclose through his life the decisive Word which must be recovered if we are to survive? Must "reconciliation by love" become as central a reality as "justification by faith" if we are to live the whole gospel?

However men may evaluate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., his legacy may well launch a New Reformation in which Southern Baptists must participate or forfeit their place in the purposes of God.

Stockholm Bids For 1975 Baptist World Congress

Stockholm is the first city to be placed in consideration for the 1975 Baptist World Congress, according to C. Donald Goulding of London, European secretary of the sponsoring Baptist World Alliance. The Baptist Union of Sweden nominated Stockholm.

It would be the second time for world Baptists to meet in Stockholm. The Third Baptist World Congress met there in 1923. The 1975 Congress will be the 13th.

Selections of the 1975 meeting site will not be made for some time yet. The next Congress—the 12th—convenes in Tokyo, Japan, in 1970. Congresses assemble every fifth year normally.

The most recent Baptist World Congress to be held in Europe took place in London in 1955. Earlier, the Congress met in Copenhagen in 1947, Berlin in 1934, Stockholm in 1923, and London in 1905. The 1905 Congress was the first such world meeting of Baptists. (EBPS)

Children's Record

Shari Lewis with Lambchop, **Give Your Child a Headstart** is Camden record CAS-1096. "How to Talk to a Child" might better be the title. Material is adapted from the McGraw-Hill Headstart series on looking and listening, knowing and naming, thinking and imagining. Here are entertaining ways of reaching young children in the experience of growing up.

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Religious Records

Songs of Praise as a Bridge to Their Fellows by the Blackwood Brothers Quartet is RCA Victor LSP-3923. This collection presents the Blackwood Brothers in their versatility. Twelve "gospel music" selections are on the two sides.

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Best of the Statesmen Quartet, Vol II is RCA Victor LSP-3925 with 12 selections containing some new versions of "gospel" songs.

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Give The World a Smile, by the Stamps Quartet is RCA Camden CAS-2193 (e) with selections recorded between 1925-30 in Atlanta and Memphis. Title is key to the quartet's message. Voices are used like a guitar and banjo, Stamps doing the single-string bass runs, with the quartet humming the syncopated chords in "Do Your Best Then Wear a Smile," and "Give the World a Smile." "Living for Jesus," "He is a Wonderful Saviour To Me," and "He Bore it All" are among the numbers.