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**SAM HOUSTON MEMORIAL COLISEUM** is the meeting place for the 1968 Southern Baptist Convention June 4-7, in Houston. The Woman's Missionary Union Convention will meet at the adjacent Music Hall to the right of the Coliseum, June 3-4. (BP) Photo





## 6 Pastors, Evangelists Slated at Evangelists' Meet

**HOUSTON (BP)**—Three prominent Baptist pastors and three Baptist evangelists will be the featured speakers for the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists which meets Thursday afternoon, June 6, during the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Evangelists on the program will include the flamboyant Chaplain of Bourbon Street in New Orleans, Bob Harrington; Mike Brumley, former baseball star and evangelist from Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Eddie Lieberman, evangelist, Greenville, S. C.

Baptist pastors on the program include Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, and former Southern Baptist Convention president; Stephen F. Olford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York; and John Bisagno, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., a suburb of Oklahoma City.

Several hundred Baptist pastors and evangelists are expected to attend the afternoon meeting held at First Baptist Church, from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 6. The Southern Baptist Convention meets at Sam Houston Coliseum, Tuesday through Friday, June 4-7, but no afternoon sessions are scheduled on Thursday.

John Tierney, evangelist, from Greenville, S. C., is president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists.



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## SBC Information Booths At Houston Hiways

**HOUSTON (BP)**—The hospitality committee for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here June 3-7 is planning to set up information booths at strategically located spots on the major arteries leading into the city, and at the airport.

The booths will be designed to aid the visitors in getting acquainted with the city, giving directions to hotels, and providing distribution points for information packets to convention messengers.

The information packets will include a complete schedule of the convention and its related meetings, city maps, restaurant directories, first aid information, and sight-seeing information.

The well-marked booths will be located on Interstate 10 East (from Beaumont, Tex.), and in the terminal at the airport.

One local committeeman warned that the Sam Houston Coliseum where the convention meets is just off Interstate 45 from Dallas, but a visitor can pass almost directly over the Coliseum and miss it because of the maze of exits and thoroughfares. The information booths will help prevent this problem, the spokesman said.

## Press Representatives Named for Assemblies

**NASHVILLE (BP)**—Press representatives for Southern Baptists' two assemblies have been selected. Judy Ries will serve at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly and Louis Moore at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

Selected by the office of public relations, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the press representatives will report on conferences and speakers and will work closely with local radio and television stations.

Miss Ries, a native of Memphis, is a second-year religious education student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. A graduate of Southwestern, a Memphis College, she plans to complete requirements for the master of religious education and graduate specialist in religious education degrees at Southern Seminary in 1969.

Moore, who will be graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., in June, plans to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall. A resident of Oklahoma City, Okla., he has been employed as staff writer for the Baylor "Lariat," the school newspaper, while in college.

Devotional

## Perfect Power



By Edward N. Bezanson,  
Brown Springs Church, Mosheim

A garage man in Mangum, Okla., answered the call of a woman motorist, whose car had stalled. After checking the car, he informed her it was out of gas. "Will it hurt," she asked, "if I drive it home with the gas tank empty?" It certainly would be cheaper to operate a car if it would go without gas, but anyone who has tried this, know it just doesn't work.

The Christian life is of such a nature, that it too, requires fuel or power for its duties each day. Once the Lord Jesus has implanted his divine nature in a believer, this nature must constantly be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

All too often, there are those who try to live the Christian life by their own goodness and strength. The apostle Paul states in Col. 2:9,10, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of he Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power."

Many times Christians are so busy, they do not take the time to stop and "refuel" each day from the fulness that God has made available in them, "and ye are complete in him." The Amplified Translation of verse 10 says, "... in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and reach full spiritual stature."

It is wonderful to know, God has given in Christ all that man needs to meet the pressing issues of today's living. It is said, that an old Indian in preparation for Sunday worship stated, "I sit down and think Jesus until it is time to go." This is a needed truth in our day of barrenness of busyness. Every Christian, needs both to "think on Jesus," and allow Christ to live in and through him, as the perfect, perpetual power to motivate his life.



**NOTE—**Last week the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention broke ground to begin construction on their new headquarters building located in Brentwood. Since this is the first building Tennessee Baptists have built, we felt it would be of interest to readers of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR to know about the places where the Executive Board has had its offices.

## Where The State Board Lived

By John D. Freeman

Between 1882, when the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention was incorporated, and 1968 when plans for its new building are being completed, there have occurred significant changes in the affairs of the people of Tennessee called Baptists. Then there were few churches, with small membership; now there are 2,678 churches with 855,440 names on their rolls.

In 1882, on February 27, a charter was granted by the Secretary of State of Tennessee to fifteen men to form "A body politic of the Baptist State Convention of Tennessee." The minutes of that time and for many succeeding years gave no information about the location of the office of this board. A search of long footage of microfilmed minutes both of the state convention and of the State Board, as well as of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR gave no more information about the board's office than "Nashville, Tennessee." Clerks and secretaries of the last part of the nineteenth century did not spend much time in recording details.

Prior to the incorporation of the Executive Board, records show that W. A. Montgomery was corresponding secretary in 1875-1877. After a lapse of one year the board was served by J. F. B. Mays. It is presumed that they used their residences for office space. In 1891 A. J. Robertson was serving and his office seems to have been in the Presbyterian Building on North Cherry Street, now Fourth Avenue, North.

When W. C. Golden became secretary in 1897, he was living in one side of a duplex on Monroe Street in Nashville which was owned by the father of Mrs. Douglas Ginn, for many years office secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Ginn remembers the parlor and dining room which were used as offices.

Sometime about 1904, the offices were moved to the Cumberland Presbyterian Building on North Cherry Street. There was a brief period in 1898-1899 when reference in the minutes indicate that the offices were in the University (sometimes Press) Building. During the administration of A. J. Holt (1887-1897) occasional references in the minutes tell of "meeting in the assembly room of the Sunday School Publishing House." Dr. Homer L. Grice re-

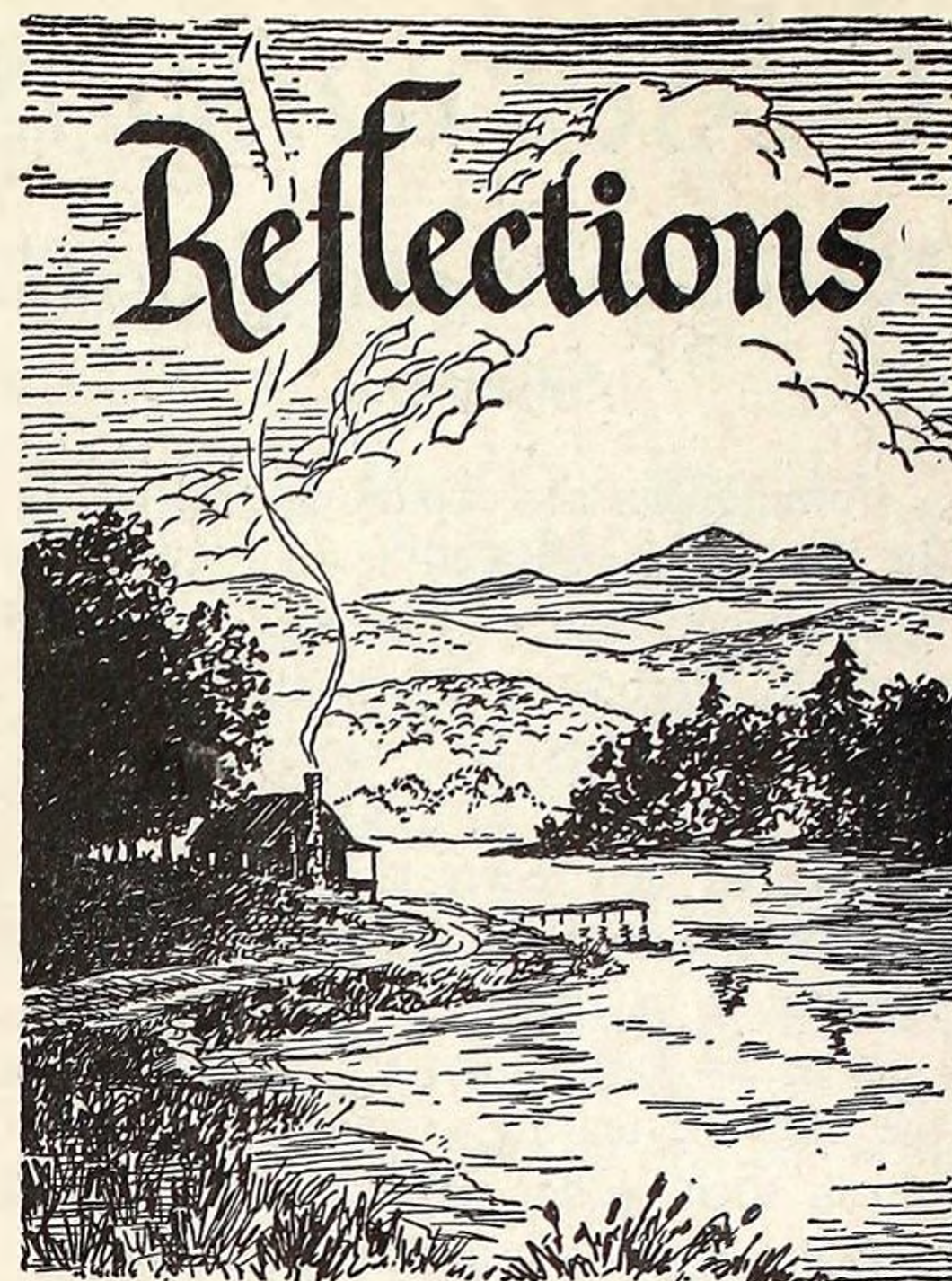
ported that this must have been a branch of the Sunday School movement which preceded the formation of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; no location was mentioned.

For a few years prior to 1913 the board had offices in the Cole Building which stood where the Doctors' Building is now located on Church Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, North.

In the Fall of 1891, the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized and shared quarters with the State Board. The Sunday School Board grew rapidly and by 1913 was able to launch its first building enterprise. An agreement had been reached with the Tennessee State Board whereby it could occupy the third floor of the building at 161 Eighth Avenue, North. So in 1914 The Executive Board and the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union were quartered in more commodious offices than they had ever before known. When the Executive Board purchased the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, it too was moved to these quarters. The board occupied the offices on Eighth Avenue, North until 1936.

Because the work of the Sunday School Board expanded so rapidly the need for additional space was so great, they requested that Tennessee Baptist Convention's Executive Board move to another location. The board decided to purchase a three story red brick building on a narrow lot at 149 Sixth Avenue, North. For some time the Sunday School, Training Union and Brotherhood Departments had been located in Tullahoma, but now all departments of the Executive Board had offices in the Sixth Avenue, North building.

In 1951 the state convention assumed ownership of Ward-Belmont College in Nashville. The name was changed to Belmont College and the west wing of the school's main building was converted into offices for the entire state board force. For the first time they had adequate space for all equipment, files, storage and such. But, as was the case in previous quarters, the accommodating agency outgrew its quarters and Belmont College requested the state board to move. After much study and careful planning, the request to move resulted in the decision to construct in Brentwood a new building, to be occupied by the Executive Board staff some time during 1969.



If one has no sense of humor he might as well have no sense at all. It is a cushion for a fall, a salve for a bruise, and a flavoring for the commonplace.—**Sunshine.**

Inflation is an expedient of people who do not care a whit for the future of their nation and its civilization.—Ludwig Von Mises, **American Opinion.**

Language is the dress of thought, and the history of coinages is a useful index to the history of thought.—U. Milo Kaufmann, "Prince Hamlet and the Current Student Revolt," **Christianity Today.**

The resurrection announces the fact that all things are possible with God. It proclaims that no defeat in the cause of truth and justice is final. It urges men to die rather than to accept the reality of unreal walls.—Vincent Harding, **Must Walls Divide?** (Friendship Press).

With the same alacrity with which Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent we also are always on the look-out for some escape clause in the contract of life's responsibilities.—Max Warren, **Interpreting the Cross** (SCM Press).

Communication . . . takes place when one mind so acts upon its environment that another mind is influenced, and in that order mind an experience occurs which is like the experience in the first mind, and is caused in part by that experience.—I. A. Richards, **Principles of Literary Criticism** (Harcourt).

We are now at the point where we must educate people in what nobody knew yesterday, and prepare in our schools for what no one knows yet, but what some people must know tomorrow.—Margaret Mead.

Dr. Freeman served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Board, TBC, 1933-1942.



# Observations By Owen . . . . .

## Communism Exploiting Racial Situation

Communists are exploiting Negroes in the United States and leading them to violence and rioting. This was the charge made by Herbert A. Philbrick before the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation in St. Louis. Philbrick, a former undercover FBI agent, said recent riots in major US cities were not racially inspired but rather communist instigated.

It seems communists are profiting from the violence tearing to pieces the fabric of our social order. Whether or not civil riots are directly inspired by communists, they are exploited by them. Communism depends on violence to achieve its objectives. It seeks to turn group against group, race against race, class against class, and in the resulting chaos seize power.

How far and how long can the present rebellious trend go without resulting in actual civil war? Can any group of people

be allowed to break the country's laws with impunity, without finding ourselves in a situation where the criminal takes over? Ours is an age of disintegration fomented in part by communism. It seems to be a society falling apart. We are in a period of growing contempt for authority, the flaunting of reasonable laws, and the baiting of responsible officials. Attempt is made through intimidation and coercion to force the settlement of issues in the streets rather than through the accepted democratic process. It is a revolution trying to impose the irrational desperation of the mob in place of the reasonable determination of issues by the ballot.

## What Communism Seeks

In the New Program of the Communist Party USA (1966) published by Political Affairs Publishers, Inc., 23 (Communist Party USA Headquarters)

West 26th Street, New York, we learn communism's official long range plans. These concern the acute crisis expressed in the clashes and upheavals in American life today.

Communism expects to gain by the upheavals of the younger generation. These range over a myriad of issues, an enlarged conception of freedom, civil rights, peace and resistance to authority. Also communism expects to make advances in the Negro freedom movement, engaged in picket lines, boycotts, civil disobedience and mass demonstrations.

The exercise of pressure upon existing political structures is to make political gains for communism. This is to be followed by employment of political power to effect a radical reconstruction of society. The present phase is expressed in mass movements to modify existing centers of political power. The next phase will be the advance from political pressure to the contest for political power. This means seeking new political alignments so as to get political supremacy. The third phase grows out of intense direct conflict between "the present power structure" and the coalition of its opponents. This is foreseen by communism as resulting in the destruction of our present-day society and its reconstruction in the socialist-communist mould.

In view of this, communism today participates in the present-day mass movements and upheavals seeking to gain control of them for its own ends. On page 75 of this 128-page book the Communist Party of the USA speaks about youth in its fight for peace, civil rights, democratic liberties. The Party says if these young people are to be the effective instruments of social change "they must be employed not blindly but with cool calculation on the social forces in contention." The Communist Party says the hope, the optimism, the sense of social purpose "which a monopoly-dominated society would deny youth" can only be reclaimed "in battle against corrupting monopoly-domination and in alliance with the working class, the Negro people, and





other progressive forces of society." Communism wants an alliance of labor with the Negro movement and the maneuvering of such an alliance to communist objectives.

Concerning religion and communism, the booklet informs us on page 116: "Marxists disagree philosophically with the supernatural, mystical elements of religion. Nevertheless, we recognize many positive humanist values in ethical and moral precepts of the several religions. We salute the increasing attempts of social-minded religious individuals and groups to apply the positive precepts of their faith to the struggle for better life on earth. A salutary development of our time has been the growing involvement of clergyman of all faiths frequently on the front lines in the battles for civil rights, peace, civil liberties, and economic welfare. To all such efforts we extend the welcome hand of friendship

and solidarity."

Communism wants to use youth "with cool calculation" for its own ends. Communism extends a hand of friendship and solidarity to the leftist preachers taken in by the political activists who in the name of peace and freedom are forging chains heavier and more binding on the masses they pretend to free.

The New Program of the Communists Party (USA) has a foreword by Gus Hall. The book is propagandistic expression of the program of the Communist Party of the United States. It is a revolutionary party aiming to transform society and it contends that the necessary means is the political party of Marxism-Leninism. Its roster of saints includes W. E. B. DuBois, Eugene V. Debs, William D. Haywood, and William Z. Foster. It claims to be in the vanguard of the struggle for human progress. But wherever it comes to power it suppresses all opposi-

tion and forces its totalitarian objectives through brute force.

## Remade Men Can Remake Society

Christianity comes with a radical message. But it is not a message that approves of arson, pillaging, violence, and flaunting of reasonable laws. It is a message that brings men to repentance and to faith in the redemptive power of God in Jesus Christ. It is a message that will remake men with a new spirit so that they can remake human society in a better mould.

Every true Christian is in a continuous state of revolution—of change within himself. But this change extends to the reshaping of society. The true Christian is a responsible person who seeks to live constructively, helping others for the glory of God.

### PROBLEMS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

(One of a series)

# The Bible And The Body

By T. B. Maston

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This article will be restricted to a few basic concepts that have special significance for daily Christian living.

There is at least one very prevalent mistaken conception concerning the Bible and the body. Some Christians believe that the Bible teaches that the body is evil.

This idea is not found in the Bible except as the latter is misinterpreted. It is a part of the Greek influence on the Christian movement. Some schools of Greek philosophy considered the material evil, and since the body was material it was also thought to be evil. This viewpoint was adopted by certain early church fathers, and succeeding generations of Christians have been plagued with it.

In contrast the Hebrew perspective is revealed in the statement that "God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:31). The body which is "very good" from God's perspective can be used for good or evil purposes depending on the "person" who lives in and controls the body.

Paul's conception concerning the conflict between "the flesh and the Spirit" (see Gal.

5:16-17; Rom. 8:1-13) has been used, through the centuries, to support the Greek idea. This has involved a misinterpretation of Paul. "The flesh" as used by Paul did not refer to the body but to the fleshy or carnal nature.

Paul plainly says that the body is "for the Lord; and the Lord for the body." It is a member of Christ, and "the temple of the Holy Ghost" (1 Cor. 6:13, 15, 19).

Paul further says that since the body belongs to the Lord it should be used to glorify God (1 Cor. 6:20). He appealed to the Roman Christians to present their bodies as "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" (Rom. 12:1). The body is to be used for the purposes of God.

The preceding means that the body is a part of the Christian's stewardship. Many questions concerning right or wrong such as smoking for the Christian could be answered on the basis of the effect on his body.

From the more positive perspective our bodies should be presented to God as a living sacrifice in contrast to the dead sacrifices of the Old Testament. They should be holy in the sense that they are separated unto

God and dedicated to his purposes. If they are so dedicated they will be acceptable to God.

This means that every organ or part of the Christian's body should be used to the glory of God:

His feet should take him only to places that will be well pleasing to the One to whom the body belongs.

His hands should reach out in helpful service in the name of the Lord to those in need.

His ears should be attuned to the voice of God and should also be sensitive to the cry of the hungry and underprivileged of the world.

His eyes should be trained to look for the good, the beautiful, the true. They should have something of the perspective of our heavenly Father.

His voice should be used to invite others to the Lord and to speak a kind and helpful word to those in need. Also, his voice should be used to speak a positive "yes" and "no" that will honor the One to whom the voice belongs.



# Tennessee Topics

**Robert A. Cantwell**, who is leaving his pastorate at East Chattanooga Church, Chattanooga, to become pastor of First Church, Lincolnton, N. C., was honored at a fellowship dinner Apr. 30 at Holsum Bakery banquet room. **J. V. James**, supt. of missions for Hamilton County Baptist Association, was master of ceremonies and **Mrs. Doyle Walker** directed the program. Cantwell has been at East Chattanooga since 1965. **Mrs. Cantwell** served the church as minister of music.

**Mrs. Flora Southern Whitaker**, 65, wife of **Arthur Whitaker**, Cumberland Gap, died May 4. She had been hospitalized for several weeks. She was a member of First Church where she taught the young people's Sunday school class, vice-president of the WMU of the church and vice-chairman of the Steering Committee of the Baptist Student Center in Harrogate. She had served as past president of the WMU of her church and also of Cumberland Gap Association. Services were held at the church May 7 with Pastor **Herman Moore** and **Charles D. Earl** of New Tazewell officiating.

**Rev. and Mrs. William R. Wakefield**, missionaries to the Philipines, have a new son, **Christopher Robert**, their fifth child, born Apr. 11. (Their address is 27 Hercules St., Makati, Rizal, Philipines). Wakefield is a native of Wright County, Mo.; **Mrs. Wakefield**, the former **Delcie Musgrave**, was born in Buffalo, N.Y., but spent her childhood in Kan. and Mo. He directed Baptist student work in Chattanooga, prior to their missionary appointment in 1960.

Evangelist **Harry Wootan**, Thomaston Ga., and **Dan Erwin** of Chattanooga assisted Pastor **W. D. Hazlewood** and East Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, in revival services in which there were seven professions of faith for baptism, 10 by letter and seven rededications.

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A reception honoring Pastor and **Mrs. Branson C. Wiggins** and children was held at the church May 5 from 3 to 5 p.m. The occasion being his 15th anniversary as pastor of the church. During his pastorate mission gifts have more than doubled, 978 members received into the church, 401 of these by baptism. Elizabeth Street Mission has been organized into a church and Margrave Mission organized. Purchases made and paid for include Margrave Mission building, new carpeting installed in auditorium, larger and better pastorium, property on east side of church building, air conditioning for main building and nursery, and gas heating system. Old pastorium was renovated, church indebtedness reduced to \$20,000, and value of church property increased to \$365,000.

**The Marshall G. Duncans**, missionaries to Kenya, expected to arrive in the States on May 14 for furlough (address: Rte. 3, Clinton, Tenn. 37716). Born in Knox County, Duncan lived in Clinton, Norris, and Andersonville, Tenn., during childhood; **Mrs. Duncan**, the former **Margie Rains**, was born in Anderson County, and spent part of her youth in Clinton. At the time of their missionary appointment in 1964 he was pastor of Ridgedale Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

**Joe W. Acuff**, pastor of First Church, Obion, resigned effective May 12. During his 3½ years the church received 126 new members, 60 by baptism and 66 by letter. Thus far the church is averaging \$450 per week, the greatest year financially. A building committee has been elected and plans are to build an education building. Acuff began his work as pastor of First Church, Malden, Mo., May 19.

**Morrell Lee** has assumed his duties as pastor of Trinity Church, Covington. A graduate of New Orleans Seminary, he has served churches in Ashland City, Shelbyville, Savannah and before going to Covington was at Forest Park Church, McMinnville. He and his wife reside at 1541 Michael.

**A. W. Bartlett**, 87, died at his home in Ooltewah May 7. A deacon of the Apison Church for 55 years, he was clerk and treasurer of the church for 20 years.

**Jimmy F. Dunn** assumed his duties as associational youth consultant in the Training Union department of the BSSB, Nashville. He came from First Church, Bogalusa, La., where he was minister of music and education.

Oak Hill Church, Holston Association, called **Glen Silver** as music director. **M. L. White** is pastor.

**Morris Prince** is serving as interim pastor at Gadsden Church, Crockett Association. He retired in January after 37 years as a full-time pastor. His last pastorate was Fowlkes Church, Fowlkes, having served there 12 years. He and his wife reside in Alamo.

**James McCluskey**, pastor of Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville, reports a revival in which Evangelist **Harold Tallant** did the preaching. There were 40 additions to the church, 33 of them by baptism. There were 26 rededications.

Second Church, Clinton, was led in revival services Apr. 28-May 5 by Evangelist **David Walker** of Cleveland. There were 23 additions to the church and several rededications. Music was directed by **Lloyd Smith, Jr.**, minister of music at the church. **George Williams** is pastor.

East Park Church, Memphis, installed new pews and carpets in its auditorium. **James Glisson** is pastor.

First, Clarksville, broke ground for its religious activities building. It is expected to cost approximately \$485,000 and scheduled to be completed in the fall, will include education space for 500 people, gymnasium, bowling lanes and other facilities for recreation. **John Laida** is pastor.

Mt. Herman Church, Cumberland Association, called **Laurin Suiter** as pastor. He has held pastorates in Robertson County, Paris, Tenn., and Indiana before becoming interim pastor at Mt. Herman last September. **Mrs. Suiter** is the former **Donna Jackson** of Paris. They have one son, **Laurin, Jr.**, who is stationed in Viet Nam, and two grandchildren.

**Rev. and Mrs. Harold Moyer** and family will leave Dallas, Tex., May 30 enroute to their new field of service in Hawaii. He has accepted the pastorate of the Waimea Baptist Church on the Island of Kauai. This church is one of two churches on the island and two missions are in operation at present. The church consists of the Japanese American people, Chinese, Polynesian and other native people. They have two children, **Dianna** and **David**, and a foster daughter **Linda**. Moyer pastored churches in Ky., Byrdstown (Tenn.), and Ill. before attending Southwestern Seminary where he graduated in 1967. While in Tex., he and **Mrs. Moyer** were employed by the Buckner Baptist Benevolences at the Children's Home in Dallas.



## Missionary In RA Camp

By Roy J Gilleland, Jr.



Charles Compton will be one of our missionaries at the Royal Ambassador Camps at Camp Linden June 17-21 and June 24-28. Mentioned as an All-American candidate while playing football at the University of Alabama, Charles is also a veteran of World War II, having won the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with Cluster, the Purple Heart with Cluster, and the French Croix de Guerre.

Serving in the Army of the Lord Jesus Christ, after finishing the University of Alabama, Charles continued his training at Southwestern Seminary where he received the B.D. degree.

Missionary Compton is married to the former Betsy Dunning of Kingsport. They are parents of four children, Virginia, Bill, John, and Dick.

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## Give "Good News" To Employees

**ERLANGER, Ky.**—Chester Long is a near-blind father of ten children here, but he has no trouble seeing the truth.

Recently, Long and his business partner—brother Orin called the fifty employees of their Cincinnati Drum Company together and handed them each a paperback book called **Good News for Modern Man**.

According to his pastor at Erlanger Baptist Church, Keith D. LaGessee, Long told his employees, "I want you to take this book and read it. You will get more good out of the New Testament here than you will out of the paycheck in your other hand if you will just let the book talk to you."

After distributing the inexpensive modern translation of the New Testament, Long asked the men to read it and to share with him any results that came from reading the Scriptures. Many have shared experiences with him since then and have told how they have been helped by the reading of the New Testament.

"Many of these employees have social and personal problems," LaGessee said. "The Longs feel that if they are able to help these men readjust and enter society, they will make a double contribution."

Once, after the pastor had been asked to



Orin Long, left, and Chester Long, center, his brother and partner, giving New Testament to employees, right.

speaking to a meeting of the employees, Chester Long rose and added his personal testimony. "For years some of these men had worked for him and had known him as a pretty difficult character to deal with," the pastor said. "The evidence of change in Chester's life, wrought by the power of the Lord and the Word of God, was noticed by his men. It was probably the best advertisement **Good News for Modern Man** could ever have."



**Philippi Church, Bradley Association, broke ground for a new sanctuary to be constructed this summer. One floor of the present educational building has been used for a temporary auditorium. The new facility to seat approximately 300, should be completed in October.**

Participating in the ceremony were the following as shown from left: Harley Higgins, trustee; Mart Massey, trustee and building committee chairman; Truman Ingle, deacon; Mrs. Parmelia Roy, oldest living member; Harrison Swafford, trustee; John M. Wenger, Pastor; Ralph York, contractor; and Homer Shoemaker, deacon.

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# Senator Calls For Public Hearing On "Sick Movies"

**Editor's Note:** Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R., Maine) has in recent years been a moving force in efforts to deal with the problem of obscenity in motion picture films. She is interviewed on this subject by James O. Duncan, editor of the Capital Baptist, weekly publication of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

**Question:** Mrs. Smith, you have been concerned about what you have called "sick" movies for many years. To what do you attribute the increased interest in these movies?

**Answer:** Over the past decade the Supreme Court has, rightly, knocked out censorship laws of all types. In doing so, however, the court opened the way to permit the showing of movies filled with sick violence, sadism, degeneration — produced both in the United States and abroad—to children. It was hoped that the movie industry could police itself, with respect to that made available for children. A new code was developed by the Motion Picture Association of America but this code applies to far fewer than half of the movies exhibited in this country and no really effective system was devised by which movies with obscene or otherwise objectionable material could be barred to small children.

In recent years more and more such violent, sadistic, sick movies have been produced and are being shown in neighboring theaters attracting large audiences of young children.

The courts have rejected censorship and the motion picture industry has proved inadequate to meet the responsibility adults must bear for the young. The problem becomes daily more urgently in need of a solution.

**Question:** You mentioned children. Who goes to the movies?

**Answer:** The Motion Picture Association of America has reported that 52 per cent of movie audiences are 19 and under. Children 10 to 14 account for about 16 per cent of the total paid admissions: children nine and under account for another 16 per cent. Movies are a \$3 billion-a-year industry. It would seem safe to guess that children in their early adolescence or younger contribute about \$1 billion to the industry annually.

**Question:** Have there been any studies done that might indicate that a child who sees these movies has a behavior problem?

**Answer:** Leonard Berkowitz of the University of Wisconsin has cited a number of limited studies made of children exposed to such visual violence tend to react more ag-

gressively to the same degree or length of visual violence. A number of such studies are reported in "Aggression: A Social Psychological Analysis" by Professor Berkowitz. The findings are not complete, however, and Professor Berkowitz does not make an absolute finding, although he finds the weight of evidence pointing to the probability of the relationship between what the child sees on the screen and what he does when confronted with certain real-life situations.

**Question:** If there is something wrong with the movies why doesn't the industry itself clean it up?

**Answer:** There is, first of all, no code which applies to all movie makers in this country. The code applies only to a limited few American studios and producers. Many producers operate outside the code and find it profitable to do so since there is no longer any booking control over theaters. Secondly, the code has never applied to foreign film producers who in recent years have provided a larger and larger share of screen violence served up to children.

Finally, and in all candor, I would suggest that there is another reason: money. To some of the more unscrupulous movie makers the children's quarters and dimes are so alluring they cannot be resisted. This in turn has had the unfortunate tendency to relax the regard for the code by association members. It might also be said that profitable bad movies tend to drive out the good.

**Question:** I believe you have introduced a resolution in the Senate expressing your concern over these films. What does your resolution propose to do?

**Answer:** Senate Resolution 9 proposed creating a special Senate committee to study the dimensions of the problem, the possible need for corrective action and what kind of action could be taken without in any way infringing on the rights of adult Americans to see those movies they want to see. The purpose is to investigate film classification as it has been adopted and applied in other countries, and determine if such a system is needed and, if needed, feasible in this country without violating our anti-censorship stance.

This resolution provides no legislative "cure" for the problem of violence and sadism in movies shown children. It does not seek censorship in any form: it does not seek to curb the rights of any person to make or exhibit movies. It merely sets out to determine if there is a problem and if such a problem is found, how best to find an answer.

**Question:** Isn't this very close to government censorship?

**Answer:** At one time in this country we did have government censorship. The Supreme Court has ruled in a number of cases that such censorship violates the citizens' rights. At the same time the court has held open the door to classification when it applies only to children while permitting complete freedom for adults.

My concern is that no attempt be made to impose censorship on what adults may wish to see: and that every reasonable protection be given to children against undue violence, sick sex, sadism and degeneracy.

Government censorship is unthinkable in a free society: self-censorship by the industry has not provided the degree of protection to children that seems necessary. The court has indicated a possibility that a medium can be struck and it is our duty as legislators to find that middle course.

**Question:** Like books banned in Boston, wouldn't classification automatically increase box office receipts from the curious?

**Answer:** No doubt there would be such a "thrill seeker" audience generated by a "not good for children" designation placed on certain films. Our concern is solely for minor children. If a film were so designated it is not likely that it would be shown as the feature attraction on Saturday afternoons in neighborhood movie houses catering largely to children because if its audience of children were barred the theater would not find it profitable to show the movie. The curious who would be attracted would be adults, and therefore beyond the scope of any classification legislation as I see such legislation.

The only right that movie classification legislation, as I see it, might abrogate is the right to exploit children. The only freedom abrogated would be the freedom to do untold and terrible serious damage to small children's minds.

**Question:** Do you plan public hearings and what can the concerned person do?

**Answer:** If the special committee is created by the Senate it would be my hope that extensive public hearings would be conducted. I do not see how adequate legislation could be developed otherwise. There must be every opportunity for all parties concerned to express their opinions and provide factual testimony. Only with that kind of background can such a committee hope to function.

Finally, for concerned parents: If you are concerned indeed, find out what the picture is like before you drop your youngster off at the neighborhood movie theater Saturday afternoon. It may take a few minutes of your time, such time would be well spent.

As a beginning, the Senate Commerce Committee has indicated there will be several days of hearings on my proposal. Those interested and concerned with the problem might want to express their views in writing to Senator Warren Magnuson, chairman of the Commerce Committee.



# SBC Missions Gifts Continue Upward

**NASHVILLE (BP)**—Southern Baptist Convention world missions gifts continued their upward climb during the month of April, when an end-of-the-month tally disclosed that Baptists have contributed \$24.7 million so far during 1968 to SBC missions causes.

The \$24.7 million exceeds missions contributions for the same period in 1967 by \$1.4 million, or 6.19 per cent, reported the SBC Executive Committee here.

Of the total missions contributions for SBC causes, \$8.7 million has been channeled to 19 different agencies of the convention through the Cooperative Program unified budget plan, an increase of \$436,392 or 5.24 per cent in Cooperative Program gifts over last year.

An additional \$15.9 million has been con-

tributed to specific, designated missions causes, mostly foreign missions, so far during 1968. Designations are up \$1 million over 1967 figures, or 6.72 per cent.

During the month of April, contributions to the Cooperative Program reached \$2.1 million, and designations were \$2.6 million, bringing total gifts for the month to \$4.8 million.

Cooperative Program gifts have exceeded the \$2 million mark every month so far during 1968, said John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee. Last year, Cooperative Program gifts fell beneath the \$2 million level during three months out of the year, including April.

Williams pointed out that Cooperative Program contributions passed the \$2 million

mark for the first time in a single month during 1965, and that the \$2 million figure was passed twice in 1966. In 1967, it jumped to nine months out of the year that \$2 million was exceeded.

Biggest recipient of the \$24.7 million has been the SBC Foreign Mission Board which supports missions efforts in 69 countries. So far during 1968, foreign missions has received \$19 million in designated and Cooperative Program funds.

The SBC Home Mission Board has received \$3 million to support mission efforts in the homeland.

The figures in the monthly report include only amounts given to support nation and world-wide Southern Baptist Convention causes, and do not include amounts contributed to local and state-wide missions.

## Dedicates New Center

**WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)**—Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here dedicated its new student center, named "Mackie Hall" in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Mackie of Wake Forest.

The two-story brick building is located on the south side of the campus, approximately where Hunter Dormitory formerly stood. It was built with funds allocated for its construction by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A large Commons Room occupies the center section of the first floor, with the campus store to the east and the Baptist Book Store to the west. Carrells for fellows and graders, offices for various student leaders and conference rooms are located on the second floor where the director of student activities has his offices.

## Awarded Study Grant

**LOUISVILLE (BP)**—A \$4,000 study grant has been awarded to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Old Testament professor Clyde T. Francisco by the American Association of Theological Schools for study at Oxford University in England.

While in England for the academic year of 1968-69 on sabbatical leave, Francisco will write a commentary on the book of Genesis, do research in the famed Bodleian Library, and consult with leading Old Testament scholars at Oxford.

Francisco said he would attempt to translate scientific critical study into language understood by laymen in his book. He has taught courses in Genesis for 10 years at Southern Seminary as holder of the John R. Sampey Chair of Old Testament Interpretation.

Beginning in June, Francisco will spend the summer teaching in the Orient under the sponsorship of the SBC Foreign Mission

## Bill Wallace Film Nears Reality

By Thomas J. Brannon

**COLUMBIA, S. C.**—"God often tests us with fire to prove the strength of our enterprises"—that's the way Gregory Walcott, star and producer of the movie, "Bill Wallace of China," feels about the obstacles he confronted in the production of the film to be released for commercial theater use within a few weeks.

"Bill Wallace of China" is a warm and suspenseful story of a Tennessee doctor who, because of missionary compulsion, served in China during 17 of the most turbulent years in the ancient kingdom's history.

Walcott, interviewed here recently while on a speaking tour, explained that the final version of the film would be quite different from what Southern Baptists saw in rough preview last summer in Miami Beach. "The film has had a 30% pictorial change but only eight minutes added time," he said. The Baptist actor said that the most significant additions were scenes from the arrest and interrogation of Dr. Wallace. Also added were excerpts from Wallace's boyhood days in Tennessee and his early romances.

Walcott does not consider his 4½ years time devoted to this production a financial sacrifice for he says the experienced gained is more valuable than a doctorate in theater arts.

"The average person cannot understand why it takes so long to produce a film," the Southern Baptist Convention former vice president stated. Raising the production budget alone was an enormous undertaking as Walcott's company received no financial assistance from Hollywood studios, banks

Board in Japan, the Philippines, and Indonesia. He begins his work in England in the fall.

or Southern Baptist agencies. "Bill Wallace of China" involved four trips to the Orient—over a quarter million miles travel. The film script was prepared from portions of the book and through research and interviews with Dr. Wallace's relatives, classmates and missionary associates in Southeast Asia. "A good example of time involvement is that the audio crew may work for an entire week recording nothing but the footsteps used in a certain scene," Walcott explained.

Over 110,000 feet of color film was used in the filming but the finished 94-minute production contains only 8,460 feet.

"Throughout the production we have been plagued with problems," Walcott said, "But daily somehow we have been able to use or bypass every obstacle."

Riots and political unrest in Hong Kong last spring prohibited completion of the film as originally planned. When the production staff realized that the arrest and trial scenes would have to be included they returned to Hong Kong in September only to have police refuse to allow cameras to be brought into the highly populated areas because of the tension created by Communist sympathizers. But Bill Wallace, dressed in his pajamas, was led down the main thoroughfare to his trial and elaborate telephoto lenses on cameras in an upstairs window a block away recorded the invaluable scenes. "The expressions of suspicion on the people's faces as I was led by in pajamas created exactly the atmosphere we wanted and which we believe was true at Wallace's arrest," Walcott recalled.

Interestingly, filming was done in Hong Kong, the sound track recorded in Tokyo, and post production, editorial, and lab work done in Hollywood.



# Convention City Features "Innumerable Delights"

By Bill G. West  
For the Baptist Press

**HOUSTON (BP)**—The messengers who attend the 1968 Southern Baptist Convention here June 4-7 will be confronted with many perplexing decisions, including which of the innumerable delights offered by the city of Houston they will enjoy.

America's third largest seaport and sixth largest city offers an endless panorama of sightseeing, dining, and entertainment for the family.

Here is a partial list of some of the many things a family can do and see in Houston prior, during and after the convention:

**Dining**—Houston is recognized as one of America's great dining cities, ranking with New York, San Francisco, and New Orleans. A wide variety of dining pleasures may be found featuring food from China, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Greece, France, Germany, Sweden, England, India, Syria, and Switzerland. For a complete list see the Houston Yellow Pages, pages 863-877.

**Sightseeing**—Tours are offered by the Grayline Company with excursions to Galveston, the Manned Spacecraft Center, Astrodome, San Jacinto Battleground, and city highlights. Prices range from \$2.50 to \$7.70, children half fare, under 5 free. (For reservations call CA 3-5458.)

If you wish to sightsee on your own, here are some of the places that may interest you:

**ALLEN'S LANDING PARK.** Marks the founding site of Houston and its first port. Located at the foot of Main at Commerce Streets, it offers a view of Houston's Industrial warehouse district. The Laura II conducts passengers on excursion trips up Buffalo Bayou. Adults, \$2; children, \$1. Tickets: Continental Houston Motor Hotel and at the dock. (CA 7-1044.)

**ASTRODOME.** World's only all-weather day and night sports stadium. Tours of the Astrodome are scheduled daily. Admission: \$1, with children 6 and under free. (RI 8-4500.)

**BAYOU BEND.** The decorative art wing of the Museum of Fine Arts, 18 rooms and settings of antique American furniture, is open by reservation only. Two hour conducted tours. Write: Curator, 1 Westcott St., Houston, Texas 77007 or call JA 9-8773.

**BURKE BAKER PLANETARIUM and**

Museum of Natural Science. Caroline and Hermann Park Loop. Museum and planetarium shows. Museum is free. Planetarium show tickets: Adults \$1, Children, 50¢. Children under 5 not admitted. (JA 6-4273.)

**HOUSTON GARDEN CENTER.** 1500 Hermann Drive in Hermann Park. Several fine gardens including a Rose garden with over 3,000 rose bushes, a bulb garden and the Fragrant Garden.

**HOUSTON ZOO.** In Hermann Park. One of the largest in the U. S., the zoo has a unique Tropical Bird House where the birds fly freely, a domed hippopotamus house and the reptile house with live vampire bats. Open daily from 9:30 a.m. to sundown. No charge.

**HUMBLE BUILDING OBSERVATORY.** 800 Bell. The 45th floor offers a 30-mile view of Houston and surrounding area. Admission: 25¢. (CA 1-3636.)

**JONES HALL** for the Performing Arts. 615 Louisiana. A \$7 million gift to the city by Houston Endowment, founded by Jesse Jones. The Hall is a multi-purpose, multi-form building designed to house a variety of arts and audiences of varying sizes. Tours can be arranged by calling at least 24 hours in advance. (CA 2-9351) Free.

**MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS.** 1001 Bissonnet. Over \$8 million in permanent exhibits with rotating shows of contemporary art and special collections. Closed Monday. Free. (JA 6-1361.)

**OLD MARKET SQUARE.** Houston's old market place at Travis, Milam, Preston and Congress. The old buildings are now being transformed into an area of quaint shops and restaurants.

**PORT OF HOUSTON.** Visitors may drive through the port every Sunday. Pictures may be taken. During the week there is an observation platform for viewing the activity. From downtown take Clinton Drive, east. Enter Gate 8 and follow the arrows to the platform. Free trips down the channel are available but booked well in advance. CA 5-0671. The Sam Houston inspection yacht makes two regular two-hour trips daily except Monday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (OR 2-8114).

**SAM HOUSTON HISTORICAL PARK.** 515 Allen Parkway. The Harris County

Heritage Society is developing this park as a history of early Houston. Four restored and furnished early Houston homes have been moved to the site. Long Row, the 1837 commercial buildings just recently restored include the first library, a barber shop, general store and a saloon. Conducted tours of the houses. Admission: Adults, \$1; children 35¢. (CA 3-8367.)

**WESTBURY SQUARE.** A unique and charming shopping village where you may wander and browse through shops filled with merchandise from other countries, unusual arts and crafts, see glass blown or watch candles being made. On W. Belfort between Chimney Rock and Hillcroft.

Any additional sightseeing information desired may be procured through the Humble Touring Service, Humble Building, 800 Bell, CA 1-3212; Gulf Tourguide Bureau, Gulf Building, Main at Rusk, CA 5-3141, ext. 2184; American Automobile Association, 3105 S. Main, JA 4-1851.

**Theater**—Only New York City offers more live theater than Houston. Drama is presented the year round by legitimate theaters: The Alley Theater, 709 Berry, Reservations and information, JA 2-1045 and Foley's Ticket Centers; Houston Theatre Center (Playhouse), 4816 Main, JA 6-2822 or Foley's; Theater Suburbia, 1410 W. 43rd, OV 2-3525 or OV 6-8750; Houston Music Theater, Southwest Freeway at Fondren, PR 1-1234 or Foley's.

**Baseball**—The Houston Astros have home games in the Domed Stadium June 1-9. June 1, 2 with Chicago, 3-6 St. Louis, 7-9 Pittsburgh. Seats are \$3.50, \$2.50, \$1.50. Get tickets at Astrodome 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Foley's, Trans-Texas ticket counters through the Southwest, or American Automobile Association. By mail, send check or money order to Tickets, Houston Astros, Box 1691, Houston. Add 25¢ for handling.

**Astroworld**—The Southwest's largest family amusement and entertainment center is open daily 10:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. beginning June 1. One-price admission includes all rides and attractions. From 10 a.m.-7 p.m., \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. From 7 p.m.-11 p.m., \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. For information write Atroworld, Box 1400, Houston 77001.

NASA and Galveston are only minutes away from Houston via the Gulf Freeway. Things to do and see in the Manned Space Craft area are as follows:

**BATTLESHIP TEXAS.** Past Pasadena on La Porte Road, State Hwy. 225. GR 9-2411. The ship was decommissioned in 1948 after 34 years service and presented to Texas as a state shrine. Berthed off the Ship Channel at San Jacinto Battleground. Open from noon to 6 p.m. in the summer.



Closed Monday. Admission: Adults 50¢, Children 25¢.

**SAN JACINTO MONUMENT and Museum.** San Jacinto Battleground. Past Pasadena on La Porte Road, State Hwy. 225. GR 9-2421. The world's tallest shrine marks the spot where General Sam Houston defeated General Santa Anna for Texas Independence in 1836. Closed on Monday. Elevator fee to the observation deck is 50¢ for adults; 15¢ for children. The museum depicts the historical and cultural development of the region.

**MANNED SPACECRAFT CENTER.** On NASA Road 1, four miles east off the Gulf Freeway, 30 miles from Houston. HU 3-3366. Open house every Sunday from 1-5 p.m., free. Enter through Main Gate, to Auditorium Building No. 1. Exhibits of actual spaceflight equipment on Project Mercury, Gemini and Apollo. Special advance arrangements required for week days.

**GERMAN VILLAGE.** Just a short drive out of Houston along the Gulf Freeway towards Galveston Island, and only minutes from NASA, Manned Spacecraft Center, is situated a unique German village complex, complete with restaurant, bakery, delicatessen, nursery garden with live animals, and entertainment by an old fashioned 'oom-papa band. Called the Hofbraugarten, the Village is located immediately off the Gulf Freeway at Farm Road 517. Dickinson-Alvin exit. Young and adult alike may enjoy this indoor-outdoor setting where visitors and German-American citizens from surrounding communities frequently mingle to the excitement of an authentic German 'fest.' HU 8-4262.

Galveston, located on an island just offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, is about 50 miles southeast of Houston via the Gulf Freeway (Interstate 75).

In Galveston, such attractions include the beaches on the Gulf, an antique auto show, Bishop's Palace (one of 100 outstanding buildings in the nation), the Bolivar ferry ride, the shrimpboat fleets, the Karankawa Indian Museum, the Sea-Arama (an oceanarium, aquarium and porpoise theater), and sightseeing tours by boat, plane or train.

Just 200 miles west of Houston is San Antonio, Tex., where the HemisFair, an official world's fair, will be in progress. Baptist Day at the HemisFair is scheduled on Saturday, June 1. For room reservations, write HemisFair Visitor's Service, P. O. Drawer, San Antonio, Tex., 78206.

With so much to do and see in Houston and in Texas, Southern Baptists attending the convention will indeed face some perplexing decisions.

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**Sunday School Dept.**

# How To Talk To Inactive Members

By Wendell Price

Adults do basically what they really want to do, feel the need for doing or get satisfaction from doing. Yet 50% of Adult church members are not even enrolled in Bible teaching; and 50% of those enrolled do not attend on a given Sunday.

How to approach them, what to say and how to feel about them are real problems for concerned and active members. Some suggestions are offered here.

1. Get your own attitude in a secure and maturing pattern. Then be able to listen to his gripes without arguing or feeling threatened. Just listen attentively. Never feel superior to him; but listen always as the Lord's servant and feel as a SERVANT feels.

2. Urging attendance at Bible study because of duty or loyalty to the institution gets nowhere.

3. Pleading for attendance to meet a numerical goal doesn't go far.

4. Direct the conversation to things Christian. Ask, "Where do you get your satisfactions in life?" "Are your resources of strength and assurance growing in proportion to the burdens you bear?" "Do you feel that being a Christian means any more to you today than it did ten years ago?" Help him to SEE HIMSELF something like God sees him.

5. Fellowship. Adults deeply feel they need to belong to and be a vital part of something that matters. Ask him where he's finding fellowship; if there's a better place to cultivate it than in an adult Bible class; if

he'd rather have friends that are Christians than others.

6. **LEARNING.** Since a disciple is a learner show him how learning about the Savior, about life, about destiny, make life richer. Lead him to see the thrill of a learning situation as a group (class) where the mental, social, emotional and spiritual elements are stimulated and challenged. "Study—" (2 Tim. 2:15). "Learn of me—" (Matt. 11:29).

7. **INFLUENCE.** Stimulate him to see how he influences his family, other youths, those with whom he works, his neighbors, and how the power of influence and example is either for God or for Satan. "No man liveth to himself—" (Rom. 14:7).

8. **LOVE.** Every Christian loves his Lord. Isn't it strange how we follow His direction to become saved, then become unconcerned about His directions as to how to live! "Let us not give up the habit of meeting together—" (Heb. 10:25, Good News Ed.). "For we are ruled by Christ's love for us" (2 Cor. 5:14, Good News Ed.).

We must keep our relationship to Christ on a love-developing basis.

9. **PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE.** "For me living is Christ, dying is gain" (Phil. 1:21). How do we expect death to be gain if life is not lived for Christ?

10. **CHRISTIAN GROWTH.** Bible learning is a basic essential to any growth in Christian living. "But continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior." (2 Pet. 3:18).

## Slate Meeting In Houston

**HOUSTON (BP)**—The annual Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Superintendents of Missions meeting here Monday, June 3 will open with an address on "Changing Attitudes Toward Associational Missions."

Hugh O. Chambliss, superintendent of missions for the Madison Baptist Association in Huntsville, Ala., will bring the opening address.

Sessions will be held at West End Baptist Church, 802 Shepherd Drive in Houston, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m., Monday, June 3. D. E. Strahan, superintendent of the East Central Illinois Baptist Association in Champaign, Ill., is president of the organization.

Of the eight speakers to the organization, all but two are superintendents of missions for the local-level associations of Baptist churches. Most of the speeches will deal with strengthening the work of the associations.

The two outside speakers will be Loyd Corder, associate director of the division of missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Miss Elaine Dickson, assistant to the director, promotion division, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.

A luncheon will feature an address by H. L. McClanahan, superintendent of missions in Kennett, Mo. Reservations are required no later than Friday, May 31, said Strahan, and the cost will be \$2 per person.

Other superintendents of missions who will speak on the program include W. C. Horltdt of Charleston, S. C.; John B. Snedden of Charleston, W. Va.; Robert Hall of Albany, Ohio; and Herman Highfill of Hugo, Okla.

The Superintendents of Missions conference meets the day before the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention here, June 4-7.



# Attendance & Additions

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Churches

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Add.

Alamo, First	258	83	
Alcoa, Calvary	152	62	5
First	479	208	
Athens, East	274	136	
Mission	17		
First	576	191	1
Baxter, First	104	65	
Bean Station, First	100	34	
Adriel	79		
Barnard Grove	103	45	
Brighton	237	112	
Brownsville	528	128	
Mission	88		
Calhoun, First	167	88	
Chattanooga, Avondale	213	87	3
Mission	79	37	
Brainerd	879	250	
Calvary	187	45	3
Central	755	239	3
Meadowview	39	26	
Concord	436	155	1
East Brainerd	249	80	
East Lake	473	106	
First	973	342	2
Morris Lee	305	86	4
Northside	320	93	2
Oakwood	482	153	
Ooltewah	151	58	
Red Bank	878	166	22
Ridgedale	506	164	
St. Elmo	307	102	
Second	123	30	
Silverdale	197	92	
White Oak	410	100	
Woodland Park	243	93	
Clarksville, First	814	147	
Grace Avenue	212	104	1
Hillcrest	245	101	1
Pleasant View	269	75	2
Spring Creek	153	50	
Cleveland, Big Spring	305	127	
Blue Springs	74	50	
North	393	118	
Clinton, First	575	140	
Second	441	85	
Collierville, First	323	84	1
Columbia, First	413	110	
Highland Park	349	127	1
Northside	141	58	4
Cookeville, Bangham Heights	64	52	
First	482	112	3
Corryton	250	96	
Crossville, First	204	60	
Homestead	251	107	16
Oak Hill	95	60	
Dayton, First	278	81	
Denver, Trace Creek	129	56	2
Dickson, First	303	78	3
Dresden, First	228	55	
Dunlap, First	173	76	
Elizabethton, Calvary	158	52	
First	309	84	
Oak Street	221	76	
Siam	199	74	
Ethridge, Mt. Horeb	147	79	
Etowah, First	253	63	
North	333	110	
Goodlettsville, Madison Creek	141	81	1
Greeneville, First	395	81	
Hartshaw	34	21	
Second	199	53	
Greenbrier, Bethel	161	71	2
First	348	93	7
Jordonia	50		
Lights Chapel	38	16	
Harriman, Piney Grove	165	47	
South	474	150	2
Trenton Street	306	87	
Henderson, First	202	62	
Hendersonville, First	801	131	3
Hixson, Central	381	153	6
First	360	78	
Memorial	284	89	
Humboldt, Antioch	207	96	
First	486	149	2
Jackson, Calvary	387	156	
First	743	164	4
Highland Park	225	67	
Parkview	367	103	12
West	818	321	
Johnson City, Antioch	131	52	
North	213	40	
Temple	346	114	1
Unaka Avenue	319	91	
Kenton, First	184	62	
Macedonia	83	55	
Kingsport, First	890	201	1
Litz Manor	219	62	
Lynn Garden	881	97	4

State Line	363	174	4
Kingston, Cedar Grove	253	152	2
First	364	121	
Knoxville, Black Oak Heights	274	114	3
Broadway	748	138	7
Central (FT C)	1135	365	5
Cumberland	428	168	7
Fifth Avenue	570	124	
Grace	449	115	
Immanuel	349	84	3
Lincoln Park	928	219	6
McCalla Avenue	632	145	2
Mount Carmel	156	41	
Meridian	602	114	2
New Hopewell	278	91	4
Smithwood	663	159	
Wallace Memorial	609	200	2
West Lonsdale	390	168	
Lafayette, First	65	34	
Lawrenceburg, Deerfield	133	105	
First	180	53	1
Highland Park	307	106	1
Meadow View	109	60	
Lebanon, First	506	99	
Rocky Valley	135	71	
Trinity	123	59	
Lenoir City, Beads Chapel	51	21	
Calvary	196	65	
Dixie Lee	179	69	
Kingston Pike	145	63	
Shady Grove	67		8
Lewisburg, First	280	64	2
Loudon, Corinth	263	135	
Union Fork Creek	90	63	
Madisonville, First	274	95	
Malesus	225	87	
Manchester, First	291	95	12
Martin, Central	308	72	2
Maryville, Armona	188	110	1
Everett Hills	443	146	1
First	737	201	2
Forest Hill	164	40	
Madison Avenue	158	96	
Pleasant Grove	159	60	
Second	63	31	
Wildwood	101	74	
McEwen, First	198	34	
McKenzie, First	306	48	
McMinnville, Gath	126	49	
Magness Memorial	327	65	2
Westside	53		
Mt. Juliet	272	98	
Medon, New Union	83		
Memphis, Ardmore	533		
Bellevue	1236	538	2
Boulevard	256	94	4
Calvary	235	124	
Dellwood	421	169	3
East Park	202		12
Ellendale	133		
First	1100	201	5
Glen Park	321	166	1
Graceland	528	152	
Highland Heights	926	380	
Kennedy	448	218	1
LaBelle Haven	746	261	55
LeaClair	458	221	9
Lucy	168	111	
Mt. Terrace	283	141	
Peabody	265	180	18
Scenic Hills	219	101	2
Second	855	271	2
Shelby Forest	128	60	
Sky View	387	218	
Speedway Terrace	568	241	6
Temple	781	214	
Trinity	791	244	10
Union Avenue	887	156	2
Wells Station	521	135	1
Whitehaven	704	140	5
Milan, First	429	159	3
Monterey, First	188	70	1
Morristown, Alpha	210	121	
Bethel	193	81	
Brown Springs	80	31	
Buffalo Trail	153	61	
Bulls Gap	105	34	
Calvary	359	146	3
Fairview	143	34	
Fernwood	125		
First	639	134	12
Manley	271	83	6
Pleasant View	196	105	11
Munford	109	54	3
Murfreesboro, First	578	137	
Calvary	92	52	
Immanuel	84	36	
Powell's Chapel	149	63	
Southeast	214	70	
Third	266	65	

## Tennessee Topics

Charles L. Norton, a 1934 graduate of Carson-Newman College, will receive one of his alma mater's highest honors on May 24 when he receives the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Norton, who has served as Training Union Director for the Tennessee Baptist Convention for 25 years, will receive the degree from C-N President **Harley Fite** during spring graduation ceremonies in Burke-Tarr Stadium.

**Carlys Scates** began his work as minister of music and youth at First Church, Jackson, May 19. He came from Miami Shores Church, Miami, Fla., where he had served the past 4½ years in a similar capacity. A graduate of UT, Martin, and Southern Seminary, Scates is married to the former **Doris Summers** of Martin. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and holds a Master of Science in Business Education from the University of Tenn. They have two children, **Craig**, 3½; and **Dawn**, 1½. **R. Trevis Otey** is the Jackson pastor.

Nashville, Belmont Heights	941	253	7
Madison Street	72	36	
Brook Hollow	390	120	
Crievewood	629	126	6
Dickerson Road	459	138	
Donelson View	190	121	2
Eastland	514	133	1
Fairview	163	38	
First	1291	406	6
Carroll Street	104	45	
Cora Tibbs	57	25	
T.P.S.	413		
Gallatin Road	349	107	2
Glenwood	335	79	6
Grace	684	207	2
Haywood Hills	418	124	
Hermitage Hills	384	143	
Hillhurst	282	101	4
Ivy Memorial	218	67	1
Joelton	286	112	
Judson	368	86	
Benton Avenue	88	25	
Junior League Home	32		
Lincoya Hills	199	34	
Lockeland	429	93	2
Park Avenue	871	235	3
Pegram	18		
Rosedale	149	50	
Tusculum Hills	331	70	
Valley View	115	41	
Woodbine	462	124	
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	552	156	
Old Hickory, First	431	151	1
Peytonville	21	7	
Oliver Springs, Middle Creek	101	49	1
Parsons, First	227	70	1
Philadelphia, Cedar Fork	149	97	
Portland, First	350	108	
Powell, First	228	44	
Glenwood	348	116	2
Rockwood, Eureka	132	50	
Rogersville, East	256	124	
Henard's Chapel	127	69	
Hickory Cove	59	42	
Savannah, First	219	56	1
Sevierville, First	530	146	
Shelbyville, First	365	83	1
Flat Creek	60		3
Hickory Hill	42		
Shelbyville Mills	218	73	1
Smyrna, First	337	121	1
Sparta, First	195	95	2
Springfield, Eastland Heights	264	102	1
Oak Grove	190	88	1
Townsend, Macedonia	21		
Trenton, First	410	78	
Troy, First	193	95	2
Tullahoma, Grace	198	98	6
Union City, First	635	138	2
Second	311	82	
Watertown, Round Lick	195	62	
Waverly, First	179	56	
Waynesboro, Green River	151	66	
Westmoreland, First	49		
White House, First	214	58	2
Winchester, First	215	49	
Southside	112		



## Baptist Lectures Set On Practical Politics

NASHVILLE (BP)—Two identical seminars on Christian Action in Practical Politics will be held at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assemblies this summer under the sponsorship of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Delivering the lectures will be Daniel R. Grant, political science professor at Vanderbilt University in Nashville for the past 20 years, and a Baptist deacon.

The conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly is slated Aug. 7-13, and at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Aug. 21-27.

The conference is being held, said Christian Life Commission Secretary Foy Valentine, in an effort to help Southern Baptists, in an election year, to understand "the real issues, the positions of the candidates, and how to sift the important from the unimportant in fulfilling responsible citizenship."

"These conferences will take a look at the hard realities of practical politics confronting the citizen every year, and explore the possibilities for Christian action," Valentine added.

Grant, said Valentine, is particularly gifted to help Christian citizens to do this. He said Grant is a scholar, a dedicated Christian, and a citizen who understands politics and can communicate well this understanding.

The Vanderbilt professor will deliver nine lectures each week. Grant said he would not endorse any particular candidate, but would seek in his lectures to help Christian citizens understand how better to come to a decision in voting in an election.

The lectures will include such things as the Christian's stake in practical politics, the role of pressure groups and lobbyists in government, the role of public opinion and propaganda in politics, the difference between political parties and the role of party politics in government, and the role of the Christian in politics.

Dealing also with political issues, Grant will lecture on the urban crisis, Vietnam, world poverty, and racial justice.

## Southeastern Seminary Alumni Luncheon

Southeastern Seminary Alumni Luncheon will be held Thursday, June 6, at 1:00 p.m. in the Roof Room of Rice Hotel, Houston, Tex. Tickets may be secured from the Alumni Office Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Rev. Jerry M. Wallace of Elizabethton, N. C. is president of the Association, and the Rev. Morris Hollifield of Church Hill is chairman of the Tennessee Chapter.

## Interpretation . . .

By Herschel H. Hobbs

## Greater Than John The Baptist?

"Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he"—Luke 7:28.

Jesus paid the greatest of compliments to John the Baptist. Yet He said that the least person in the kingdom of God is greater than he is. What did He mean? Was John not in the kingdom of God? And if so, was he a second class citizen? Neither of these is true.

From prison the Baptist had sent an inquiry as to the nature of Jesus' Messiahship. Some tend to censure him as lacking in faith. But Jesus did not utter a word of criticism for him. Instead He praised him as a strong prophet willing to suffer for his ministry. He said that John was the fulfillment of Mal. 4:5 (v. 27).

There is no prophet greater than John. He was the last of a long line of prophets who heralded the coming of the Christ. In a sense he stood on the shoulders of all other prophets who had preceded him. He had heralded the kingdom of God, and most certainly was in it.

Yet "the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." He is not greater in stature or character but in privilege. John did not live to see the crucifixion and resurrection and the coming of the kingdom in power.

John was the last in the line of the old revelation and the beginning of the new revelation of God in Christ. "For all the prophets and the law prophesied *until John*" (Matt. 11:13, author's italics). But the revelation went beyond John to its glorious fulfillment in the redemptive work in Christ. So the least in the kingdom is greater in privilege than John the Baptist.

As John stood on the shoulders of all who came before him, so Christians stand upon his shoulders. Thus they see a greater revelation of God in Christ than John saw. He looked forward in faith to that which we both know and believe.

## Georgia Commission Proposes Liquor Law

ATLANTA (BP) — A recommendation for a uniform state liquor law to permit whiskey and beer sales in all Georgia counties is contained in a report of the Governor's Crime Commission, but Gov. Lester Maddox said he would seek answers to several questions before endorsing the law.

Gov. Maddox said, "If making all Georgia counties wet would reduce our problems, as suggested in the report, then an explanation must be offered as to why, during the past three years, the percentage of illicit stills, destroyed in wet counties, equals the percentage of stills destroyed in dry counties."

He also said he must be shown that there are just as many social problems, traffic problems, drunk drivers, speeders and alcoholics in dry counties as in wet counties.

Gov. Maddox asked if the amount of alliance between public officials and illicit liquor interest is less or greater in wet counties.

The governor agreed that Georgia's liquor laws need to be revised, but insisted first there should be "far more effort to enforce present laws."

Other recommendations expected to be made by the Governor's Crime Commission include internal investigation units for medium and large police departments, a high school diploma or its equivalent for every state law enforcement employee, ending of jury sentencing in noncapital cases, merger of the state pardons and paroles board with the state probation department and others.

## Save The Town Square, Or Fire House?

William Amos tells this story which is most applicable in our time. In a small community in the United States, the city fathers decided to build the nicest fire station possible. They bought the most expensive red fire engines that money could buy. They built a nice big brick fire station for their trucks. The firemen took great pride in their lawn, flowers, and their nice new fire trucks. They did every thing possible to make their fire station the neatest and cleanest of all the buildings on the city square. And then came the fire. It started in the building next to the fire station. It began to spread and threatened to destroy the entire business section. The firemen faced their moment of truth. They must decide whether to save the fire station or the town square. The Christian church today needs to realize once again where its commitment really lies—and so do Christian men.

And this is what we will be talking about at the Brotherhood Retreat at Camp Linden, June 7-8. Help us to enlist your committed men. Write Roy Gilleland, Brotherhood Department, 1812 Belmont Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. 37203 for reservations. Registration fee is \$1.00 per person.



# Prerequisites To Christian Life And Work

**Basic Passage: John 15:1-17**

**Focal Passage: John 5:1-12**

This lesson is built on the figure of the vine and branches. We must remember that we have a hard and fast physical relationship which has its limitations when dealing with a spiritual, dynamic, voluntary relationship. Yet there are many suggestions and ideas that are very helpful as Jesus intended.

If the relationship between the vine and branches has to do with salvation, then certain conditions must be understood. The branches ordinarily grow out of the vine. However, they may be grafted in as Burbank taught us concerning many types of plant life. The Christian is united to Christ savingly by an experience called regeneration.

Very often a graft never takes hold in a vital, living relationship but its relationship is only apparent not genuine. We are not naturally in Christ the vine. We are grafted into Him by the Holy Spirit if it is to be actual and real.

**The Father Is the Vineyard Supervisor**  
**John 15:1-3**

Christ is the vine and the Father is the keeper of the vineyard. He comes along and severs off the branches that show no evidence or possibility of fruit bearing.

Christ indicates that He has cleansed His disciples or has pruned them by the word which He has spoken to them.

**Close Abiding Essential to Greater Fruit Bearing**  
**John 15:4-7**

Actual relationship to Christ is essential to fruit bearing. Only apparent, loose relationship is barren and fatal.

Close conscious relationship is essential to any significant fruit bearing. Therefore, we need to live in close fellowship with Christ if we are to reach our maximum in

fruitfulness. We have been created in Christ Jesus unto good works. This needs to be cultivated continuously.

If we abide in Christ and His word abides in us we have a proper foundation for a victorious and fruitful life. We must experience a close affinity with Christ and His word must find congenial atmosphere in our souls.

God is glorified and Christ is honored in a beautifully fruitful life. This is the best way to show our gratitude for the priceless blessings we have received.

**A Special Union in Love John 15:9-12**

The love which the Father has for the Son has been bestowed by our Savior on us.

The love to which Christ is referring here is not the general love for a lost world nor a particular love for all the saved but a special affection, in addition, directed toward the faithful and obedient. This radiance of love depends on our keeping His commandments. The chief commandment in which Christ is interested is His injunction to love one another.

There goes with all of this the fulness of Christ's joy. He is so anxious for all of us to know this precious joy.

The early disciples had it after the coming of the Holy Spirit following the resurrection. The world had not seen such phenomena as the joy of early Christians under the most adverse circumstances.

There have been significant groups of disciples in whom God has reproduced this phenomenon on a large scale when great spiritual awakenings have occurred. It is time that the world saw another demonstration on a large scale.

This is a very sick and a very unhappy world. It awaits the return of many primitive Christian virtues and graces. A union with Christ in fervent love will usher in that hour.

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## On Matters of FAMILY LIVING

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Listening Opens

## Lines of Communication

Allow your youngster to "sound off" without blasting off yourself if you want to maintain communication with him, advises psychologist Ralph Eckert.

By listening, you show the youngster that you care about his thoughts and are trying to understand his views, and this attitude will keep him talking.

Youngsters frequently insist that parents don't understand them because they are undergoing conflict within themselves. The child does not approve of himself and transfers the disapproval to his parents.

Encourage your children to talk about all their feelings even the unattractive and unacceptable ones. Every family member should also learn to say "I'm sorry" when there has been misunderstanding, disagreement or unpleasantness.

"I'm sorry" doesn't have to mean "I was wrong" but simply that you are sorry a misunderstanding has arisen. And it does help to reestablish good feeling in spite of disagreement.

The return of the love manifestation of the first Christian era is our one big hope. We have been soiled too much by the world's atmosphere of selfishness, prejudice, envy and malice.

Religious freedom has been both a blessing and a curse. Our lot has been too easy and popular. Our distinctiveness has nearly vanished. If we would live godly lives vigorously we would suffer persecution even in the free world.

The way to start a fire which has died down is to assemble the fiery coals, put combustible material on them and fan them into a roaring flame.

O Lord, how long must we wait?

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# Children's Page

## SALT OF THE EARTH\*

by Edna Alstrom



You probably do not think much about the salt in the shaker on your dining table. But it is important. Few men or animals could live longer than a month without salt.

In the ancient world, salt was scarce and highly prized. Wild animals traveled great distances to lick the natural rock salt deposits. Governments taxed it. Wars were fought over it. Men were imprisoned for smuggling it. Cakes of salt were used like money in many lands. Early Roman soldiers were given salt rations as part of their wages. This salt money was called *salarium* in Latin. From this term comes our word **salary**.

Some of the oldest trade routes in history were the caravan routes over which salt was carried. Mighty processions of camels crossed deserts to the great trade centers of the world. Hundreds of camels traveled together with their drivers, camel boys, and wealthy traders. This was necessary in order to protect the precious salt cargoes from robbers.

During medieval times, one enormous saltcellar divided the dining table of a nobleman. Those who sat between the salt and the head of the table were nobility. Those who sat beyond the salt were of lesser rank.

Centuries ago, salt was harvested from the sea. Today, most of it is mined from layers of rock deposits discovered deep underground. In some countries there are strange natural sources of salt. Australia has salt bushes. In Java, mine volcanoes shoot out salt water and mud. The people gather the

## MAGIC WINDOWS\*

By Mary Ann Blanchard

Lisa sat on the front lawn, hiding her eyes. It wasn't that she didn't like to see things. Today she just didn't want anybody to see her. It was a terrible day! Lisa was wearing her first pair of glasses. She didn't like them. Mother thought she look pretty in the glasses. But mothers always thought little girls were pretty.

Lisa spread her fingers apart just a little and squinted through. Then she jumped up. Her friend Mark was coming down the street. He had an apple in his hand. He was whistling. Lisa and Mark were good friends, but today Lisa didn't want to see him. She didn't want him to laugh at her and call her "Four-eyes."

She turned and ran toward the lilac bushes and crouched down behind them. Perhaps Mark wouldn't see her there. Lisa shut her eyes and listened. There was nothing to hear. After a while, she got tired. She opened her eyes and sat down.

The leaves on the nearby trees rustled. Lisa looked up. There, high above her head, was the most beautiful bird Lisa had ever seen. It had velvety black head and wings, and a brilliant orange body. Why hadn't she ever seen a bird like that before?

She took off her glasses and looked again. Suddenly the beautiful bird was gone. Now there was just a black-and-orange blob. Lisa couldn't tell where the wings were or where the eyes were. She put her glasses on quickly. There was the bird.

"I didn't know the world was this lovely,"

mud and boil it to extract the salt crystals. In Tunis, in northern Africa, there is a small lake where crusts of salt form in the summertime. The crusts are thick enough to be sawed into blocks like ice.

The Bible contains more than thirty references to salt. In the Holy Land, salt was used to preserve fish, olives, and some vegetables. The early Hebrews' law included the command, "With all thine offering thou shalt offer salt." Worshipers were to salt offerings presented in the sanctuary, possibly so that the gifts would not spoil. The covenant of salt was a sacred agreement. In biblical times, salt sealed a bargain, much as a handshake does today. To eat someone's salt was considered an act of friendship. The Arabs still say, "There is salt between us."

Jesus recognized the preciousness of his followers and paid them a high tribute when he called them "the salt of the earth."

Lisa whispered.

She looked across to the mountains. Before, they were dull, gray, far away blurs. They were pretty, but they didn't very special. Now, suddenly, the mountains were full of other colors, too—purples and blacks and bushes and roads that wound their way to the top.

Lisa took her glasses off. The roads and colors disappeared. Then she put them on and stared out from behind the lilac bushes. Now she could see the street sign at the corner. She could read the words—Emerald Street. She could see the houses down the block as clearly as she used to see the ones across the street.

"What are you hiding from?" someone asked.

Lisa jumped and pulled her glasses off quickly.

"Why are you hiding those glasses?" Mark asked curiously. "I've been watching you putting them on and taking them off. Can't you make up your mind what you want to do with them?"

"I . . . I just got them," Lisa stammered. "They aren't very pretty."

Then she remembered the things she had just seen with those glasses.

"What kind of bird is that?" she asked Mark, and pointed to the tree.

"Oh, that's a Baltimore oriole. Why?"

"Because I've seen one before today," Lisa explained.

"Why not?" Mark asked. "They're always around."

"But I couldn't see them," Lisa admitted. "I couldn't see them until I put these on." She put her glasses back on.

"Then I'd think you'd like them," Mark said practically. "If I couldn't see things like birds or mountains or television, I'd love my glasses. I'd call them my magic windows because they let me see so many wonderful things."

"Magic windows," Lisa repeated. "They are, aren't they, Mark?" Now Lisa wondered why she ever wanted to hide her eyes. No one would want to hide her magic windows.

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# Historic Augusta Church Will Sell SBC Birth Site

**AUGUSTA, Ga. (BP)**—First Baptist Church in Augusta, where the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, has voted to sell its historic downtown location and move to a 32-acre site five miles away.

Pastor R. J. Robinson said the final move may be five or six years away. But that the major hurdle had been cleared in the vote to sell.

The SBC was organized at the church's present location on Greene Street in 1845, in a building which was torn down in 1901. The present structure was erected in 1902.

Robinson, in his 15th year as pastor there, said a committee will be named to plan some type of plaque or marker for the Greene Street site, designating it as the SBC

birthplace.

The church, which celebrated its 150th birthday in 1967 with several major activities, including a message by Billy Graham, paid \$470,000 for the new 32-acre tract where it will relocate eventually.

The property, known in Augusta as the O'Hara property, is located at the end of Walton Way, about five miles west of the present church site. Robert C. Norman is the chairman of the long-range planning committee which, after four years of study and survey, recommended the move.

Robinson said a building committee will be named to plan the size and style of future buildings. Another committee will be charged with the disposition of the present location.

## New Fellowship Attracts Dallas Single Adults

By Al Morgan

**DALLAS (BP)**—A new fellowship with a beat all its own is attracting Christian single adults by the droves here, but its members vow it is more than a cupid club.

The life expectancy of The New Fellowship—its official name—is enhanced because Christian single adults still want to meet other single adults in a Christian atmosphere, its leaders say.

One of its creators, Gordon James, the only married man associated with the group, sums it up this way: If boys and girls were not interested in each other, then we would have a zoo instead of a New Fellowship."

James is director of Christian social ministries for the Dallas Baptist Association which sponsors The New Fellowship.

Designed especially for people who are single, through with school and now working, the organization seeks to meet the needs of our modern apartment dwelling generation through contemporary approaches to specific needs of the single adult, said bachelor coordinator Rip Parker, 30-year-old manager of the Frazier Franchise and a member of Park Cities Baptist Church here.

He points out that The New Fellowship does not take away from the church, but rather supplements it. "The church is people—not institutions—and people are our primary concern," he added.

Rip said that one of the results of The New Fellowship is that some inactive members have gone back into their local congregations. He also added some newcomers have found their way to local membership.

It all started last winter when 22 young men and women met for an evening of dialogue at the suggestion of the Dallas Baptist Association office. They were representa-

tives of some of Dallas' largest churches with single adult population.

Advised that the association would not call another meeting, but that future action hinged on their own initiative, they "took the ball and ran with it," added a member.

One of the group's first 'happenings'—which attracted 225 single adults—was held in the decorative Fiesta Room of the Baker Hotel, one of Dallas' old prestige hotels.

As Parker put it, "The room was really jammed. It was a stand-up affair." It became an evening of free refreshments, records and simply talk.

One young person attending the meeting later said, "It was a blast." A YWCA resident for three weeks, she had "wondered where to go in a strange city to reach other Christian young people." She found where through The New Fellowship.

Its members describe The New Fellowship as a cosmopolitan group. Its ranks are filled with teachers, computer operators and cab drivers; jet airplane pilots to secretaries, and stock brokers to laundrymen.

The group went all out for another get-together. They rented the Penthouse Clubroom of the fabulous Wedgewood Apartments, a luxury, high-rise apartment unit. They stepped up entertainment with a five-piece folk singing group.

The procedure changed. A \$1.00 fee was charged. Table games were included and a conversation area set aside. Still the crowd came.

By design the first two events were very informal. Others have been more formal. One such event included an evening in dialogue with three of Dallas' leading theologians.

## Pioneer Training Union Leader, Gardner, Dies

**DALLAS (BP)**—Funeral Services were held (here) May 8 for T. C. Gardner, 80, director of Texas Baptist Training Union work for 40 years and former president and vice-president of East Texas Baptist College at Marshall, Tex.

Gardner died May 6 at Baptist Memorials Geriatric Hospital in San Angelo.

Services were held at the Highland Baptist Church in Dallas where Gardner was a member.

Gardner, known as the dean of Baptist Training Union leaders, assumed the Training Union leadership for Texas in 1916. Training Union was then known as Baptist Young People's Union (BYPU) and had only 16,554 members in 512 unions over Texas.

At the time of his retirement in 1956, the Training Union program in Texas had grown to 424,854 members in 15,485 unions, or 25 per cent of the world's training unions.

After retirement the veteran church worker was named vice-president of East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, which he had served as president during the school's formative years from 1913 to 1916.

Training Union has two great aims, he believed: (1) to win the lost, and (2) to train and indoctrinate the saved. "The churches that have continued to promote this twofold program have found it easier to win the lost and to secure a matured leadership for real and heroic service," he explained.

Known for his eight-point record system and his grading methods used by Southern Baptist churches throughout the nation, Gardner was an active writer of books, quarterlies and pamphlets for Training Union use.

When he and Mrs. Gardner first started out, they sat up nights writing and mimeographing quarterlies for Texas churches. One of his books, "Modern Training Union Methods," has been revised 16 times and translated into Spanish.

Although Dr. and Mrs. Gardner were both natives of Tennessee, they had lived in Dallas for about 50 years.

Mrs. Gardner, who survives, suffered a heart attack recently in San Angelo and is in the Shannon Hospital there.

Group movers feel they are on the trail of something big. Future 'happenings' will include a midnight caravan to HemisFair, water and snow ski retreats, as well as an underprivileged children's Christmas party.

Its life expectancy? No one really knows. But as one spokesman said, "If it continues to go, then it'll live. If not, it'll die. The main thing right now is that it's reaching single adults!"