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Rutledge Urges Cooperative Efforts To Help Needy People

By Lewis Moore

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)—The executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board speaking here asked Southern Baptists to cooperate with governmental and community programs reaching out to serve people in need.

"We must shift from this attitude of marking off a program of human betterment because it is a governmental program that we have been afraid of too often," said Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta.

Speaking at one of the Home Missions Conference worship services at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here, Rutledge called for an end to Baptist refusal to cooperate with government and community groups concerned with meeting human needs.

"Our individualism and our commitment to the separation of church and state sometimes have made us give an automatic negative answer; but I would like to ask that when you go back home you see what is going on in your community and see if you can help," Rutledge said.

"So many times our churches and even

sometimes we who are directly involved in missions give the impression that we don't care what happens in the community so long as we can meet our budgets, so long as we can have a growth in membership, and so long as we can maintain order in our household of faith," he added.

The Baptist missions official said that some churches and missionaries have found ways to work in these community and government programs without compromising. "They are helping to understand these public programs and to help people find a better way of life," he explained.

"People need better housing, better job opportunities, and better education," Rutledge declared. "Southern Baptists can help them to get these through our cooperation with programs that seek to help mankind.

"Working with these programs may cause us to work with fellow Christians of other denominations, and why not?" Rutledge asked. "There is much to be gained from working with individuals for other people."

Criticizing inadequate efforts in the past, Rutledge said that giving a quarter to the beggar on the street or a basket of groceries to the family in poverty "is like putting a bandaid on a broken leg."

Instead of giving the poor and needy something that will only soothe the problem for a short time, Baptists need to reach the basis of their problems and give them purpose for life and living, the missions executive said.

"Sometimes what we call help is not really help at all," he said. "Sometimes our help degrades the dignity of the people we think we are helping."

He called for seeing these needy people as individuals made in the image of God, and for Baptists to help them in their need with Christian compassion.

Rutledge cited as a "very significant statement" the phrase in the Statement on Crisis in the Nation adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston which asked Baptists to "respect every individual as a person possessing inherent dignity and worth growing out of his creation in the image of God."

He also commended another phrase from the statement asking Baptists to "strive to insure for all persons the full opportunity for achievement according to the endowments given by God."

"Baptists have a heavy responsibility," he concluded, "and what we are and what we do will have something to say about what America is about and what America does in the days ahead."

FRONT COVER

Stanley Cheng, student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, strikes a pose that is suggestive of the millions of Orientals to whom the transistor radio is the chief source of information and entertainment. The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission produces radio programs in two Chinese dialects, and they are beamed regularly through Communism's Bamboo Curtain into Red China.

Balance Between Spiritual, Physical Needed, WMU Told

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)—A professor of missions and world religions at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville has urged Baptists to strike a reasonable balance between ministering to physical needs and spiritual needs.

W. Bryant Hicks, speaking during the Woman's Missionary Union Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, declared: "In missions we must not think only of men's souls. People consist of soul and body. Missions must try to meet all a person's needs."

Hicks spoke to about 3,600 persons registered for the conference, making the Woman's Missionary Union Conference the largest ever at Ridgecrest.

Calling for a greater emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit, Hicks said that Southern Baptists "have a greater machine but there's not enough motive power to run it to capacity."

He commended Southern Baptist mission boards for expanding their concepts of missions and praised recent changes in age limits for missionary appointees, expansion of types of mission work, and more adequate financial support of missionaries.

Criticizing the trend toward using the term "mission" instead of "missions", Hicks said, "mission is a long-term goal and task of the church; missions is what we do to fulfill the mission."

He also said that modern concepts of missions should retain the idea of crossing a spiritual or national boundary.

Turning to the Woman's Missionary Union organization which he addressed, Hicks warned that women's missionary organizations should not be absorbed in superstructure organizations.

"You must never allow the Woman's Missionary Union to be swallowed up by some ecclesiastical behemoth," he said. "Missionary education should be totally within the core of the church, but it can't be if the missionary spirit is to survive."

"In many cases it was the creativity of women and their willingness to drop traditions that made women the innovators in missions," he said.

Hicks pointed to the fact that the separate missionary organization education affords



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Are You Just A Leap Year Citizen?

By Daniel R. Grant

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Although now is the season to speak of the importance of voting in the coming presidential election, it may also be a good time to place such voting in the broader context of what is required of the Christian to be an effective citizen.

At the risk of being badly misunderstood and misquoted, I must say that voting in a presidential election every four years is a "relatively" unimportant part of being influential in the American political system.

The qualifying word "relatively" is critical, of course, in understanding the meaning of the statement. I simply want to deny the widely-accepted American political myth that voting is the most important single activity of the effective citizen. Every four years during the months prior to the presidential election, our nation is flooded with appeals by radio, television, press and the pulpit to "vote as you please, but please vote." It is easy to conclude that this single act in 1960, 1964, 1968 and every four years thereafter is 90 per cent or more of the task of being an effective, influential Christian citizen.

Certainly voting is an important first step of citizenship but, relatively speaking, voting in the presidential election is probably less important as a means of influencing governmental policies than several other types of political activity.

Two in particular that should be mentioned relate to "party politics" and "pressure-group politics." Active and sustained participation in a political party and intelligent involvement in selected political interest (pressure) groups which best represent one's point of view in public affairs are the important keys to political effectiveness in

more direct interest within denominations which have curtailed separate missions organizations and said, "this is the generation in which people are interested only in the things they are involved in."

Missions should be taught through other church programs, he said. "By whatever cooperative means you have, see that Sunday and the Sunday worship services offer at least a minimum of missions."

During a panel discussion featuring home missionaries, Niel L. Jones of Fort Worth said he believed that the Woman's Missionary Union has a place in child rehabilitation as well as other mission-action work.

"It is a shame that the Baptist people who have so much love do not use this love in their interpersonal relationships with people of other races, economics, and behavior classes and groups," he said.

the United States.

Too often we tend to be very proud of our voting record in presidential elections, and particularly so if we also vote in the "off-election" years. Yet if this is the extent of one's political activity, he is probably a pretty weak citizen—slightly stronger than the non-voting citizen, but not much stronger and actually not very influential.

The person whose political activity is limited primarily to voting in presidential elections might well be called the "leap-year citizen." In church terminology his counterpart is the "Sunday Christian." The currently popular religious folk musical, "Good News," includes a number entitled "Sunday's Child," about whom it is said that on Monday through Saturday "a saint he ain't!" Similarly, the leap-year citizen needs to be confronted with his weakness and to realize that presidential elections alone do not translate public opinion into public policy.

Voting frequently reflects personality preferences, such as which candidate most resembles the "good guy" in the television

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a nine-part series, timed to end just before the national political elections in November, on the role of the Christian in politics. The author is professor of political science at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, and a Baptist deacon. He also is author of a book published in late August by Broadman Press entitled, *The Christian and Politics*, and lecturer on the subject at Glorieta and Ridgcrest Baptist Assemblies at conferences sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

performance. The basic policy differences of the candidates and their parties often get lost in the shuffle.

Political scientists and historians are still debating what caused the voters in 1948 to vote for Harry Truman over the highly favored Thomas E. Dewey. It certainly provided no clear mandate on specific policy questions. Even when policy issues are important in influencing voters, who knows "which" issue caused the vote to turn out the way it did?

Free elections are the bedrock foundation of democracy and are the prerequisite for most other means of political influence. But it is naive to think that voting is 90 per cent or even 50 per cent of the democratic process, or of being an effective citizen. The figure of 10 per cent is much more realistic.

Concerning voting, this ye ought to do, but not leave the other things undone.



LOUISVILLE, KY.—Seven Tennessee pastors were among the 144 persons attending the degree updating program sponsored by The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the month of July. Enrolled for the month's study were, from left to right, Ray E. Fowler of Chattanooga, Joe L. Orr of Seymour, Harold Shoulders of Millington, Grant Jones of Springfield, Carl Martin of Old Hickory, Leonard Sorrells of Nashville, and Virgil Peters of Nashville. The program is designed to update pastors with the developments and theories which are current in the theological world. Leading class sessions were New Testament Professor Frank Stagg, Old Testament Professor Marvin Tate, Preaching Professor John W. Carlton, and Psychology of Religion Professor Swan Haworth. Also leading classes were Allen Graves, dean of the school of religious education, Forrest Herren, dean of the school of church music, Ernes Loessner, professor of religious education, and Charles McGlon, professor of speech. The updating program is part of Southern Seminary's program of continuing theological education for its graduates.

EDITORIAL

Biggest Undertaking

Baptists' biggest undertaking looms ahead in 1969. It will be the Crusade of the Americas. It is a giant project attempting to enlist 20 million Baptists of North, Central and South America, to deepen their spiritual life, and to reach out with Christ to the many millions of unreached in our Western Hemisphere.

Here in our own state eight important Regional Sunday School Leadership Conferences are giving special emphasis to the Crusade of the Americas at their night sessions. Two have already been held at Dyersburg and Jackson for the Northwestern and Southwestern regions with the Central region meeting at Clarksville today. The other five regional conferences will be:

Friday, Sept. 6, South Central at First Church, Pulaski

Monday, Sept. 9, Northeastern at First Church, Kingsport

Tuesday, Sept. 10, Eastern at First Church, Clinton

Thursday, Sept. 12, Southeastern at Central Church, Chattanooga

Friday, Sept. 13, North Central at First Church, Cookeville

In addition to these eight regional conferences four Metropolitan Associational Crusade Rallies are being arranged in our state as follows:

Thursday, Sept. 12, at Chattanooga's Central Church

Monday, Sept. 16, at Memphis' Eudora

Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Nashville's Belmont Heights

Thursday, Sept. 19, at Knoxville's McCalla Avenue Baptist.

At each of these large city rallies the program is scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M., with a dinner meeting at 5:30, and an evening session starting at 7:15. Practical topics will be discussed, such as "Establishing, Maintaining and Using a Prospect File," "God's Challenge-Our Commitment," "How to Organize To Reach Evangelistic Prospects," "How to Train the Soul Winner," and "God's Concern for the Lost." Each will feature an inspiring closing message on "Christ the Only Hope."

These meetings have been scheduled through the joint efforts of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, the Home Mission Board's Division of Evangelism, with the Secretary of Evangelism and the Sunday School Secretary of our State Baptist Convention cooperating in their promotion.

The rallies seek to interpret the theme of "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Evangelism and World Missions."

We hope these highly important meetings will be enthusiastically attended by pastors, staff members, church members and all interested in deepening the spiritual life and expressing evangelism in the fullness of its New Testament meaning.

A number of Baptist World leaders a few weeks ago meeting in Monrovia, Liberia gave emphasis to both the individual and the social aspects of evangelism. The Baptist World Alliance executive committee called attention to the coming Crusade of the Americas. It said concerning "evangelism" that the term was "understood to involve the redemption of the individual, that individual's growth in Christian character and service, and his involvement as a Christian in the broad spect-

Needless Millstone



Project 500 Slowed, Crisis Response Debated

ATLANTA (BP)—Project 500, the Southern Baptist Convention's high priority strategy venture in church extension, has been staggered by the lack of money.

In a report to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board director's meeting, the board's executive secretary, Arthur B. Rutledge, said nearly two-thirds of the \$3.4 million expected to be available for Project 500 may not develop.

In a major action, the directors voted to create a special steering committee of board members to work with the staff and full board to help implement the "Crisis in the Nation" Statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston. The proposal here prompted nearly an hour's debate, but was adopted by a four to one margin.

As an "over-and-above" effort, financing for Project 500 was to come from such resources as a special home missions offering and noncommitted Cooperative Program receipts.

"In initial planning, Rutledge said, "we were hoping that almost \$400,000 would be available in 1968 Cooperative Program money—there is only \$100,000.

"We put down \$1 million as the Project 500 portion of the Annie Armstrong (Home Missions) Offering—we will come nearer getting \$200,000. And we had hoped next year to get \$500,000 through the 1969 Cooperative Program—we will not get any. There was just not enough to spread that far."

Rutledge said that at the end of July, 124 projects were underway out of 500 places picked for development during 1968 and 1969 because of their strategic nature.

The disappointing income "has not stopped us but made us more resourceful," Rutledge said. "Out of the 124 projects started, probably half or more are handled by lay people, many of whom meet in homes during the week."

"If we come to the end of 1969 without reaching the full 500, and the remainder of the places continue to merit priority consideration, then I think we will want to go right into 1970 and move into these places as rapidly as possible."

Rutledge said program leaders were making safe, conservative estimates about what income will become available for Project

Task Force Asks Vast Anti- Smoking Campaign

WASHINGTON (BP)—A massive program "to protect the health of the people from the hazards of cigarette smoking" has been called for by a special task force for smoking and health after nearly a year of study of current anti-smoking efforts.

The task force, appointed by Surgeon General William H. Stewart in 1967, declares that cigarette smoking is a serious national health problem.

The far-reaching recommendations against smoking, if implemented, would involve government at all levels, churches and their agencies, the medical profession, physicians, hospitals and a wide range of private agencies.

"We believe the health dangers are so serious and the programs to meet them are, relatively, so inadequate that there is need for a vigorous acceleration in protective action," Dr. Daniel Horn, chairman of the task force, said in a letter to the surgeon general.

A 1964 report of the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on smoking and health declared emphatically that cigarette smoking is a serious health risk to the individual smoker and a major health problem for the nation. Lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory ailments, bad effects on babies of smoking mothers and other effects on health on a wide scale are directly traceable to cigarette smoking, according to that report.

"There is no indication that any medical or scientific body in the world has taken the position that smoking is not hazardous to health," the new report declared. Consequently, the task force spent its energies in studying and developing plans to reduce cigarette smoking.

The task force report hit hard at the cigarette industry. It charged that one of the reasons for continued high death and morbidity rates associated with smoking "is the inability or unwillingness of the cigarette industry to face up to the health hazards of cigarette smoking or even to admit they exist."

The report declared "the public relations and political posture of large parts of the industry has been rather to attack the evi-

500, and refusing to commit funds not already on hand.

For example, the 1969 Annie Armstrong Offering goal is \$6½ million, the last \$1½

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dence and to pretend that a health crisis associated with cigarette smoking which now confronts the United States does not, in fact, exist at all."

The task force recommends tightened up advertising practices involving cigarettes. It views the situation so serious that it said that it "is unable to see how, in the long run, a product involving the health hazards of cigarettes can continue to be advertised."

Dr. Horn pointed out that since the 1964 report on smoking, "the cigarette industry has increased its total advertising by 50 per cent, an increase from \$200 to \$300 million annually."

During this same period the federal government has not increased its appropriations to the national clearing house for smoking and health. "There is and has been a continuing serious imbalance between the forces which encourage smoking and those which encourage cessation or restraint," Dr. Horn said.

In his instruction to the task force the surgeon general set forth three objectives: (1) to encourage young people not to start smoking, (2) to reduce the number of people now smoking, and (3) to encourage the development of less hazardous cigarettes and methods of smoking.

In response the task force brought back six pages of recommendations in five areas of action. They are:

1. Education of youth to prevent smoking. This would develop school programs from the primary grades through college for preventive education on smoking.

2. Influence on professional health personnel. The task force would find ways of increasing the positive influence of physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, etc., in reducing cigarette smoking among their clientele.

3. Group approaches to control cigarette smoking. Occupational groups, social, recreational, church, civic and service organizations could develop programs to reach their members.

4. Advertising and promotion. Increased controls and effective counter information should be developed to get the real message of smoking across to the public.

5. Less hazardous smoking. Less hazardous cigarettes and less hazardous ways of smoking should be developed in the face of the fact that many people are going to smoke in spite of all the health warnings.

rum of the life of his total commitment.

We should never make evangelism narrower than the New Testament. The Gospel means new life from

God for the individual. It also means that individual expressing that new life to witness to Christ as Lord of all life.

Tennessee Topics

Buford E. Cockrum goes to Woodbine Church, Nashville, as pastor Sept. 8. He succeeds **Sidney A. Waits** who is now pastor of Hickory Hills Church, Memphis. Cockrum has served First Church, Livingston for three and one half years. During this period the church had over 150 additions, built and paid for a \$25,000 pastor's home, increased the budget 60%, gifts to

missions tripled and Cooperative Program more than doubled. He is a former missionary to Nigeria. Mrs. Cockrum is the former **Virginia Irvin** of Seymour. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union, TBC. They have two children, **Vicki**, 14; and **Joyce**, 9, both born in Africa.

First Church, Morristown, called **Dr. Edwin Richardson** of Carson-Newman College, as interim pastor to fill the vacancy left after **A. H. Hicks** gave up his responsibility for the pastorate July 1. Hicks served the church 20 years. The church also called Professor **Claude Gossett** of C-N as minister of music.

John E. Harris, recent graduate of Carson-Newman College, was ordained to the ministry by Lyons Creek Church, Strawberry Plains, Aug. 18. He has been called as pastor of Sardina Church, Sardina, Ind. and will attend Southern Seminary and live in the pastor's home at Sardina with his wife and two daughters.

Glen Gamble, native of Kingston, goes to Concord Church, Nolachucky Association. He will be a student at Carson-Newman this fall. Ordained six years ago, this is Gamble's first pastorate after serving as an associate pastor and in the armed forces.

Sharon Church, Route 2, Knoxville, ordained **Ray Jones, Jr.** to the ministry on Aug. 18. Ordination was requested by Pond Run Church, Echols, Ky. Jones is a student at Southern Seminary and has been called as pastor of Pond Run Church. The council was composed of ministers and deacons from Sharon, Salem, Beaver Dam and Pond Run Churches. **Dan J. Dunkel**, Sharon pastor, was moderator. **W. Stuart Rule**, retired pastor of Sharon, brought the ordination sermon. **Jerry Hayner**, Beaver Dam pastor, brought the charge to the church and minister. **Ray Jones, Sr.** is chairman of deacons at Sharon.

In Nolachucky Association

Hubert Spoone has completed his ministry at Grace Church which included the relocation of the church to its present Lincoln Avenue site with complete payment on the land, building and furnishings. Also a new pastor's home is under construction. The church has called **R. T. Roberts** who was pastor at First Church, Calhoun as Spoone's successor. Mt. Zion Church called **Jerry Dezean** of the Corryton community and a student at Carson-Newman College as pastor. He was ordained Aug. 11 by Mill Springs Church where he was a member. **Ralph Easterly** resigned Beulah Church to

Church Refuses Pastors' Resignation: Fires Deacons

MEMPHIS (BP)—Brooks Ramsey, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Memphis, for the past five years, resigned here after "harassment" over his stand on race relations, but the church voted "overwhelmingly" to refuse to accept the resignation.

Instead, the church decided to "vacate" all 45 deacons and 15 finance committee members, asking regular church nominating committees to come up with a new slate of deacons and finance committee members.

Whether Ramsey will continue as pastor is still in question. "I have not withdrawn my resignation," he said. But he has not yet decided whether to accept the call to another church, or to remain at the Memphis church.

Within a week after his resignation was refused, the church voted in a new slate of 45 deacons, including eight new men to be ordained and about seven others who previously were deacons who had rotated off, plus a new finance committee. Only about 45 voted against the new slate of leaders out of a crowd of 500 to 600.

Ramsey described the new deacon body as "more progressive", and said that as a result "the church leadership is in the hands of more progressive people."

The opposition to Ramsey's leadership intensified when he participated in a minister's march on City Hall, urging settlement of a sanitation worker's strike, on the day after Martin Luther King was slain in Memphis. One other Baptist pastor, Robert Troutman, participated in the march.

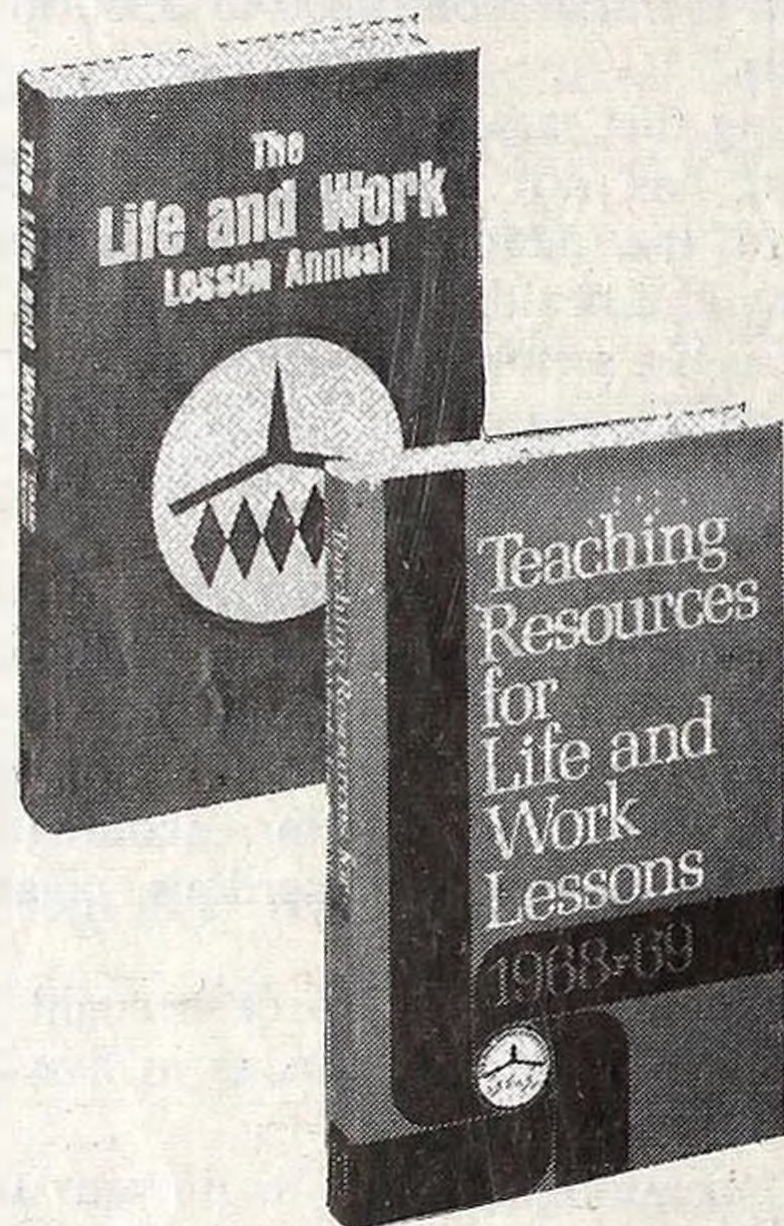
The basic issue, said Ramsey, has been race relations. Ramsey said he had received strong opposition from "segregationists" in the church.

assume a full-time ministry in N. C.

Staten Gap Church has completed installation of rest rooms and vestibule, all debt free. Alpha Church, **J. W. Rayburn**, pastor, celebrated its centennial. Magna View Church has broken ground for a new building on U. S. Highway 11 E. near Jefferson City. Plans call for a first unit two-story educational building with a temporary sanctuary. Later an auditorium will be added to form a T shaped building. **Wayland Carlisle** is pastor.

First Church, Flintville, has completed a revival which resulted in 29 professions of faith, 20 of these united with the church. There were five additions by letter and many rededications. Evangelist **Walter St. Clair** of Kingsport did the preaching. **Gene Rutledge** of Fayetteville was in charge of the music. **B. J. Chitwood** is pastor.

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Double Standard of Morals

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

The United Methodist Church in its recent meeting in Dallas voted to remove the ban on smoking and drinking for its ministers. A major argument for the removal was that there should not be a double standard of morals: one for ministers and another for laymen.

A few years ago the same argument was advanced concerning moral standards for men and women. There was at that time a strong emphasis on a single standard.

A good case can be made out for a single standard of morals for men and women and for ministers and laymen. A single standard in both cases sounds logical. Theoretically it may be valid.

In actual practice, however, the single standard has frequently meant the lowering of higher standards more than the lifting of the lower standard. This has been generally true in regard to men and women. Many of the latter have taken on to a distressing degree the faults, failures, and bad habits of men.

The results have been unfortunate for men and women and also for the home and society in general. The home and society, as is true of the church, needs someone or ones to set the pace or pattern in morals. There can be no movement to higher levels of living unless there is someone on that level to point out the way.

Men need the challenge that can and should come from women who say to them, "Come up to my level." Christian laymen need pastors who will set the pace for them in daily Christian living. Society needs Christian men and women who will demonstrate in their lives the highest level of living. There is no lifting of our level of living unless there is a continuing tension between where we now are and where we ought to be. Furthermore, we cannot know where we ought to be unless someone by the life he lives is already on that level.

Frequently an emphasis on a single standard of morals has not created a tug upward because the emphasis was wrongly placed. For example, if women had been satisfied to stop when they said, "If it is wrong for me, it is wrong for you" there would have been a pull upward for men.

There was a tendency, however, to reverse the reasoning. It was too frequently said, "If it is right for you, then it is right for me." The emphasis was shifted from responsibility to personal rights. This was and is unfortunate from the Christian perspective. The results are just as unfortunate

when the pastor or any one in a church related vocation majors on his rights rather than on his responsibilities.

Also, let us remember that a basic rule or principle of life is that to whom much is given, much will be required. The greater one's opportunity to influence others the

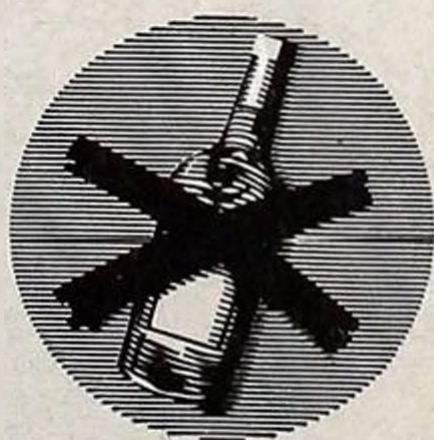
greater is his responsibility to them and to our heavenly Father. This is true of parents in relation to their children, of pastors in the relation to the members of their churches, and of Christians in relation to non-Christian loved ones, friends, and neighbors.



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By Roy J. Gilleland, Jr.

- WHAT?** The Golden State Mission Offering—named after Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Golden—Started by the Woman's Missionary Union in 1901 at the suggestion of Mrs. W. C. Golden who at the time was corresponding secretary to the central committee of the Woman's Missionary Union. Dr. Golden was Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, 1902-1910.
- WHEN?** State Missions Week is September 22-29, 1968—State Missions Sunday is Sept. 22, 1968—State Missions Day of Prayer is Sept. 25, 1968.
- GOAL?** \$125,100
This is how the money will be spent:
\$15,000—Department of Evangelism for "The Crusade of the Americas."
\$11,500—Assistance to Negro Baptists: training of pastors, assistance to students, Baptist Student Centers.
\$15,000—Mountain Mission work.
\$30,000—Camps Carson and Linden.
\$12,000—United Tennessee League—for alcohol and narcotics education of people in public schools and churches.
\$10,000—Church lot fund.
\$20,600—Assist Baptist students and pastors in their education in Baptist colleges, schools, and seminaries—pastors schools.
\$ 3,000—Ministry to the deaf.
\$ 8,000—Other: Promotion, Mission Centers, missionary assistance, etc.
- HOW MUCH FROM EACH MAN?**
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Seek Improved TV Entertainment



Christians United for Responsible Entertainment are trying to do something constructive in the improvement of entertainment on TV. Above shows some of them in action in Knoxville. Left to right are Mrs. Joseph Vargo, Mr. Sam Reed, Jr., Mrs.

Paul White, Mrs. Hobart Palmer. Mrs. Vargo is obtaining the signatures of concerned people to a petition which says: "We the undersigned, request of NBC, CBS, and ABC networks:
(1) A sharp decrease in violence and sad-

Interpretation

By Herschel H. Hobbs

CLEAN, NEAT, BUT EMPTY

"And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished."—Luke 11:25

In recording the same story Matthew says, "Empty, swept, and garnished" (12:44).

Jesus had just cast a demon out of a man. The Pharisees (Matt. 12:24) said that He did this by the power of Beelzebub or Satan. After condemning them for their spiritual darkness, Jesus told the story of an unclean spirit leaving a man. After a while he returned to find the man swept and garnished, but empty. So he brought seven other demons to occupy the man with him. So that the man's latter condition was worse than the former.

The implication is that the Pharisees also claimed to cast out demons. They led a man, perhaps a pagan, to accept Judaism. It was a negative religion. The Pharisees led a man to forsake evil but gave him nothing to take its place.

This is seen in "swept and garnished." Both are perfect participles, showing how completely these things were done. All of the evil was swept out. And the life, like a house, was adorned with ritual and ceremony. But it was "empty." It had no spiritual power. Nature abhors a vacuum. So where positive good does not exist, it is an invitation to negative evil to come in. The seven additional demons suggest this with emphasis.

The man's latter condition was worse than the former. He had forsaken his paganism to accept Judaism. But he had found no spiritual meaning. He received only negative rules of living and more ritual than he had known before. Nothing more. Thus disappointed in Judaism he was left without hope—worse than before.

It is not enough merely to be "swept and garnished"—but empty. Christianity is more than merely negative goodness. It involves more than "Don't do this or that." It is a positive way of life. Failure to be filled with the good works of God is an invitation to the evil works of Satan.

We must not be content to be **good for nothing**. We must be **good for something**. For faith without works is dead (James 2:14ff.).

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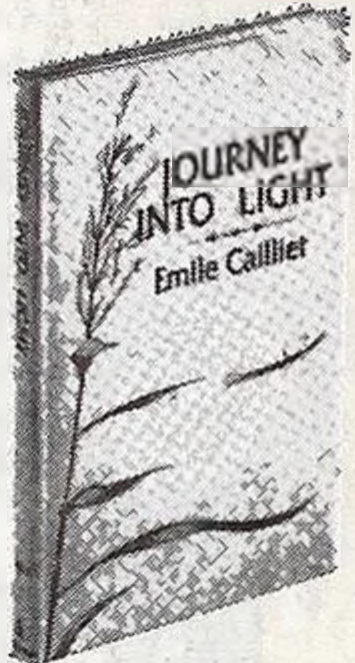
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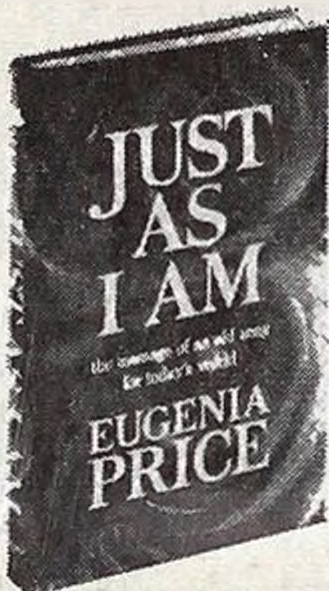
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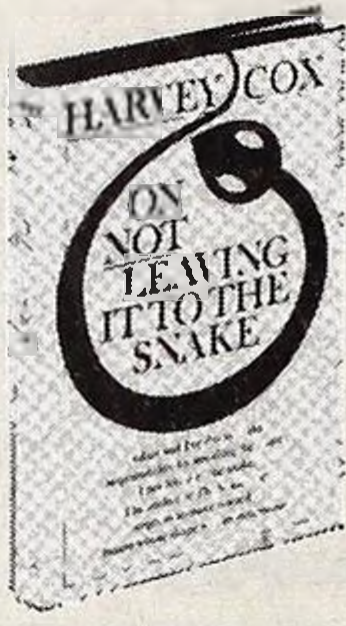
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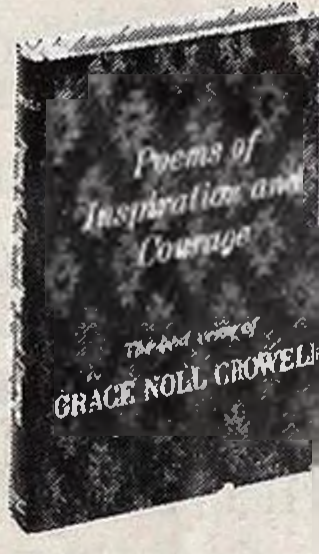
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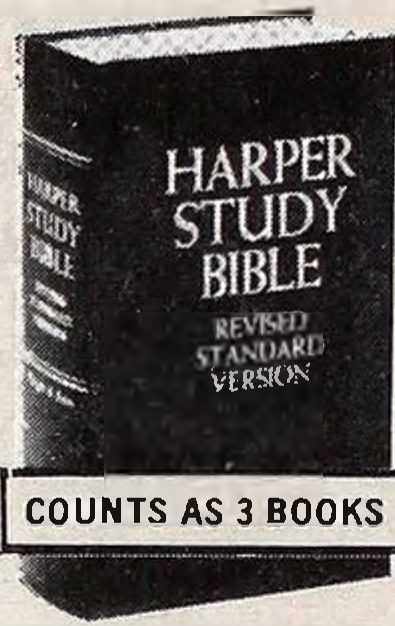
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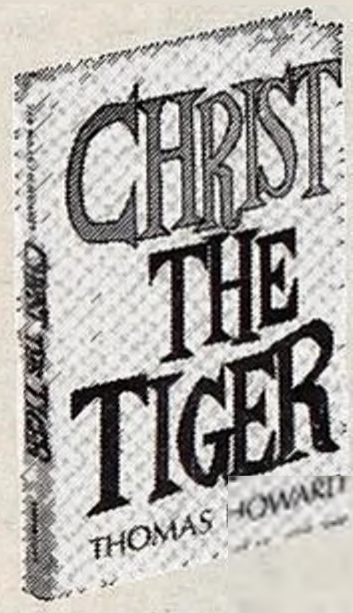


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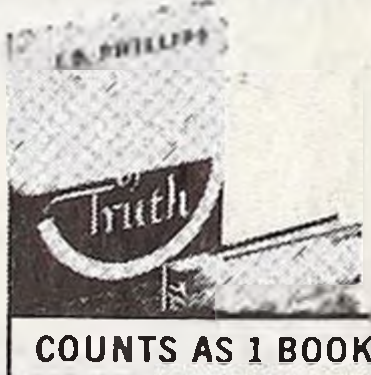
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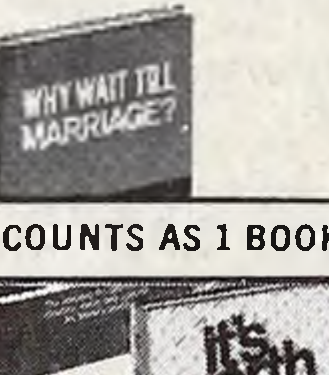


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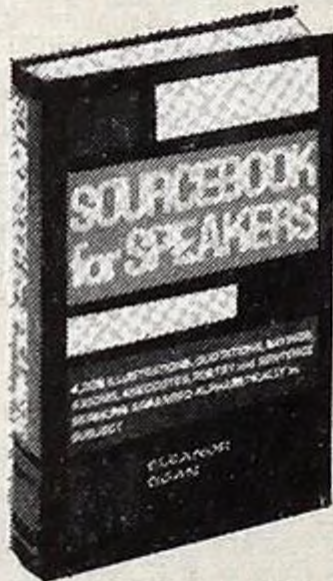
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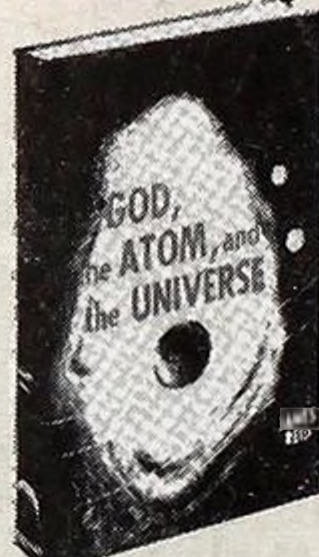
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The Sunday School's Role
* The Crusade of the Americas
* The annual denominational emphasis:
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Study Chapter I of general section of
book, *The Sunday School at Work, 1968-69*

Study Chapter I of age-group section of
book, *The Sunday School at Work, 1968-69*

SECOND NIGHT

Organization and Outreach
* Organizing for growth
* Enrolling people in Bible Study

Study Chapter II of general section of the
same book

Study Chapter II of age-group section of
the same book

THIRD NIGHT

Improvement of Teaching
* Character of teaching
* Content of teaching
* Procedures of teaching

Study Chapter III of general section of
the book

Study Chapter III of the age-group section
of the book

FOURTH NIGHT

Actions and Administration
* Sunday School Actions that carry out
church functions
* Administrative support

Study Chapter IV of general section of the
book

Study Chapter IV of age-group section of
book

McReynolds Joins Board Public Relations Staff

NASHVILLE (BP)—James Evans McReynolds, a native of Kingsport, Tenn., has been named an information specialist in the office of public relations, for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

He will gather and prepare information relating to the work of the board for release through the news media, public relations director Gomer R. Lesch said.

McReynolds has been sports editor of the (Huntsville (Ala.) News, religion editor of

the Columbia (Mo.) Missourian, and news-writer for the public relations department at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

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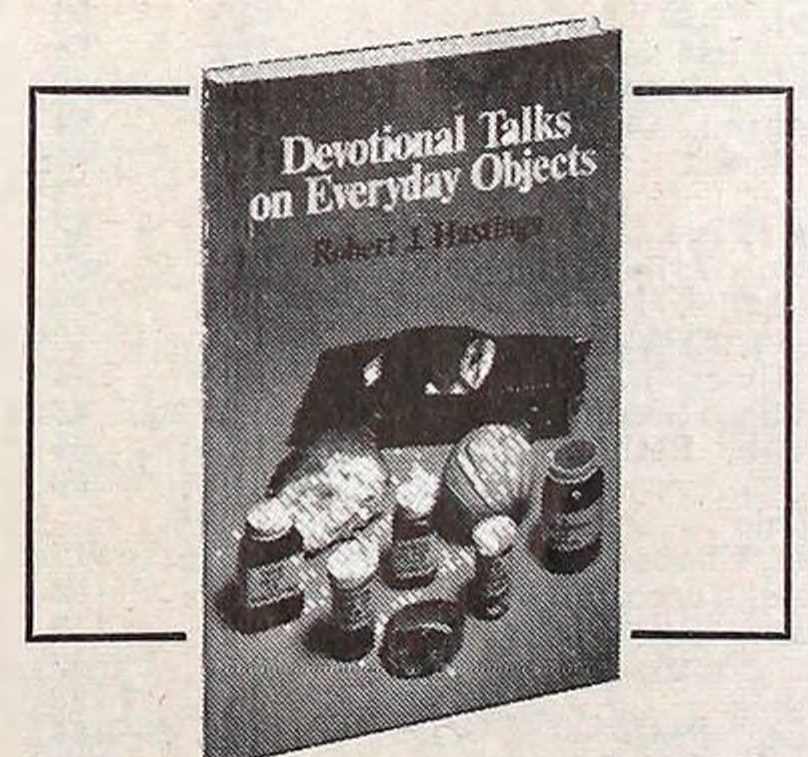
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Churches S.S. T.U. Add.

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Alamo, First	288	89	1
Alcoa, Calvary	128	63	2
First	419	187	
Athens, East	335	101	
Central	147	70	
Baxter, First	94	47	
Bean Station, First	102	42	
Adriel	61		
Bar Drads Grove	83	27	
Brighton	264	138	
Brownsville	575	146	3
Mission	79	46	
Calhoun, First	176	125	2
Chattanooga, Brainerd	895	302	2
Central	713	209	2
Meadowview Chapel	63	31	
Concord	481	160	
East Brainerd	214	84	1
East Ridge	601	137	
First	871	212	
Morris Hill	233	78	
Northside	289	88	
Red Bank	968	238	
Ridgedale	430	142	2
St. Elmo	271	74	
Second	106	32	
Silverdale	212	80	
White Oak	377	122	
Woodland Park	226	82	4
Clarksville, First	848	155	8
Hillcrest	221	101	
Spring Creek	138	55	
Cleveland, Big Spring	309	110	
Clinton, First	540	142	3
Second	396	94	
Collierville, First	356	88	20
Columbia, First	385	103	
Highland Park	366	128	3
Northside Chapel	107	53	
Concord, First	326	114	7
Cookeville, First	417	79	6
Bangham Heights	68	47	
Washington Avenue	233	93	
Counce, First	101	61	2
Crossville, First	203	51	
Oak Hill	126	58	
Dayton, First	250	76	
Dickson, First	316	89	3
Dresden, First	216	58	
Dunlap, First	182	65	
Dyersburg, Southside	239	89	7
Elizabethton, Calvary	146	54	
Oak Street	180	61	
Siam	184	74	
Etowah, First	264	78	
Franklin, Walker Memorial	218	82	
Goodlettsville, First	499	199	1
Madison Creek	124	50	
Grand Junction, First	129	75	
Greeneville, Second	122	68	
Greenbrier, Bethel	127	65	
First	310	96	
Jordonia	92		
Lights Chapel	38	17	
Harriman, Trenton Street	282	82	1
Hendersonville, First	938	153	8
Hixson, First	355	89	
Central	351	198	2
Humboldt, First	464	135	1
Jackson, Calvary	339	130	
First	784	235	1
Highland Park	189	69	
Parkview	307	86	
West	649	257	
Johnson City, Central	515	109	1
Unaka Avenue	310	88	1
Kenton, First	200	72	
Macedonia	86	60	
Kingsport, Colonial Heights	431	129	
First	664	172	
Litz Manor	183	62	
State Line	348	215	
Kingston, First	384	128	2
Knoxville, Black Oak Heights	220	68	
Broadway	559	120	
Cumberland	359	110	
Fifth Avenue	428	100	
First	643	196	
Grace	428	170	3
Immanuel	300	91	
Lincoln Park	842	225	2
Meridian	532	105	
Mount Carmel	125	70	
New Hopewell	245	93	
Wallace Memorial	589	175	
West Hills	324	175	9
Lafayette, First	74	29	
Lawrenceburg, Deerfield	140	114	
First	221	49	

Meadow View	92	44	
Highland Park	305	101	
Lebanon, First	396	86	
Immanuel	438	204	
Lenoir City, Calvary	198	69	
First	348	91	
Kingston Pike	149	67	
Beals Chapel	55	19	
Lewisburg, First	275	64	
Loudon, Corinth	257	139	
New Providence	111	84	
Union Fork Creek	69	52	
Manchester, First	323	107	
Martin, Southside	138	53	
Maryville, Everett Hills	387	169	
Union	119	88	
Medon, New Union	95	58	
Memphis, Ardmore	531	220	1
Bellevue	1361	1051	6
Beverly Hills	455	152	2
Boulevard	254	112	4
Brunswick	101	33	
Calvary	201	105	3
Dellwood	434	100	8
Ellendale	179	56	
First	1041	197	
Glen Park	322	155	3
Graceland	515	207	14
Hickory Hills	263	140	12
Highland Heights	948	479	1
Kennedy	504	202	3
LeaClair	530	259	8
Leawood	716	206	
Lucy	144	129	
Peabody	201	108	
Prospect Park	76	67	9
Scenic	234	137	38
Second	749	246	7
Shelby Forest	102	71	2
Speedway Terrace	508	245	
Temple	753	274	4
Trinity	797	201	7
Union Avenue	772	131	1
Wells Station	500	193	4
McEwen, First	110	37	
McKenzie, First	331	57	
McMinnville, First	436	135	
Northside	201	80	
Magness Memorial	311	71	6
Westside Mission	63		3
Gath	120	50	
Morristown, Alpha	196	120	
Brown Springs	78	24	
Buffalo Trail	158	58	2
Fairview	124	34	
Fernwood	130		
Mount Juliet	272	104	
Murfreesboro, First	589	106	5
Calvary	103	48	
Powell's Chapel	127	77	
Southeast	197	86	
Third	232	46	
Nashville, Belmont Heights	870	221	3
Madison Street	70	41	
Dickerson Road	413	115	
Donelson	498	91	
Eastland	434	116	
Fairview	164	44	1
First	975	349	9
Carroll Street	76	56	
Cora Tibbs	42	18	
T.P.S.	145		
Glenwood	279	119	2
Grace	654	223	4
Grandview	368	73	3
College Grove	21	14	
Haywood Hills	369	139	
Hermitage Hills	373	134	
Lakeview Chapel	39	3	
Hill Hurst	283	90	1
Joelton	265	100	
Judson	312	90	
Benton Avenue	68		
Junior League Home	25		
Park Avenue	834	221	6
Rosedale	138	41	
Tusculum Hills	335	82	
Two Rivers	313	138	2
Woodbine	476	126	29
Woodmont	407	107	
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	529	163	2
Old Hickory, First	345	138	2
Peytonville Chapel	47		
Temple	231		2
Oliver Springs, Beech Park	231	132	14
Parsons, First	205	68	
Philadelphia, Cedar Fork	143	90	
Pigeon Forge, First	243	47	

New Books

Drawing Toward God the Art and Inspiration of Jack Hamm; 111 pp.; \$3.50; Droke House Publishers, Anderson, S. C. Distributed by Grossett and Dunlap, 51 Madison Ave., N.Y., N.Y. Jack Hamm is tops with his "drawing board ministry" in giving religious truth telling in part, through the genius of his pictures, vividly portraying spiritual truths, the Word of God is brought to bear on the problems and issues of today's world. For more than 12 years I have found his drawings a constant source of inspiration. Readers of Baptist and Reflector have become familiar with his gifted artistry through the weekly drawings on the editorial page. This book with its 50 drawings carries the inspiration prompting the art, set forth in Hamm's own words facing each picturization of truth for every day living. Hamm headed Baylor University Art Department and is the winner of four national first place awards for his drawings. We heartily recommend this book as a builder of Christian faith.

Black and Free by Tom Skinner; Zondervan; 154 pp.; \$2.95. Out of the hope and stability given his life through personal experience of God's grace in Jesus Christ the author, once leader of Harlem's largest gang, calls for a more effective ministry to answer the race problem here and around the world. "There is a point when legislation cannot change the human heart," says the author. "There is a point where social action cannot erase bigotry and hate. There comes a place where a man has to be changed from the inside."

Grace Is Not a Blue-Eyed Blond by R. Lofton Hudson; Word; 158 pp.; \$3.95. The author, who is founder-director of the Midwest Christian Counseling Center, reaches the modern reader by "cutting away the wordy religious underbrush" which some say has kept them from understanding life's great truths. Dr. Hudson's treatment of grace, sin, hypocrisy, security, friendship, forgiveness, love, temptation, faith, and guts both rile and refresh.

Portland, First	382	146	14
Powell, First	197	34	
Glenwood	259	115	
Pulaski, Highland	101	39	
Rockwood, First	429	210	
Clymersville Mission	36	26	
Savannah, First	216	60	1
Seymour, Dupont	118	57	
First	490	142	3
Shelbyville, First	455	120	1
Shelbyville Mills	188	64	
Smyrna, First	305	92	
Somerville, First	230	121	
South Pittsburg	254	61	1
Springfield, Bethlehem	104	47	
Oak Grove	194	100	
Sweetwater, First	366	111	1
Trimble, First	190	80	5
Troy, First	214	92	
Tullahoma, Grace	181	85	1
Union City, First	617	149	6
Second	286		2
Waverly, First	224	67	
Watertown, Round Lick	221	88	1
Waynesboro	201	103	
Westmoreland, First	43	19	
White House, First	190	59	
Winchester, First	209	72	2
Southside	98		

Prayer Retreat For Baptist Women

Miss Bertha Smith, retired missionary from China and Taiwan and author of **Go Home and Tell**, will conduct a prayer retreat for Tennessee Baptist women, Sept. 20-22, at Belmont Heights Church in Nashville. The retreat will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening and close with an early Sunday morning service. Information regarding convenient lodging has been mailed to pastors and WMU presidents. Lodging reservations are to be made directly to the hotel or motel by each group coming. No prior registration to the state WMU office is necessary.

Excellent personal preparation for the retreat is the reading or re-reading of the book, **Go Home and Tell**, a recounting of Miss Smith's 42 years as a missionary and the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit throughout her experiences. The purpose of the retreat is to "point to a life of commission with God through Christ as a reality to be entered upon and constantly maintained."

Scott Resigns Editorship

THOMASVILLE, N. C. (BP)—Orville Scott, editor of *Charity and Children*, publication of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, has resigned to enter graduate school at the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Scott, editor of the weekly newspaper which only recently converted from full newspaper format to tabloid style, had been at the editor's desk here for three years. His resignation becomes effective Sept. 30.

Named Editor of Materials

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Miss Rosanne Osborne, former assistant professor of English at Louisiana College (Baptist) in Pineville, La., has been named to the newly-created position as editor of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) materials for the Southern Baptist WMU national office here.

She will develop and edit publications interpreting the overall Woman's Missionary Union program, according to Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary.

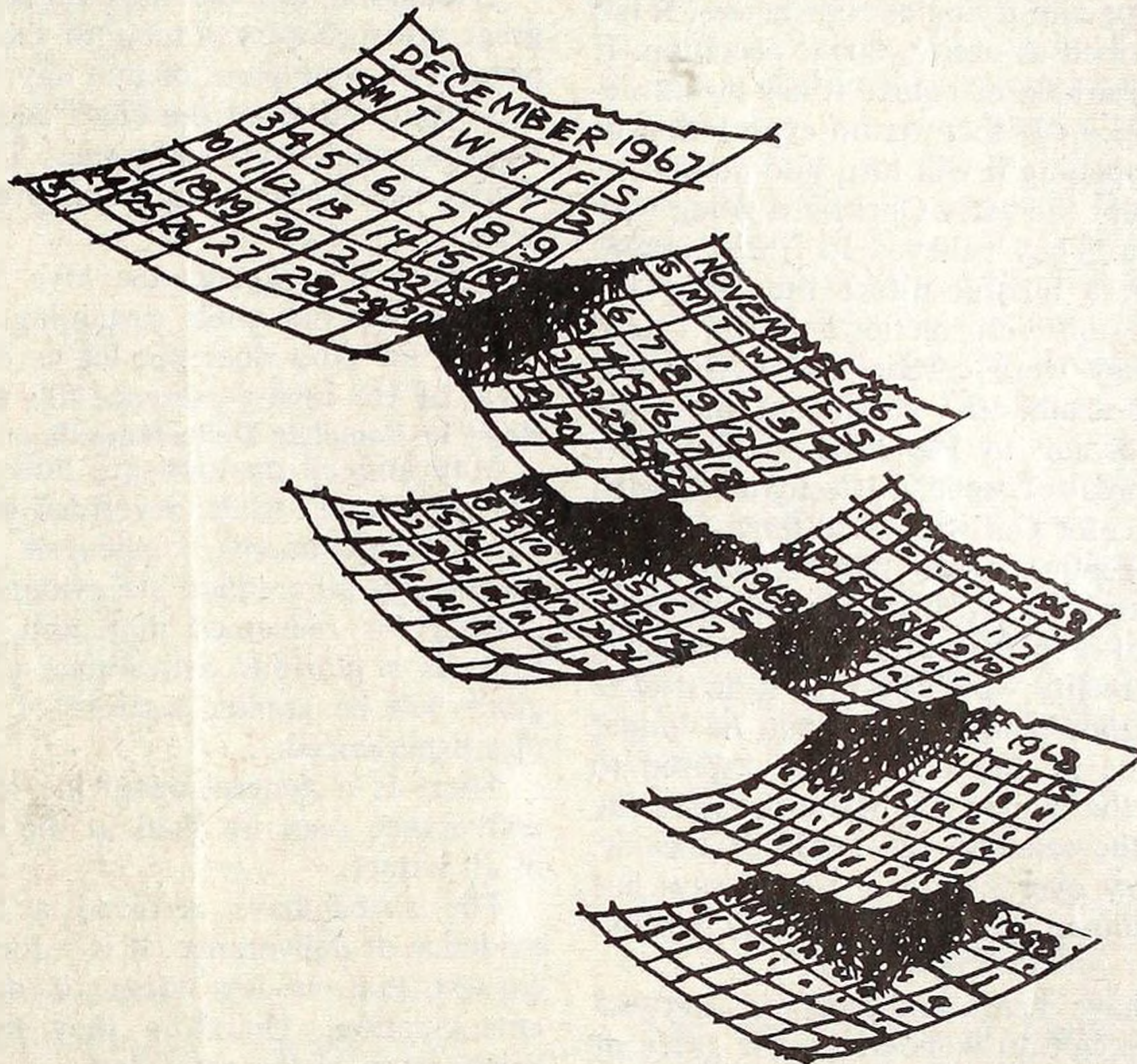
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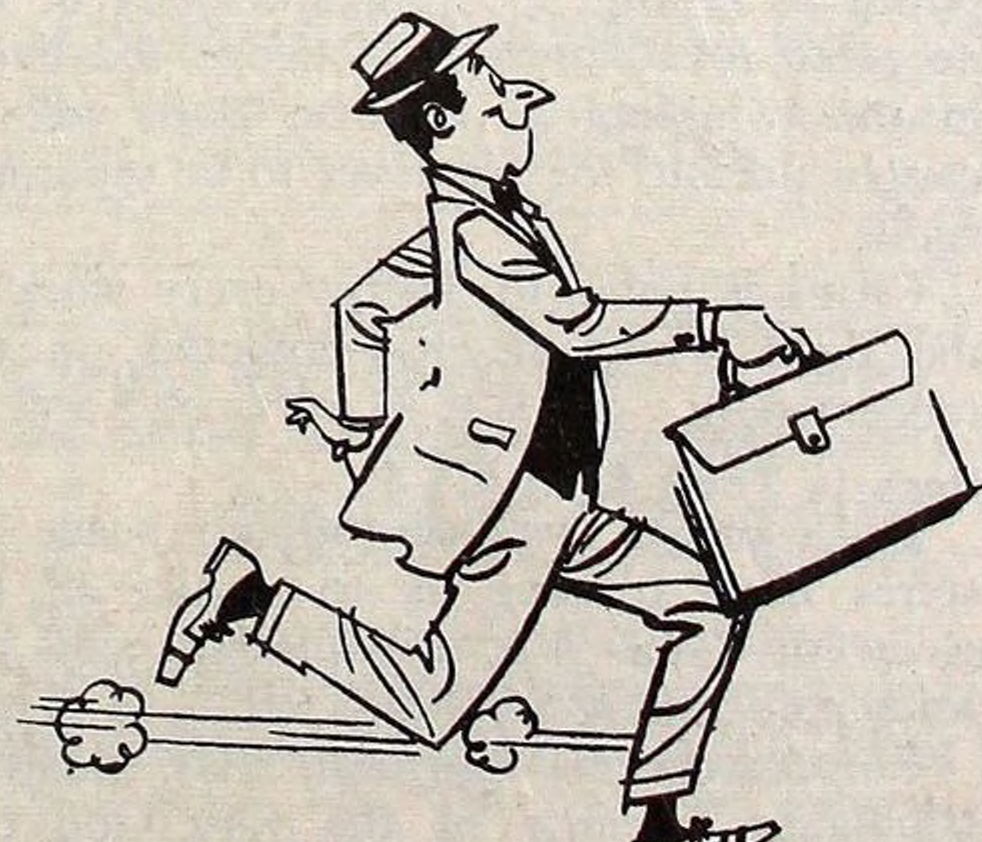


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Focal Passages: I Thess. 4:13-18; Rom. 8:22-25; I Pet. 1:3-5

Hope is a mighty factor in human life. It has kept many people going under most discouraging and trying circumstances. It has been described as desire plus expectation. If it is not desirable of course it has no attraction or appeal. If there is no expectation of it ever happening it will turn into despair.

Hope kept the early Christians going with great force. They believed in Christ's coming and in a blissful future life. They believed in the resurrection of the dead because they were certain that Christ had conquered death. The coming of the Holy Spirit according to His promise and their consciousness of special strength through the presence of Christ assured them.

Some skeptics would say that our hope for a future life is wishful thinking. Wishful thinking of a persistent nature must have realizable reality which inspires it or it dies. Man dreamed and wished that he might conquer the mighty oceans. He aspired to fly above the clouds. He now surpasses the fishes of the sea and the fowls of the air. His mastery over nature in many ways has been acclaimed. It was once only wishful thinking.

If we have heart and hope in spiritual matters we can do wonders by the grace of God. Rejoicing in hope gives a glow and zest to life.

Hope In Sorrow I Thess. 4:13-18

We sorrow as certain as others. Sometimes more so because we care more. Yet there is a vast difference between the sorrow of the saved and unsaved. There is a rainbow in our tears. There is a silver lining to our dark clouds. There is an inner comfort also. In other words, we have a succor in our sorrow which the world does not have.

Our deceased are referred to as both asleep in Jesus and dead in Christ. One refers to the spirit, the real self, and the other to be body, the house in which we lived.

Christ is going to return with tremendous power to reunite the soul and body of the deceased loved ones and change the living in the twinkling of an eye. Both will be caught up into the air never to be separated again.

Christ is going to destroy every work of the devil which he has inflicted on the redeemed.

Hope In Trials Rom. 5:1-5

Faith brings justification and peace inspires hope causing us to rejoice in the glory of God. Yet discipleship and life bring to us many trials and tests.

Fortunately the Christian may glory in tribulation because of the way God can

make it contribute to our higher development. It works steadfastness. It makes the roots of life go down deeper and gives us stability. This produces experience which enriches character. Along comes hope that sustains us and does not let us down.

Tribulation has the idea of being under great pressure very similar to the threshing process or wine press of that day. The grain was separated from the chaff and the juice was extracted from the grapes. Tribulation, if properly borne, refines and produces the best.

During this process the love of God is flooded into our souls sustaining and comforting us. God does not let us down. The sense of His loving presence fills us.

Hope In Complete Deliverance Rom. 8:18-25

Man and all creation are under a curse. The afflictions, trials, severities of life and the maladjustments, upheavels and evil bondage of all creation are evident.

Both for redeemed man and all nature there is a glorious deliverance ahead. The glory will be greater because of the tragedies experienced.

There is a general agonizing longing for deliverance seen by Paul in the saved and in all nature.

The saved have received a first fruit-evidence of deliverance. It is a foretaste and earnest that assures them of the coming emancipation. Therefore they live in the bright hope of the great day.

This will come with the resurrection of the redemption or resurrection of the body. **The Source And Consummation of Hope I Pet. 1:3-5**

Christ's resurrection literally and our resurrection spiritually beget a living hope of a blissful future. Men have sought to discredit the resurrection of Christ. No part of Him stayed in that grave. It would have been too easy for the enemy to have produced the dead body of Christ had there been one left anywhere. Had they done so we would not be studying this lesson or professing our faith in Him. There would be no Christianity of consequence or power in the earth.

We believe in our hearts that God raised Him and we experience a spiritual resurrection from spiritual death. This begets a living hope with double assurance.

We look forward to a blissful inheritance in heaven which is guarded like crown jewels for us in glory. Not only is our inheritance kept for us but we are kept that we may be sure to arrive where it is and possess it.

Some people never live to possess their rich earthly inheritance. Sometimes they have lived long enough to possess it but it is dissipated before they get it. The child of God is assured on both accounts, praise His name!

On Matters of FAMILY LIVING

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Rights of Each Family Member Must Be Inviolable

Family balance is based on mutual respect for the right of each family member. "This allows each member to practice the skills and pursue the satisfactions of his age level," Dr. Hugh Missildine told the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Many families never achieve balance, but live on a stationary seesaw, either with the children keeping the parents up in the air or the parents sitting firmly on the children's individuality and never allowing the children's own personality and interests to get off the ground.

Parents have their needs and rights and so do youngsters. It's up to the adults to set limits for themselves as well as their offspring. Adults must consciously avoid directing and redirecting kids' activities without regard for their right to initiate and pursue their own interests.

On the other hand, parents must not allow themselves to capitulate to immature whims and demands of their children without regard for their own rights as grown-ups and individuals.

"When parents feel their child is infringing on the rights of others with demands, whims, temper tantrums, or disrespect, they should say 'NO', and if he persists send him to his room until he decides he can rejoin the family without the demands," says Dr. Missildine. "If he still persists parents can send him to his room again promptly."

Other than setting sensible limits and seeing that children perform a share of the household tasks ("kids have a right to grouse about chores and even to try and get out of them") parents have to learn to let their children escape from constant adult concern.

Parents infringe on children's right to peace with their worries and lectures just as youngsters infringe on parents' peace with immature impulsiveness, he points out.

Youngsters need relief from pressure about food, health, clothes, interests, restless habits, friends and personal accomplishment. Parents need an active recreational life of their own, so that they can come back to the children refreshed.

It's particularly important for the sake of parents and child for the adults to "take time out" when the youngster is going through a behavior problem. This gives the parents a chance to see the child's reaction without so much pent-up feeling.

Children's Page

SANDRA'S FIRST DAY*

By Dorothy W. Peers



It was the very first day of Sandra's very first year in school.

Sandra had waited a long, long time for this day to come.

Mamma had bought her a new blue dress and a new red sweater and new red socks. She felt grown-up as she said good-bye to Mamma and Jody and the baby. Jody was only four.

Then Sandra walked to school with Annie, who lived next door. Annie was in the fifth grade.

But as they left home far behind, Sandra began to feel a little afraid.

"You'll like Miss Mason, your teacher," Annie told her. "She's nice. You'll like your big, sunny room, too. And you'll sing and draw pictures and learn to read. You'll make lots of new friends."

Annie left her at the door of her room.

"Just go right in. I'll meet you here after school," Annie said. Then she went down the hall to her own room.

Sandra looked through the door. The room seemed full of children. She did not know a single one of them.

The teacher did not see her. She was busy talking to some mothers.

Sandra stood still. She did not know what to do.

She did not want to go into that place. She did not really want to go to school

at all. But she did not know the way home.

Then Sandra heard someone crying.

A girl in a green dress was standing near her. Tears were running down her cheeks.

Sandra put her arm around her.

"Please don't cry," she said. "What's the matter?"

"I'm afraid!" sobbed the other girl. "I don't want to go to school! I want to go home!"

"Don't be afraid," Sandra said. "Our teacher is very nice. Our room is nice, too. Look and see."

The other girl stopped crying and looked.

"We're going to sing songs and draw pictures and learn to read," Sandra said. "Won't that be fun?"

"I guess so," said the other girl.

"We'll make lots of new friends. My name is Sandra. What's yours?"

"Linda." Now Linda was smiling a little.

"Let's go in together," Sandra said.

Holding hands, they went in.

When Sandra came home from school, Mamma asked, "Did you have fun today?"

"Oh, yes!" said Sandra.

"Were you scared?" asked Jody.

"No," said Sandra.

Then she remembered.

"Well, a little, at first," she said. "But then I was so busy helping Linda not to be scared, I forgot to be scared myself!"

"Isn't that funny?" she giggled. "I helped myself when I helped Linda!"

1968 Royal Ambassador Camps

William E. Highsmith

Someone has said that "boys and girls do not go to camp to be educated but that they cannot camp without being so." I think we can say that about the 459 boys who came to Royal Ambassador camps at Linden and Carson. Any boy must have a learning experience when he comes in contact with missionaries like Dr. Jeanette Beall, retired missionary to China, and Rev. Charles Compton, missionary to South America, and 62 dedicated men who volunteered to serve as counselors. Under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Coe and permanent staff, Mr. Leroy Keck, Mr. Phil Hunter, Mr. Jay Hudson, and Mr. Sam Drummond, camping became a reality to the boys.

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Project 500—

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million of which is to be designated for Project 500. Planners, however, are only counting for sure on getting \$½ million of that \$1½ million project goal.

"We've had some firm letters to reply to and some broken hearts to comfort," Rutledge said. "It's been hard to say no to people who were counting on us.

"But I would rather be a little embarrassed today by saying we are going to try to get with you later—but can't do it today—than come up at the end of December 1969 wondering where we are going to get some \$3 million."

In other major action, Louisville, Ky., board member Edwin Perry made the motion that the full board formally accept the assignment to the Home Mission Board included in the "Crisis In the Nation" Statement voted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston last June.

He also recommended that a special coordinating committee be formed and charged with the responsibility of working under the direction of the full board and staff to carry out the assignment to implement the crisis statement.

The statement called on the Home Mission Board to work with other SBC agencies and boards to develop a tangible response to the racial and poverty crisis of the nation.

The request for the special steering committee triggered an hour-long discussion.

Perry said the committee would help people see that it was "not just business as usual at the Home Mission Board" and that it would more closely include "grass roots" representatives (the board members) in subsequent actions.

One Alabama board member stated during the discussion that the Cooperative Program receipts in his area already had suffered from the voting of the crisis statement, and that some in his area considered the convention's action on the statement as "aligning with the Stokely Carmichaels."

He asked that it be made clear that voices of all convictions be heard in explorations for an adequate response to the crisis.

Another board member opposed the special committee, saying that it might resemble a "task force" approach to the problem, an element in the original wording of the crisis statement that many at the SBC found strongly objectionable.

Approval of the special committee, however, was voted about four to one. Shortly thereafter, at the request of Lewis Rhodes of Knoxville, Tenn., the board voted for the committee to investigate an ecumenical ministry in the southeast called ACTS (Association For Christian Training and Service) to see if the Home Mission Board should contribute to it and participate in it.

Newsman Named Managing Editor Of Arkansas Baptist

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)—Franklin I. Presson, 49, of Camden, Ark., has been named managing editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, and as director of public relations for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Presson, a native of Oklahoma, will work under Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the

newsmagazine, and under Convention Executive Secretary S. A. Whitlow in his dual responsibilities.

In the editorial position, Presson succeeds Mrs. Fred Ashcraft, who resigned recently to move with her family to Bloomington, Ind., where her husband has become managing editor of the Bloomington Courier-Tribune.

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