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PULPIT TO PEW

By Jim Griffith

A Texas pastor sends a bulletin from a neighboring church which reports: "The pastor will prepare chop suey for those attending the evening service."

Now there is one preacher who feeds his flock.

Admittedly, they may not be fed with the meat of the word—but they are fed.

I can just hear the church members calling to ask not what the preacher's sermon topic will be, but what he has on the menu.

But there is this much to say for the pastor's plan. The members can always say, "No one ever goes away hungry from our services. In fact, they all depart with a distinct feeling that they have been 'filled'."

And if not inspiration, they can at least leave with indigestion.

Still, after attending one of these services "cooked up by the preacher," one may not know whether his heart burns within him of if he just has a bad case of heartburn.

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Interpretation

By Herschel H. Hobbs

The Rejected Stone

"The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner"—Luke 20:17.

This verse is a quotation of Psalm 118:22. Jesus through a parable had just rejected the Jewish leaders and the nation which they represented. No longer would they be the central people in God's redemptive purpose. They had rejected God's Christ, the means of redemption. In turn they were rejected by God. And Jesus cited this passage from Psalm 118 as scriptural grounds for such.

This was regarded by the Jews as a Messianic psalm. So by their own teachings Jesus convicted them. The "stone" (Christ) had been rejected by the Jews. But God will yet make Him "the head of the corner." This stone was the one which joined two walls together. This suggests the Old and New Testaments which find their true meaning in the Messiah.

Then in verse 18 Jesus applied the lesson. "Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken." Many then as now were stumbling over Christ. And they were/harmful thereby.

"But on whomsoever it [stone] shall fall, it will grind him to powder." From stumbling over Christ. And they were/harmful the stone falling on someone.

This suggests the headstone high upon a wall. If men try to pull it down it will fall on them. These Jews were seeking to pull Christ down out of the wall of God's redemptive purpose. They were representative of the Jewish nation. Christ will fall upon them in judgment.

To grind to powder really means to scatter as chaff or dust. That on which the stone falls will be ground to powder and scattered by the wind. This then was another prophecy concerning the end of the Jewish nation which took place in A.D. 70.

But the "rejected stone" will continue to unite the wall of God's redemptive purpose as revealed in the Scriptures. Men may think that they sit in judgment upon Jesus Christ. But history reveals that they are judged by Him. The most important question in life, both here and hereafter, is what will you do with Jesus the Christ of God?

COVER

The evidences of the harvest—The House of God—The Hills of His creation remind "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

October is the month for particular emphasis upon the ministries of the Cooperative Program—our channel of ministry to the entire world.

(HMB Photo)

Devotional

"SPIRITUAL MEN"

By Lewis Bratcher, Pastor
Kingston First Baptist

Writing to the beloved Church in Corinth, the Apostle Paul is aware of the difficulties they face. Examining these difficulties he



Bratcher

comes to the conclusion that the great basic problem is that they have remained "as men of the flesh, as babes in Christ".

While rejoicing in every "babe" born into the Kingdom of God, he is tormented by the realization that they are perfectly content to remain as babes, living off of the milk of the Christian Gospel.

Thus he cries out against those who refuse to grow, who live a childish life of "jealousy and strife", who refuse "solid food", who are never strong enough to become "fellow workmen for God". His solution in order that they might fulfill their mission, is that they should become "spiritual men". (I Cor. 3:1-9 RSV)

The difficulties of our churches today are the same, and the basic problem remains. The tragic reason why the church is not truly "the Body of Christ", why Christians are not truly "members of the Body of Christ", is to be found in those who remain "as babes".

This is made real in actions which are childish, in refusal to accept responsibility, in rejection of involvement, in indifference to glorious opportunities available to every child of God. The solution is also the same. May we know, even as did the Apostle Paul, that it is the will of the Heavenly Father that all of His children should become "as spiritual men".

\$300,000 Gift for OBU

SHAWNEE, Okla.—A general endowment gift in excess of \$300,000 has been given Oklahoma Baptist university through the estate of the late R. H. Nicholson, long-time member of Olivet Baptist church, Oklahoma City.

Nicholson, an Oklahoma City real estate, insurance and contracting executive, died May 23. His will provided that one-third of his estate go to OBU, one-third to the Child Care Department of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and the remaining one-third to Olivet Baptist church. The total estate will amount to about \$1 million.

He was a deacon at Olivet Baptist church, member of the OBU board of trustees in 1943 and 1950-55, member of the Baptist Laymen's Corporation Commission and various Southern Baptist Convention and state convention committees. (BP)

Foreign Mission Board Adopts \$32,102,119 Budget For 1969; Creates New Divisions

RICHMOND—The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has adopted a budget of \$32,102,119 for 1969 at the annual meeting of the board here.

The board also created two new divisions—mission support and management services—as it continued restructuring administrative units. Jesse C. Fletcher, secretary for missionary personnel since 1963, was named director of the mission support division. A director of the management services unit is expected to be named soon.

The board named Louis R. Cobbs to succeed Fletcher as secretary in missionary personnel.

In other major action, the board named James D. Belote, missionary to China and Hong Kong since 1940, as secretary for East Asia.

With the appointment of 30 missionaries at the session, the board now has a total of 2347 on its overseas mission staff.

W. Morris Ford, pastor, First Baptist, Longview, Tex., was re-elected president of the board. Other officers renamed include M. Hunter Riggins, Jr., Poquoson, Va., first vice-president; J. Leonard Moore, Richmond, second vice-president, and John L. Moran, pastor, Churchland Baptist church, Portsmouth, recording secretary.

The board voted to hold a full meeting in Dallas, Tex., May 6-8, 1969.

FMB Opens Memphis Office

MEMPHIS—Victor A. Greene, a native of Chattanooga, has been named by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as regional personnel representative. Greene will have his office in Memphis, (Suite 214, Poplar-Perkins building, 4646 Poplar Ave.)

As personnel representative, Greene will counsel with persons interested in appointment with the Foreign Missions Board, and will help in the processing of applicants.

Prior to becoming regional representative, Greene served for a year as associate director of orientation for the board.

A missionary on leave from The Philippines, Greene is a graduate of Furman university, Greenville, S. C., and holds the bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Church-State Planks Declared Weak By POAU

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C/SNS)—Neither the Republican nor the Democratic party platforms have taken a positive stand on the separation of church and state, according to an editorial in the October issue of "Church & State," monthly publication of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The article stated: "It was not so much a question as to which was better, but rather as to which was worse. Some separationists argued that the Democratic platform was 'less bad' than the Republican because it was more ambiguous as, for example, on the issue of Federal aid to education."

The article noted, however, that the Democrats simply endorsed more federal aid to community-controlled schools, which doubtless includes private schools without mentioning them as such.

The Republican Platform also states that if parochial aid could not be administered by state agencies because of state constitutional provisions, the federal government should step in and do the job.

Baylor Med School Break Is Proposed

HOUSTON—The Houston Executive Committee of the Baylor university board of trustees has proposed that a separate non-profit corporation be formed to assume ownership and control of Baylor University College of Medicine here.

The proposal calls for the corporation trustees to be named by the Baylor university board of trustees, and that the corporation trustees not be limited to Baptists.

Eventually, according to a report submitted by a seven-member ad hoc committee both Baylor university and the Baptist General Convention of Texas would be freed of financial responsibility for the college.

Supposedly, the proposal would also enable the medical college to obtain and use federal grants and loans without restriction from the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

During October and November, the proposal will be presented for consideration by the full Baylor university board, the Christian Education Commission, and the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and to the full convention in annual session. (BP)

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Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.—Geo. Santayana.



Rev. and Mrs. David M. Coleman (left) and **Rev. and Mrs. Joe G. Turman**, Tennesseans, are among 30 missionaries given overseas assignments during the October meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Coleman is a native of Cedar Hill, former pastor at Sylvia, and currently office manager of the procurement department of the Sunday School board.

Mrs. Coleman, the former Linda Ruth Gholdston, was reared in Dayton. The Colemans will serve in Nigeria.

The Turmans will serve in Vietnam. Turman has served churches at Jamestown. Mrs. Turman, the former Gloria Ann Reece, was born in Memphis.

Ministers Should Not Encourage Civil Disobedience, Police Heads Told

HONOLULU—It is the duty of a minister to speak out against injustice, but not to encourage disobedience of the law, the Rev. Bill Smith, pastor of Honolulu's Waialae Baptist church, emphasized in an address here.

Smith, in a major speech to some 2,000 delegates to the International Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference, sharply criticized clergymen who lead or encourage civil disobedience movements.

"There is not one time where Jesus encouraged, promoted or approved civil disobedience," he said. "His task was to change the heart, for He knew what we must learn. Here is the answer to the need of a changed society. When men's hearts are changed, prejudice, hate, injustice, iniquity and inequity are removed, and then society will be changed."

Neglect Chief Duty

He maintained that many ministers, in order to become physically involved in various secular movements, have neglected their chief duty of preaching the word of God. "Recent events will remind us that clergymen have defied police barriers to march. They have helped to fill park with illegal protesters, paraded before the Pentagon to protest Vietnam, condemned prayers in public schools, rallied people to strike, defied court orders and called for outright breaking of laws they did not like."

Although he believes in the freedom to protest, Smith added that "when a minister leads a person or persons into an act of civil disobedience, he is wrong."

The Baptist clergyman took issue with the statement of a churchman who said: "In any conflict between the privileged and the oppressed, the church, for good or ill, must side with the oppressed."

Preach, Live Truth

"This is ridiculous," Smith told the police chiefs. This is not the role of the church or

the clergy. Our task is to preach and live by the truth; to speak out against injustice wherever it is found. It is to seek through lawful means to correct the wrong—not to cry for disobedience of the law, or to attempt to justify mob action in seeking to right a wrong.

"As a matter of fact," he added, "people are getting sick of ministers who are more involved in civil disobedience than in Christian right."

The Baptist leader blamed the "built-in gullibility" of ministers which he feels "blinds them to the hidden motives of others. Therefore, we are open to the deception and the disguised cunning of men."

Mr. Smith reminded the chiefs that police also have a major responsibility in protecting the rights of the people, and that "if there is one who enjoys hitting people over the head with a club, heckling, shoving, and bullying, he should be weeded out immediately from the force whether he be the chief or the rookie on the beat." (RNS)

Protection Plans Film Available

A 30-minute color film entitled, "When The Messenger Turns To Go Away," is available to churches through the Protection Plans Department for loan at no charge.

The film, which depicts the Baptist preacher and the role he fulfills, is a production of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in commemoration of its 50th anniversary. It was shown at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston this past summer.

For use of this film contact Paul Phelps, Protection Plans Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, 1812 Belmont Blvd., Nashville, Tennessee 37203.



Vertle Peeler, treasurer of the First Baptist church, Covington (second from right) is presented a Bible by Superintendent George Whitley (right) as Peeler completed 21 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Pastor Henry G. West (left) assisted in the presentation, and Mrs. Peeler received a 10-year perfect attendance pin.

Counseling, Guidance Group Will Disband

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Counseling and Guidance Conference voted here to disband "in view of the conference's achieved objectives and goals."

The Counseling and Guidance Conference has been an annual meeting of Baptist professionals in the areas of social work, pastoral care, vocational guidance, marriage and family counseling, and other similar fields. It has been backed financially by the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Sunday School Board, and the Christian Life Commission.

Last year the Southern Baptist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education pulled out of the conference to join an inter-denominational Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Another group which met last year dealing with vocational guidance did not meet this year.

In addition to the general conferences when several related groups met together, separate sessions were held for the Southern Baptist Social Service Association, the Southern Baptist Association for Pastoral Care, and the Southern Baptist Association for Marriage and Family Counseling, the three organizations which had this year comprised the conference. (BP)

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Only those who fully understand the nature of freedom should be granted freedom to teach.—Don Robinson, Phi Delta Kappa.

Carson-Newman Homecoming Planned

Carson-Newman college is planning its 1968 homecoming festivities for Oct. 26.

The activities of homecoming day will be preceded by the Distinguished Alumni chapel program on Thursday, Oct. 24, when three outstanding alumni who have brought honor to the college will be honored.

Dr. John A. Fincher, new president of Carson-Newman, will kick off the festivities by introducing the main speaker of the program, Dr. Ralph Murray, pastor, Smithwood Baptist church, Knoxville.

Other activities include: a soccer game between Carson-Newman and the University of Tennessee; a parade; a football game between the Carson-Newman Eagles and the Appalachian State Mountaineers; the crowning of the homecoming queen and entertainment by the Student Government Association.

IS WORLD POVERTY THE RESULT OF LAZINESS?

By Daniel R. Grant
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The citizen who seeks to apply the teachings of Christ to political decision-making about world poverty and foreign aid is usually met with such slogans as "Don't reward laziness!" or "End Operation Rat-hole!"

The belief that world poverty is primarily the result of laziness is, for Americans, a perfectly natural and understandable myth. In much of American history, certainly until the closing of the western frontier, it is said that there was always a geographic escape from poverty. The slogan was "Go West," and those who were too lazy to go West remained poor.

This was an oversimplification, of course, but the opportunity of the frontier did provide it with a strong element of truth. Today, however, there are many causes of poverty in the United States that are totally unrelated to laziness.

Some of the principal ones are technological unemployment, depression, physical disabilities and the discrimination of the ghetto. American slum children are certainly not born lazy. But the overwhelming majority of them seem to be deprived by birth of equal parental stimulation to stay in high school and go to college—a factor strongly related to poverty.

If this myth is untrue in affluent America, it is far less true for hundreds of millions of people outside the United States. Over 110 million babies will be born in the world this year but over one-half will not have enough to eat. Babies do not go hungry because they are lazy.

Illiteracy is a principal cause of poverty, and it is estimated that 800 million in the world cannot read and write. But illiteracy cannot be blamed on laziness in a country such as India, where 80 per cent cannot read and write. How can they learn without teachers?

Disease is one of the major causes of poverty and it is the constant scourge of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. How can they be healed without doctors?

War causes poverty and hunger, as demonstrated so painfully in Biafra, the break-away Nigerian state. As thousands are said to have died there every week from a protein deficiency disease, doctors have urged the people to eat insects, bats, lizards, rats, or any other protein food they could lay their hands on.

I do not claim to have the answer to the complicated questions of poverty in developing nations, but an important first step is to revise our mythology about laziness as the principal cause of poverty. (BP)

3097 Decisions Made At Baptist Assemblies

NASHVILLE—Guests and staffers at Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist assemblies registered 3097 decisions concerning their lives during 84 conferences this summer, according to David K. Alexander, vocational guidance counselor in the church training department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The greatest number of decisions—1559—were reaffirmations to make Christ Savior Lord of each one's life.

Those who said they feel God leading them toward a church vocation numbered 655. Another 647 expressed a desire to explore opportunities in church vocations and recorded their intention to follow God's leading.

Acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord was publicly professed by 236 persons.

An estimated 626 adults and 360 young people received information concerning Christian vocational guidance, while 357 guests and 209 staffers participated in counseling sessions. (BP)

Dominican Baptists Organize Convention

Baptists of the Dominican Republic, meeting in Santo Domingo, October 7-8, have organized a national convention and held a conference in preparation for the Crusade of the Americas, hemispheric evangelistic effort to continue through 1969.

Related to the new convention are four organized churches and three missions in two of the country's largest cities, Santo Domingo and Santiago. Dr. Augustin Cornelio, lay preacher and medical doctor (who works in two Baptist medical clinics in Santo Domingo) was elected president of the convention.

Dr. Rubens Lopes, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, president of the central coordinating committee of the Crusade of the Americas, gave the keynote address for the evangelistic conference.

Listing of Committees

The report of the *Committee On Boards* and the *Committee On Committees* that appeared in last week's edition of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR was not placed in proper sequence. The *Committee On Boards* report should have included: Executive Board, Trustees of Union University, Trustees of Carson-Newman College, Trustees of Belmont College, Trustees of Harrison-Chilhowee, Trustees of Baptist Hospital, Nashville; Trustees of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Trustees of Children's Homes, Trustees of Tennessee Baptist Foundation, and Committee On Committees.

The *Committee On Committees* report should have included: Committee On Arrangements, Committee On Credentials, Committee On Resolutions, Committee On Audits, Committee On The Journal, and Committee On Boards.

Associate Missions Head

PHOENIX—The Executive Board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention has elected J. L. Canafax, Sunday School secretary for the convention for the past two years, to the position of associate missions director for the convention.

Canafax fills the post vacated by Dan C. Stringer, Jr., who is now pastor of Coronado Baptist church, Scottsdale, Ariz.

News Director Named

NEW YORK—A director of Broadcast News and Information has been named by the United Presbyterian church to provide a link between all parts of the denomination and all sectors of broadcast news media.

The Rev. Donald G. Roper, an executive in the church's division of mass media, is the first person to hold the post, according to an announcement made here. Since April he has been director of broadcast news for the National Council of Churches and will continue that work on a part-time basis. The NCC's program is part of its national urban crisis priority. (RNS)

Training Union Planning Meetings Slated

A series of seven regional Training Union planning meetings has been announced by Charles L. Norton, Tennessee Baptist convention Training Union secretary.

The meetings are designed to launch the Training Union program for 1969, according to Norton, and will have as the theme "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Evangelism and World Missions."

The sessions, all to begin at 6:45 p.m., will be held as follows: Southwestern region, Oct. 28, Brownsville church; Northwestern region, Oct. 29, First church, Humboldt; South Central region, Oct. 31, First church, Lewisburg; North Central region, Nov. 4, First church, Smithville; Southeastern region, Nov. 5, First church, Athens; Northeastern region, Nov. 7, First church, Greeneville; and Eastern region, Nov. 8, First church, Clinton.

Conference leaders, all from the Tennessee Convention Training Union department, include Norton, Johnnie Hall, director, Adult work; Miss Mary Anderson, Young People; Miss Mary Allen, Intermediate; Mrs. Edward Kennedy, Junior and office work; Mrs. Sammie Meek, Nursery-Beginner-Primary; and Miss Elaine Matthews.

EVANGELISTIC CONCERN

Attendance at the Continental Congress on Evangelism wasn't up to expectations, but the continual emphasis upon the centrality of the Gospel message was!

Speaker after speaker—and there were 19 of them—emphasized repeatedly the urgency of proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ to a lost world.

Those who spoke addressed themselves as dying men to dying men, in heartening reassurance to this writer that Southern Baptists and other Baptist bodies still are determined to place primary emphasis upon an evangelistic witness.

The messages were ones of concern for the whole man; man in spiritual need and man in physical need. And the challenge to meet the needs of the "whole man" was emphatic.

Maybe—just maybe—by the Grace and mercy of God, and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit—Tennessee Baptists in 1969 could become part of a world-wide spirit of revival.

It's been said before, the words are not new, but if ever a generation, a nation, a people needed to return to God, it is the world which is ours today.

We must have revival! We pray that even now in preparation for the Crusade of the Americas the spirit of revival might be in evidence, and continue to grow into the maturity of a full-blown revival which might bring refreshing, life-giving winds of change upon our world.

BAPTISTS AND THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS

It was eight years ago that Baptists in the Southern Baptist Convention, many of them, were writing and speaking at length and often heatedly concerning the then upcoming presidential election.

At issue then was the possible election of a Catholic for president. This subject drew a lot of mileage out of typewriter ribbons.

Four years ago, and again this year, we sense a lethargy in the minds and in the hearts of people.

It is decidedly not the function of a religious news journal to endorse candidates. This is *not* the purpose of this editorial.

However, it is clearly within the framework of Christian responsibility to encourage an active interest in the affairs of our world, and particularly our nation.

History has a devastating way of repeating itself. When God's children abrogate their moral responsibility to help lead a society within a framework of Biblical ethics of conduct, the results have always been disastrous.

Thus the purpose of this editorial: Simply to encourage Christian involvement at every level of elective choice to make an impact upon a secular society by participation in an elective process. Ignore your vote, say it doesn't count, and eventually it won't; because there will be no opportunity to cast it!

VALIDITY OF A STATE BAPTIST PAPER

The *Baptist And Reflector* serves a vital function in the life of Tennessee Baptists. It is a news journal which seeks each week to present to the more than 800,000 Baptists within the state the best in religious news, inspiration and information concerning our work.

The influence of any Baptist state paper is felt only to the extent that it is read by the constituency. This is a plea editorially to pastors and church leaders to make your state paper available to your people by placing it in the church budget.

For only pennies each week, the *Baptist And Reflector* may be sent into each church home. Circulation now is approximately 73,500. It should be well over 100,000, and could be 150,000. Of the nearly 2800 churches in fellowship with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, less than 700 have the paper in the church budget.

May we request you earnestly and humbly to include the *Baptist And Reflector* in your church budget plans for 1969?

Exciting Adventure!



UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics
Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary

My copy of Uniform Crime Reports-1967 came a few days ago. It is the annual report released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). If you are interested in crime facts and figures, this is the most complete and authoritative source available. A letter from you will place your name on the mailing list to receive the reports free of charge.

This latest report reveals a continuing increase in crimes of all kinds. There were more than 3.8 million serious crimes in 1967, a 16% rise over 1966. The "crime clocks," a regular feature of the annual reports, shows that there were seven serious crimes committed in the United States every minute with a violent crime (murder, rape, robbery, or assault to kill) every minute. Other "clocks" reveal one murder every 43 minutes, a forceable rape every 19 minutes, a robbery every 2¼ minutes. In addition there was an auto theft every 48 seconds and a burglary every 20 seconds.

The report includes a number of comparisons of 1960 and 1967. Crime increased 89% during the eight years while the population increased only 10%. There were striking increases in some types of crimes. For example, auto thefts increased 101% and purse snatching 145%. Nighttime burglaries of residences increased 64% while daytime burglaries increased 187%.

When so much has been said about police brutality, some of which may be justified, it would help to complete the picture if people generally knew that over 26,000 police officers were assaulted last year, an 11% increase over the preceding year. More than 10,000 of these were injured. There were 76 officers killed by "felons." Of the 411 police officers who were killed by felons from 1960 through 1967, 96% were killed with firearms.

Another thing that should concern all Christians is the continuing increase in juvenile crime. The crime problem in the United States in many ways is primarily a youth problem. For example, in the period 1960-1967 the increase in the number of arrests for those 18 and above was only .8% while for those under 18 the increase was 68.5%. Of all persons arrested in 1967, 9.6% were under 15, 24.3% under 18, and 47.4% under 25.

Still another trend that should be a source of real concern is the marked increase in the number of arrests of girls and women, particularly those under 18. For all males the increase in number of arrests for 1960-1967 was nine per cent while it was 24.8% for females. For those under 18 the percent-

Adventist Giving Is \$340 Per Person

TORONTO—Seventh-day Adventist membership around the world reached 1,780,000 in 1967, and the 406,975 members living in North America gave an average of \$340.42 per person to the church.

Jesse O. Gibson, the church's statistician made his reports on the increases at the denomination's Biennial Council here. The Canadian gathering marked the first time the worldwide church had held such a meeting outside the United States, denominational officials said.

The membership increase was 90,264 over the 1966 figure, per capita giving was up \$12.60.

Kenneth H. Emmerson, treasurer, said the church's total tithe for the past biennium was more than \$190 million, an increase of \$56 million from the previous two-year period. In addition to the tithe, he said, contributions to missions totalled another \$47 million. (RNS)

Spurgeon's College Lecturer

LONDON—A new era in the life of famed Spurgeon's Baptist college was opened here when a specially convened meeting of its council welcomed Dr. Lewis A. Drummond of Louisville, Ky., as the college's first lecturer in Evangelism and Pastoral Instruction.

Drummond, a Southern Baptist, was introduced by George Beasley-Murray, principal, who said his assignment was a decisive step in the training of students for evangelism.

Through the years (Spurgeon's was founded more than a century ago) he said biblical and doctrinal studies had received necessary priority, with due regard also to the practical work of the ministry in its broadest sense.

It had, however, been felt that still greater emphasis should be given to equipping students for more effective evangelism and so, after careful consideration, it had been decided to add to the Faculty a Lectureship in Evangelism. (RNS)

age increases were 63.9% for males and 95.0% for females.

One other rather startling fact revealed by the report is the arrest for drunkenness. The arrest of males from 1960-1967 actually decreased 6.3% while for those under 18 it increased 78.6%. For females the contrast was even more marked, a decline of 21.2% for all females but an increase of 90.7% for those under 18.

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Conference Studies Christian Responsibility

WASHINGTON—Christian responsibility extends to human problems throughout the world and to all peoples, according to a consensus of 144 Baptist leaders gathered here from seven major Baptist bodies in North America.

Beyond this general agreement opinions varied widely and extended to sharp disagreement on such subjects as conscientious objection to wars, foreign aid, the settlement of international disputes and the relation of the gospel to culture and nationalism.

The 12th annual Religious Liberty Conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs drew participants from the Southern Baptist Convention (72), American Baptist Convention (34), North American Baptist General Conference (8), Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. (7), National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. (5), Baptist General Conference (2) and the Baptist Federation of Canada (1). Fifteen others were from churches affiliated with both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions.

The theme of the three-day conclave was "The Role of the Christian Through Church and State in International Relations."

Next year's conference will be on "The Church and Emerging Patterns of Rights and Responsibilities." Major attention will be focused on the problems of dissent and conscientious objectors.

James M. Sapp, director of correlations services for the Baptist Joint Committee, was the conference correlator. He pointed out that none of the findings of the conference were official or binding on any Baptist body. The conference reports are given to the Baptist Joint Committee for whatever help it may find in them in the consideration of future policy.

The purpose of the annual conferences for the past decade has been to provide a forum for discussion of principles and practices by Baptists on current church-state issues facing the denominations, according to C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee. (BP)

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Tennessee News Briefs

Donald F. Ackland, long-time Baptist leader with the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board, has retired. Ackland will make his home in Eustis, Fla.

Kenneth Gamble and **Leo Mays** have been ordained by the Cedar Hill church as deacons. **J. Reuben Johnson** is pastor.

Bob Lawrence has resigned as minister of education at the Springfield Baptist church.

Robert C. Stitts is new pastor of the East Chattanooga church. A graduate of Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., he was formerly pastor of the First Baptist church, Cleves, Ohio.

McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, has named **Mrs. Emerson Breeden** as church organist and **Mrs. C. M. Cottrell** as church pianist.

Nine churches in the **Alpha association** joined in a School of Missions. The churches were Centerville First, Cross Roads, Edgewood, Fairfield, Hohenwald First, Linden First, Lobelville First, Pine Grove and Wrigley.

B. F. McIlwain is new assistant pastor and minister of education for the Boulevard church, Memphis. McIlwain is a native of Trenton and attended Union university, and Southern Baptist Theological seminary.

Whitehaven Baptist, Memphis, has called **Fred M. Smith** as youth director. Smith served formerly at the Riverside church in Jacksonville, Fla.

Paul Ballard is the new director of music and education for the Westwood church Memphis. Ballard is a native of Tupelo, Miss., and a graduate of Mississippi college, and New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary.

Friendship church, Polk County Association, recently ordained **William L. Wiggins** and **John E. Coe** as deacons.

Beaver Dam church, Knoxville, reports three professions of faith and 12 additions by letter during their recent revival. **Anderson McCulley**, pastor, First church, Sweetwater, was the evangelist. **Jerry Hayner** is pastor.

Gayle Alexander, of Bogue Chitto, Miss., has accepted the pastorate of First church, Obion.

Miss Marilois Kirksey, Southern Baptist missionary on furlough from South Brazil, is living in Nashville and attending Peabody college. She was appointed in 1963. Her Nashville address is: Peabody college, Box 656, 37203.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy B. Wyatt, Jr., furloughing Southern Baptist missionaries to Colombia, are living in Louisville, Ky. He is serving as visiting professor of Hebrew at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary. She is the former **Joyce Cope**, of Rogersville. At the time of appointment in 1953, he was pastor of Ballardsville Baptist church, Crestwood, Ky.

J. E. Rush has resigned as pastor of New Midway Baptist church, Kingston after seven years service.

Cookson Creek church, Polk County Association, has called **James Watson** as pastor.

J. A. Timmerman has resigned as pastor of Bonnertown church, Lawrence County Association, to accept a pastorate near Russellville, Ala.

Walton Warren has resigned as pastor of O. K. church in Lawrence County Association.

Mike Bailey is the new pastor of Bell Buckle church in New Duck River Association.

The Children's Chorus of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, in Franklin, will present special music at the annual meeting of the Nashville Baptist Association, on Oct. 30 at Glendale church, according to **James Gregg**, General Superintendent and Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.

Theades Williams has resigned as pastor of Greasy Creek church in Polk County Association.

Garvin Chastain has resigned as pastor of Oak Grove church, Polk County Association.

First church, Sequatchie, has added a new roof to the pastor's home and to the church auditorium, installed new pews, church furniture and carpeting as well as painting the building. Future plans call for the remodeling of the auditorium.

Raymond Hurn has resigned as pastor of Barnesville church in Lawrence County Association.

Wiley Powell has resigned as pastor of Blooming Grove church in Lawrence County Association.

First church, Humboldt, has as newly ordained deacons, **Ralph Mays** and **Bill Rice**.

Robertsville church, Oak Ridge, recently ordained **Homer Adkins** and **Doyle Brown** as deacons.

Hoyt Bray, **Gale Dean**, **Bob Jennings** and **Corbin Lane** are newly elected deacons of Lynn Garden church, Kingsport.

Red Bank church, Chattanooga recently ordained **Winfred Billingsley**, **Ronald O'Neal**, **Richmond Griner** and **Willard Stinson** as deacons.

Robert Erwin, **Cordell Story** and **C. C. Williams** have been ordained as deacons by First church, Pulaski.

First church, Rockwood, recently ordained **James Kirkland** and **John Gooch** as deacons.

W. F. Harvey is the new pastor of Rutledge Falls church in Duck River Association.

Statem Gap church, Nolachucky Association, recently ordained **James Moore** and **Audie Rosenbaum** as deacons.

McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, recently elected **Ronny Atkins**, **Gil Bowman** and **Homer McCuiston** as deacons.

Valley View church, Cleveland, recently observed their 10th anniversary. Recent improvements include a new sanctuary and steeple. **Douglas Hawkins** is pastor.

Evangelist **Walter H. St. Clair**, of Kingsport, recently led Emmanuel church, Bristol in a revival which resulted in 21 professions of faith, two additions by letter and one surrender to the mission field. **Howard W. Robinson** is pastor.

Convention Will Hear Reports Of Progress In Missions, Other Areas

When the Tennessee Baptist Convention meets Nov. 12-14 at Broadway church, Knoxville, progress reports from the various departments of the convention will be heard.

Some of the areas of work in the convention, in their reports, will provide statistics of interest.

The Student Department reports five new Baptist Student Unions established with a new Baptist Student Center for Memphis State University dedicated. The reports shows further that Tennessee Baptists are operating a student program on 33 campuses with 32,666 students expressing Baptist preference.

The Brotherhood Department reports a total of 813 Brotherhood organizations in Tennessee with a membership of 17,758 men, representing 65 of the 68 associations in the state.

1301 RA Chapters

Royal Ambassador chapters total 1301 with a membership of 11,246. A total of 543 boys, counselors and missionaries attended camps in 1968. Of this number, 92 boys made decisions.

During the past year over 486 boys and girls were under the care and custody of the four Children's homes, located in the three grand divisions of the state.

The Music Department announced the "Volunteer State Choral" as the new name chosen by Tennessee's Singing Ministers of Music. One thousand fifty-nine churches reported music ministries with a membership of 70,371.

The report of the Evangelism Department is an encouragement for participation in the 1969 Crusade of the Americas. Every

church is urged to send the pastor and a group of laymen to the state Evangelistic Conference in Nashville, Jan. 20-21, 1969, and encouraged to send a group of young people to the first Youth Conference on Evangelism in Nashville, Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 1969.

Foundation Growth

The Protection Plans Department report shows 44 new members in Plan "A"; 62 new members in Life Benefit Plan; 91 new members in Health Benefit Plan and 64% of Tennessee Baptist churches are not in the Southern Baptist Protection Program.

The Sunday School Department conducted eight Regional Training Banquets for associational officers during Jan. and Feb., with an attendance of 286, representing 55 associations.

The report of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation shows assets to be \$4,089,459.21, coming from wills, living trusts, gift annuities and life insurance policies. The report paid tribute to Dr. Henry J. Huey, who passed away Feb. 9.

The Training Union Department reports 27,766 young people ages 17-24 enrolled in

a continuous program of training in church membership. Fifty Associational Youth Nights saw 10,324 young people assembled and Youth Weeks were reported in over 400 churches.

About 150 participated in the speakers' tournaments in 38 associations; 400 young people and Intermediates gathered for a Christian Career Conference; 1000 were present in summer assemblies at Camps Linden and Carson and the State Training Union Convention and Youth Conference at Knoxville attracted over 650 young people and Intermediates.

Carson-Newman Addition

Carson-Newman college reports the addition of a 144-bed wing to a dormitory for girls.

Belmont college occupied its new Massey auditorium on April 24 and on Sept. 19 a 201-bed dormitory for women was open for occupancy.

Union university's report shows minor renovations to campus buildings, the purchasing of classroom equipment as well as the purchasing of additional campus property.

Harrison Chilhowee academy reports improvements to the Student House and the renovation of Anderson Administration building.

Hospitals Expand

Nashville Baptist Hospital, Inc., dedicated a new eight story, \$8 million wing, increasing the total capacity to 625 beds and 80 bassinets.

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, added 18 floors to the Union-East Unit and six floors to the Madison-East Unit, bringing total present bed capacity to 1400, which includes a recently opened 50-bed extended-care facility.

New services added this year to East Tennessee Baptist Hospital include an eight bed Coronary Unit and a 14-bed Intermediate Care Unit. The Intensive Care Unit was moved and expanded from six to 14 beds.

Stockton To Lead Pastors' Conference

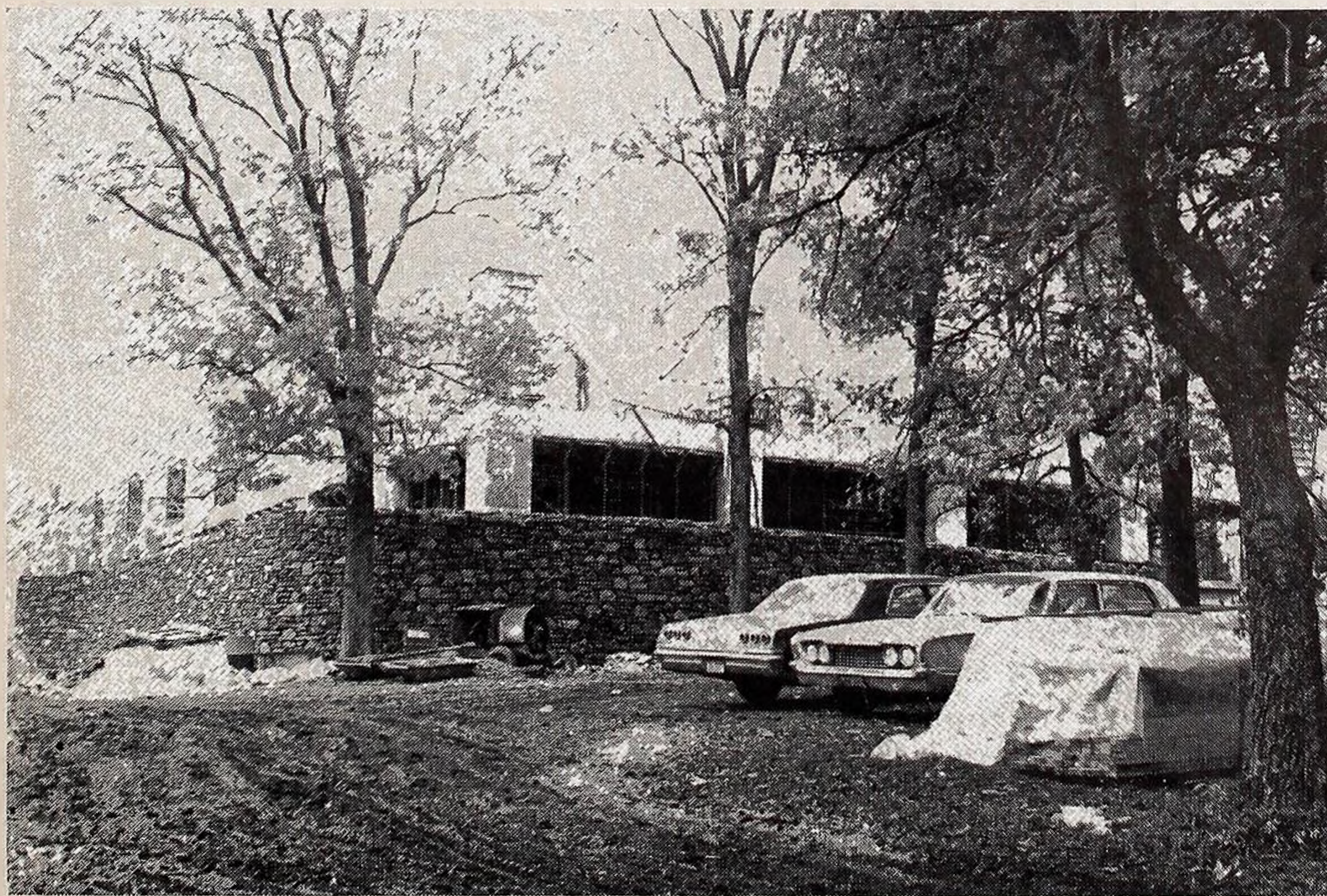
William Stockton, pastor of the First church, Mt. Juliet, has been elected president of the Middle Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference.

Stockton was named at the quarterly meeting of the group in Nashville.

Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor of Nashville's Immanuel church was named vice-president and program chairman, and John Bolton, missionary in the Salem association, Woodbury, secretary.

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We live in a world of invertebrate theology, jellyfish morality, see-saw religion, and a psychology that tells us what we already know in words we don't understand.—
Robert G. Lee.



Workmen are shown on the second floor of the new office building of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, in Brentwood. The native stone is on the east corner of the building facing Franklin Pike. Over 1937 cubic yards of concrete have been poured to date. Construction began in May and completion is expected by May 28, 1969.

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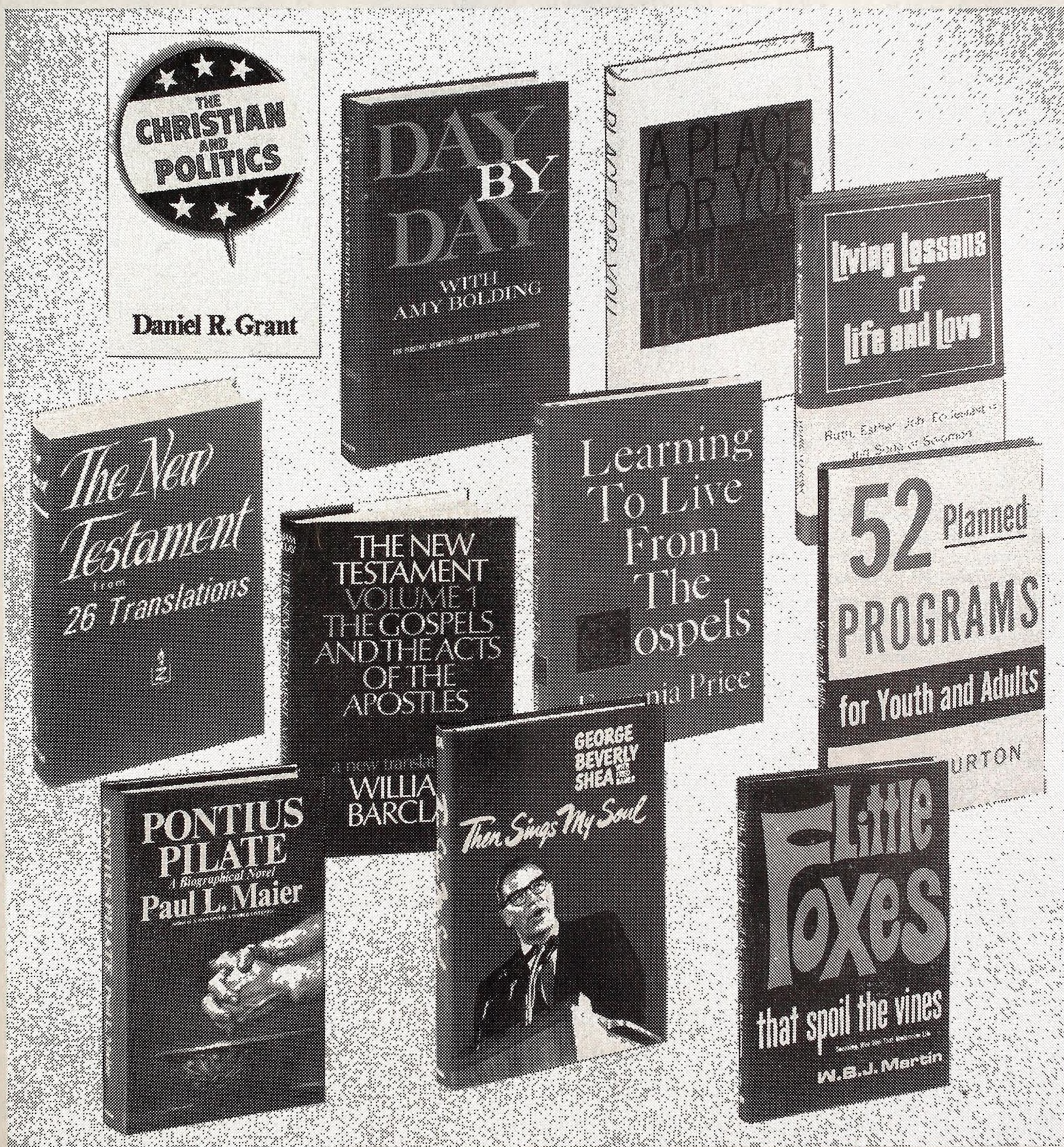
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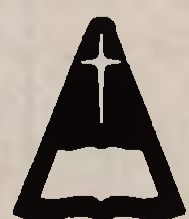
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Committed Christian Laymen

By Ray J. Gilleland, Jr.
Brotherhood Secretary

Most pastors would be happy to know that the success of the "Crusade of the Americas" did not depend on them—and it really doesn't. As always, any revival depends on the leadership of the Holy Spirit. But the key to the "Crusade of the Americas" is the layman. This was one fact that was emphasized emphatically at the Continental Congress on Evangelism held in Washington, D. C., October 10-13. And yet the layman was conspicuous by his absence.

The Continental Congress said this to the Baptist Men of Tennessee:

1. A deep rooted renewal of Christian faith is needed NOW in our churches if we would reach the world for Christ.

2. Any renewal must begin with prayer for forgiveness of the sin in our lives.

3. There must be total commitment of both Baptist pastors and lay people to Jesus Christ.

4. A return now to a real and genuine faith in the inspiration of the scriptures is imperative.

5. If we will win people to the Lordship of Jesus Christ it must be done on a person to person basis. This must involve all of the people of the church.

Valentine's Father Dies

DALLAS—John Hardy Valentine, father of Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission Executive Secretary Foy D. Valentine, died here at a Baptist home for the aged after a lengthy illness (Oct. 14).

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, Edgewood, Tex., about 50 miles east of Dallas, Oct. 16. Valentine had been a patient at the Mary E. Trew Home of Buckner Baptist Benevolences for several months. (BP)

End of Association Season Is Nearing

Oct. 30 closes out 1968 associational meetings with 12 remaining. Schedules through the remainder of the month are:

Stewart County—October 23 (Night), Pugh Flat, Bumpus Mills; October 24 (Aft., N), Big Rock, Big Rock; Chilhowee—October 24 (M, Aft.), Broadway, Maryville; October 24 (Night), Forest Hill, Rt. 6, Maryville; October 25 (M), Beech Grove, Louisville; Hamilton County—October 24 (M, Aft., Night), Concord, Chattanooga; October 25 (M), Memorial, Hixson; Jefferson County—October 24 (M, Aft., Night), Piedmont, Dandridge; October 25 (M, Aft.), Not decided; East Tennessee—October 25 (M, Aft.), Bethel, Parrottsville; October 25 (Night), Lincoln Avenue, Newport; October 26 (M), Union, Newport; Sequatchie Valley—October 24 (M, Aft., Night), First, Whitewell; October 25 (M, Aft.), First, Sequatchie; Watauga—October 24 (M, Aft.), First, Elizabethton; October 24 (Night), Elizabethton High School (Centennial); October 25 (M, Aft.), First, Elizabethton; Alpha—October 24 (Night), First, Centerville; October 25 (M, Aft.), First, Centerville; Clinton—October 24 (Night), Central, Oak Ridge; October 25 (M, Aft.), Second, Clinton; Concord—October 24 (Night), First, Murfreesboro; October 25 (M, Aft.), Powell's Chapel; Loudon County—October 24 (Night), Silver Ridge; October 25 (M), First, Loudon; October 25 (Night), Calvary, Lenoir City; Nashville—October 29 (M, Aft.), First, Goodlettsville; October 29 (Night), Belmont Heights, Nashville; October 30 (M), Glenwood, Nashville; Clinch—October 30 (M, Aft.), Sneedville.



Wayne Ward, professor of Christian Theology, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be one of the featured speakers on the program of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference, Nov. 11-12 at Broadway church, Knoxville, meeting place for the 94th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nov. 12-14. Ward will also address the Southern seminary alumni luncheon meeting on noon, Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Broadway church.

Sunday School Plans Bible Teaching Clinics

Three Bible Teaching clinics have been scheduled by the Sunday School department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, according to Wendell Price, acting secretary.

A clinic for the Cumberland County Association will meet with the Crossville First Baptist church Oct. 28-31 beginning at 7 p.m., and concluding at 9 p.m.

Dresden First Baptist will be host Nov. 5, 7-9 p.m. for a one-night clinic for the Weakley Baptist association, and a third clinic is planned for the Stone's River Baptist church, Smyrna, Nov. 18-21.

The clinics are designed as leadership training sessions for Bible teachers and Sunday School leaders in the local church.

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The funds received will be administered through the Tennessee Baptist Foundation and the Scholarship Committee is anticipating the amount to be at least \$2500. Dr. W. W. Phelps, chairman of the committee, stated that in all probability the scholarship would be presented for the school year of 1969-1970.

Other members of the John D. Freeman Scholarship Committee are John R. Claypool, Theron H. Hodges, Roy J. Gilleland, Jr., Morton McLean, George Stewart, and Wilbur C. Wilder.

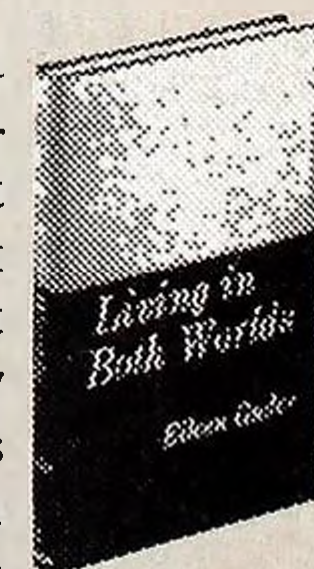
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The Crusade of the Americas was a principle topic of discussion among leaders of the Continental Congress on Evangelism, Washington, D.C.: Rubens Lopes, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Wayne Dehoney, Louisville, Ky.; Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss.; and William J. Cumbie, Alexandria, Va. Thirteen Baptist groups in the United States and Canada were represented among the 1257 registrants. (BP) Photo

May "De-Christianize," Churches Are Warned

DETROIT—The churches' efforts to become relevant to our times carries the danger that they may de-Christianize themselves in the process, a leading Lutheran theologian has said here.

Dr. William H. Lazareth, dean of faculty of the Lutheran Theological seminary, Philadelphia, addressed a banquet preceding the installation at the Cathedral church of St. Paul (Episcopal) of Dr. Robert L. Kincheloe as executive director of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches.

Dr. Lazareth and Father Bernard Law of Washington, D.C., gave Protestant and Catholic evaluations of the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, Sweden.

Dr. Lazareth said that today's churchmen in their attempts to take the church into the world too often produce a "humanism that secularizes the secular," whereas they should be building a Christianity that "sanctifies the secular."

This new "Christian humanism," while rightfully espousing the problems of race, war and poverty, is causing a backlash among conservative churchmen which he compared to the white backlash against Negro efforts to achieve equality.

The problems that face mankind are theological problems, he said, but progressives at the WCC Assembly in Uppsala wrote the political documents, while conservatives produced the theological papers,

"with neither choosing to invade the other's territory."

"Uppsala tried to compensate for a guilty Christian conscience and in doing so came close to selling out its ancient birthright by trying to be relevant at the cost of reverence, thus the backlash," Dr. Lazareth held. (RNS)

Deusner's Mother Dies

Funeral services were held last Thursday (Oct. 17) in Henderson, Ky., for Mrs. Sadie Ashby. Mrs. Ashby was the mother of Dr. Edwin E. Deusner, pastor of the First Baptist church, Lexington, and a member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board.

Buntyn Street Gives Tracts at Mid-South Fair

Buntyn Street church, Memphis, purchased a booth at the recent Mid-South fair and in an eight-day period distributed over 100,000 tracts, according to pastor Roy Stinson.

In reporting on the project, Stinson said immediate results included two professions of faith.

Stinson also reported that the Buntyn Street church had purchased a Swedish Baptist church building in Minnesota as a mission project to provide opportunity for a Baptist witness.

South American Baptists Prepare For Crusade

MENDOZA, Argentina—An international congress of Baptist leaders from five countries was held here at the foothills of the Andes mountains to prepare for next year's "Campaign of the Americas."

One thousand delegates attended the meeting to discuss plans for the evangelistic crusade affecting an area from Canada to the tip of South America. The theme of the campaign is "Christ, the Only Hope." (RNS)

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Basic Passage: Romans 3

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It means a state of innocence and righteousness before God. On the basis of the finished work of Christ, the individual stands justified in the sight of God. Christ has settled all the accounts against him and offers His own righteousness as the possession of the trusting individual who accepts the Lord's offer.

God who understands man, the sin which offends Him and condemns the sinner, should know what is right and what works redemptively. Anything which involves God profoundly must involve an element of mystery.

This concept of salvation works to give both inner peace and outworking righteousness in conduct. It is not only a settled fact but it is a dynamic force in life.

It is, therefore, not arbitrary, artificial or mechanical. It is like a circle with an inscribed polygon. In other words, a figure not round or parallel to the circle, but as its sides are multiplied it approaches the circle. The circle is the perfect righteousness of Jesus with which the believer is clothed. The polygon or many sided figure inside is the believer as he is in his personal righteousness. As he increases the virtuous qualities in his life he approaches the perfect circle of Christ's righteousness. What we are in Christ, we are to become in life.

Depraved Mankind Romans 3:10-12

A cloud set over against bright sunshine takes on a very dark hue. A high concept of righteousness as it shines from the glory of God in the face of Jesus makes sin, selfishness, and all human foibles look ghastly. Unconsciously we measure righteousness by comparing man with man. We use imperfect standards which are comforting to sinful man. The spotless righteousness of Jesus is God's standard. Now and in the judgment all men face and will face this test. See Acts 17:31.

Measured by such a standard, all men fall short of the glory of God. In fact no man can point to his perfect righteousness when measured by the law as interpreted and fulfilled by Jesus.

Man is totally depraved in that he is

totally disqualified as to having any meritorious part in his own salvation. Man is not as bad as he could be, but he is as lost as he can be if he is without the righteousness of Christ. No man keeps perfectly the perfect law of righteousness at all times under all circumstances. If we make our righteousness the basis of salvation it must meet this high standard.

The Ghastliness of Sin Romans 3:13-23

It perverts the purpose of our faculties of communication. It turns our means of locomotion in the wrong directions. It depraves our emotions. It destroys peace and the fear of God.

It is one of the purposes of the law to reveal the exceeding sinfulness of sin and to make every man conscious of his own guilt. Law was never meant as a way of salvation. It is a splendid means of showing man his need of salvation.

There is a righteousness not achieved by keeping the law but a righteousness of God is revealed and witnessed to by the law and the prophets. It is a righteousness put to our credit through faith in Jesus Christ unto all and upon all that believe, for there is no difference. The way to eternal life through the law has failed because all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God. The Bible teaches that if we keep the whole law and offend in one point, we are guilty.

True Redemption Romans 3:24-26

The underlying basis of redemption is justification by the free grace of God. The unmerited kindness of God undergirds the whole process of redemption. Nothing can be put to our credit which God does not provide through Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus has done everything necessary to solve the whole problem created by sin. Through the shedding of His blood in some mysterious way, He removed my guilt and predicament created by my sin. He made it possible for God to give me a status of divine righteousness.

The righteousness of God is vindicated when He justifies the ungodly because of the finished work of Christ in the case of the one who accepts Christ and His provision by faith.

Repentance and faith are perfectly compatible with grace because they do not possess any merit. They reflect all merit on Christ. Faith which follows the initiation of repentance is the vital response in the re-

On Matters of FAMILY LIVING

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Lack of Male Model Serious Problem for Boys

Pre-school boys whose fathers show a warm interest in them have less need to identify with the violent men they see on TV and are less likely to kick over the traces in the woman-dominated world of the elementary school, a family life specialist reminded here. Today's boy, points out James Ramage, director of the Family Guidance Center, often has no real-life adult male to model himself after.

"Probably the most pressing problem in today's families," he says, "is a weak and inadequate father."

Many fathers travel during the week, or are in military service, but that is another part of the problem. The majority of fathers live at home, but may be so involved with business, social, or civic activities that they leave their small sons "to his mother." When a boy reaches school age and has a life outside the home, fathers thankfully point out that "he's busy with his friends."

Research has shown repeatedly that the pre-school years, fleeting as today and temporary as tomorrow, are the formative time for mental, emotional and social development, as well as for sex identification, stresses Ramage. Many fathers, however, still treat the early years as unimportant and put off getting to know their sons until they're older. Don't, pleads the authority on family living.

It is not the quantity of time, but the quality that counts. Find time for your boy and give it to him freely and completely. Don't be half-there.

It's easier for a youngster to accept that his father is away physically than for him to have him with him in body but absent mentally.

demptive experience. It is the kind of faith referred to in our passage.

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Historically:

From the files

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Southern Baptist Convention statistics: 5557 baptisms; 464 churches (141 of which were self-supporting), with a total membership of 53,377; 715 Sunday Schools, and 302 enrolled in the 11 theological training schools.

20 YEARS AGO

Robert G. Lee, pastor, Bellevue church, Memphis, assisted pastor Henry J. Huey, First church, Milan, in a revival which resulted in 62 additions to the church.

10 YEARS AGO

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From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

It was a great experience for the Israelites to go up to Jerusalem. In the Psalms they often called it Mt. Zion. The feast of the Passover was one of the periods when they made the supreme effort to go. It was a great religious festival, but it was also a time of great fellowship. Families were united and it was a great spiritual experience for all the people.

Baptists do not have a Mt. Zion nor do they make pilgrimages to sacred shrines. But they do need the meeting together for inspiration, worship and fellowship. Their annual meetings of their conventions provide such a time of meeting. They journey to some selected city where they convene to carry on the work of their Lord. These meetings have been a unifying force in a democracy. Fellowship, friendship, and understanding are all direct products of these meetings.

Messengers from the churches come as messengers. They carry with them something of the work of their own churches. They carry something of the concern and the desire of their churches to unite in a greater effort for Christ. They come concerned for the winning of a lost world and the bringing of the lost multitudes to Christ. They are also concerned about Christian growth and the growth and progress of the churches in fulfilling the will and plans of Christ.

The convention reflects something of the spirit and life of the churches. They come to grips with the spiritual problems of the times. They seek to find ways for the Christian faith to make a greater impact on the current world order and to effect changes through changed men and women. Through the reports of the work that is being done in the churches and through the institutions and agencies they measure their success or failure. Through stimulating messages they receive a challenge, and vision for attempting greater things.

Messengers often return to their home churches with a new concern and with a knowledge that their church is a vital part of a much larger fellowship. They feel anew the challenge of the far away places and the call to missionary endeavor. The sense of the need to co-operate with other churches in the larger outreach is the motivating force for strengthening their loyalty to the denomination, and to realize that the denomination is created by the churches to serve them in carrying out the commands of Christ.



Dr. Kendall



Herschel H. Hobbs, (right) pastor, First Baptist church, Oklahoma City, Okla., former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and contributor of the "Interpretation" column which appears in the *Baptist And Reflector*, is shown with his new teaching aid for the Life and Work curriculum. Examining the volume is Wallace E. Parham, minister of education for Hobbs. The volume will be issued each quarter as a supplement.

A free "hot line" telephone service providing school administrators throughout the country with instant information on ways of educating disadvantaged pupils will be established in February by the Center for Urban Education says the *Saturday Review*.

A United Nations compendium of statistics for 1967 ranks the United States twelfth among the nations in education expenditure. Eleven other countries or territories devote a larger proportion of their budgets to education.

Our Tennessee Baptist Convention will meet with the Broadway Baptist church in Knoxville, November 12-14. Every church ought to make every effort to send its pastor and other messengers. It is regrettable that so many churches do not send messengers and that such a relatively small number of churches within the state are represented. Let us remedy this and have a great representation with a deeply spiritual convention.

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Light From Above, Joe W. Burton, Compiler, Broadman Press, \$2.75. Twenty-five brief stories in which the author shares true experiences with the reader and tells ways he faced problems in life.

Sign of the Star, R. Earl Allen, Broadman Press, \$1.50. "Christmas is an enchanted season . . . These twelve brief vignettes deal with certain of those who 'have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.'"

Our Church in the Crusade of the Americas, Wayne Dehoney, Broadman Press, \$.35. Brief explanation of the Crusade, and suggestions for involvement.

God's Answer to Anxiety, B. W. Woods, Broadman Press, Nashville, \$1.50. A devotional book which uses "many meaningful illustrations to show Christians how to meet life's problems.

This Confident Faith, Meeler Markham, Broadman Press, Nashville, \$1.50. ". . . shows that Christian faith will not and cannot remain unexpressed and fruitless."

Help Yourself to Happiness, Robert G. Witty, Broadman Press, Nashville, \$1.25. "Self-help" manual combining suggestions for physical exercises with spiritual counsel.

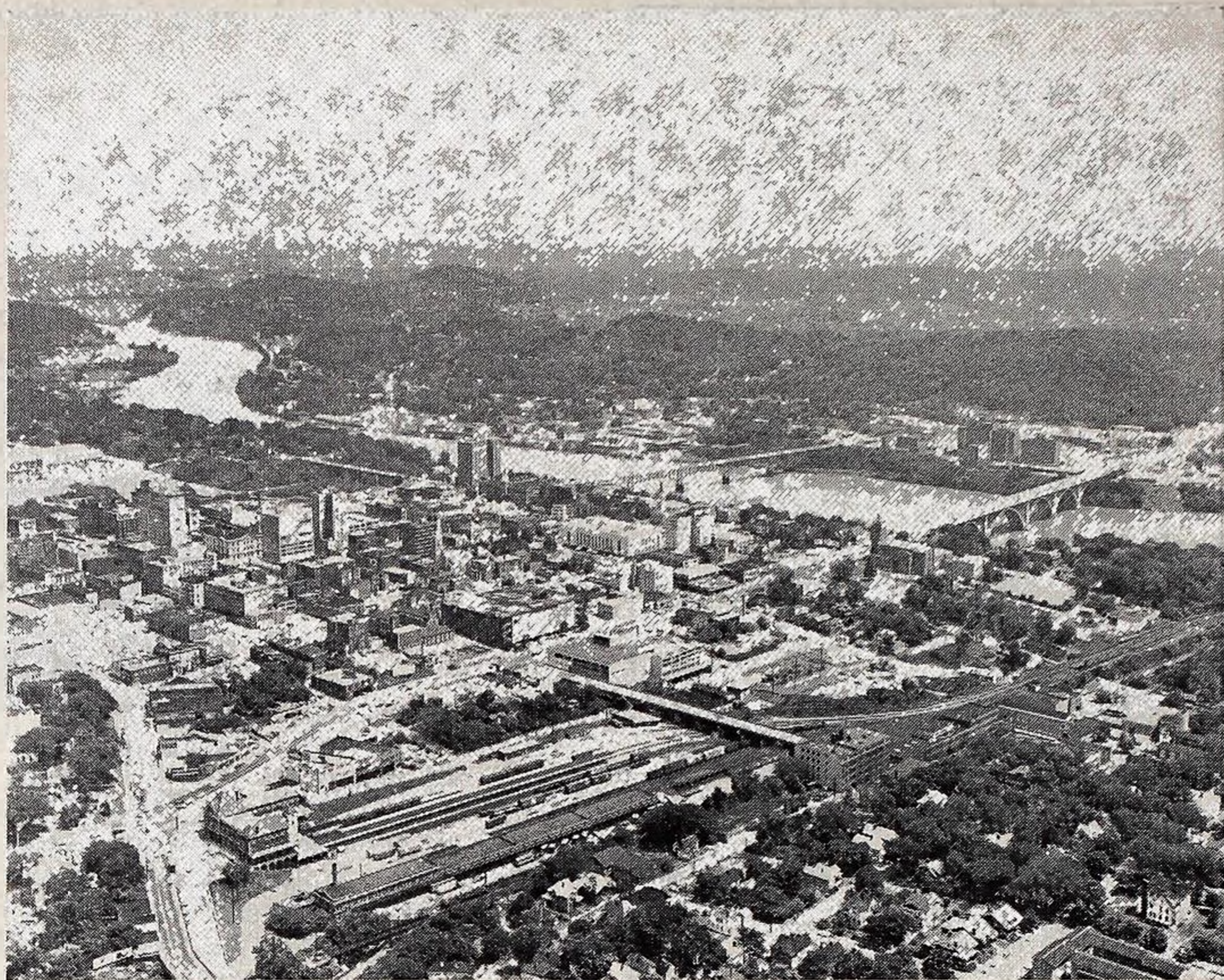
Living In Both Worlds, Eileen Guder, Zondervan, \$3.95. Discusses problems confronting Christians living in a secular world.

Daily Delights, Pauline Spray, Zondervan, \$4.95. "Homey, practical, heartwarming series of daily meditations built around situations and experiences familiar to women, both housewives and career people."

The Couch and the Altar, David A. Redding, J. B. Lippincott, \$3.95. Author seeks to cast "the shadow of the Cross on the analysts couch."

The Will To Win, James C. Hefley, Zondervan, \$2.95. "Real life stories of Christian athletes who have 'the will to win' and reveal it in their everyday lives."

The Place Called Calvary, Marcus L. Loane, Zondervan. A "carefully documented and thoroughly authentic look at the Lord Jesus Christ as He endured the cross . . ."



The Tennessee River winds its way through Knoxville, convention city for the 94th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nov. 12-14.

God Has A Plan For You, Herbert J. Taylor, Fleming H. Revell Co., \$3.50. Autobiographical book which "reveals the . . . way in which the Lord has enabled a single man to achieve a remarkable number of accomplishments."

To Life Anew, Christine Hunter, Zondervan, \$2.95. A novel which has as the theme the fact that living the Christian life often involves sacrifice and testing.

Martha Berry, Joyce Blackburn, J. B. Lippincott, \$3.95. Biography of famed founder of Berry schools.

Preaching from Great Bible Chapters, Kyle M. Yates, Word Books, \$4.95. Reprint of book of sermons by Dr. Yates based on 13 Bible chapters.

Strength For Each Day, Author: "unknown Salvation Army Major" paperback devotional volume, Fleming H. Revell Co., \$.65. To be published semi-annually.

Mom, You Gotta Be Kiddin', Mary D. Bowman, Fleming H. Revell Co., \$1.50 paper; \$2.95 cloth. "A wise, loving mother and former high school teacher observes and . . . interprets the ups and downs, the abrupt changes in mood . . . of the teen years."

Biblical Sunday School Commentary, H. C. Brown, Jr., editor-in-chief, Word Books, \$3.95.

Clerical Leadership Shortage In Greece

ATHENS—The Church of Greece has 1500 parishes without priests, Archbishop Ieronymos, Primate of Athens and All Greece, said here in an address to the Greek people.

He made an urgent appeal to the nation to lend assistance in recruiting qualified candidates for the priesthood.

The archbishop noted that as an emergency action clergy from the cities had been sent into the rural areas where the needs were the greatest.

"An effort was made to find men willing to be ordained as priests," he said. "Two thousand and fifty-eight candidates presented themselves. But what a disappointment . . . when out of that number only 124 were high school graduates! (RNS)

Association Leader Lab Is Scheduled

A laboratory on church leader training in the association for associational Training Union directors and directors of church leader training will be held in Nashville Nov. 22-23.

Scheduled at the Church Program Training Center, the weekend session is designed to give emphasis to potential leader training on an associational basis. Experiences of associations which have conducted pilot projects in this area will be studied.