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Pulpit to Pew

By Jim Griffith

The Crusade of the Americas has as one of its primary objectives: "The deepening of the spiritual life within the churches, in the home and with the individual Christian."

This is such a crying need that you can all but feel the tear drops falling from every word.

Our desperate times call for spiritual depth, but our lives vote for shallowness.

Our present plight cries out for "bigness," but we remain content in our "littleness."

The needs before us insist that we "exalt the Saviour"—but instead we default in our own selfishness.

Our Lord says, "Ye shall be my witness"—but we say, "It is not convenient."

To meet the Crusade objective will require that we have more than a toe-hold on the situation. Indeed, we must let it take hold of our hearts.

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Interpretation

By Herschel H. Hobbs

Herod's Temple

"And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts"—Luke 21:5.

Jesus and the Twelve were leaving the temple for the last time. He had spoken words which involved the destruction of the city and nation (cf. Matt. 23:34-39; Lk. 20:46-47). Unable to believe this, the disciples pointed out what a glorious temple Herod the Great had built.

"It was adorned with goodly stones and gifts." The word rendered "adorned" is a perfect form of *kosmeō* whence comes "cosmetics." It connoted an orderly arrangement. The perfect tense stated completion.

Some of the "stones" were enormous in size. One may still see some of these massive stones in Jerusalem. The columns of the portico were over forty feet high, each composed of one piece of marble. The "gifts" were things devoted to God and given by princes and other people of wealth. Josephus tells of one such gift from Herod the Great who built the temple. It was a golden vine with branches as tall as a man. Tacitus describes the wealth of the temple.

This gorgeous structure was built of white marble. Its front on the east was covered with plates of gold. When the sun shone on this gold it gave such a fiery splendor that one had to turn his eyes from it as he would from looking directly into the sun. Josephus described its rising marble terraces as a snow-covered mountain. One can well understand the Jewish pride in the temple.

Yet Jesus said that it would be completely destroyed, so that not one stone would be left standing upon another (v. 6). Herod began its construction in B.C. 20-19. It was not finished until 64 A.D., six years before it was destroyed by the Romans.

The story is told that when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, Titus, the Roman general, cried, "Save the temple! Save the temple!" But a soldier flung a torch into it starting a conflagration. Jesus' prophecy as to its destruction was fulfilled.

Men may glory in earthly temples. But in time they will fall. Jesus' body is the true temple or dwelling place of God (John 2:19-22). God dwells not in temples made with human hands (Acts 17:24). He dwells in the hearts of His people (1 Cor. 6:19) and in His church (1 Cor. 3:16).

Devotional

... And Self-Control

By Craig Ratliff, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Newport

Studies in leadership are most disillusioning, for under the shining armor a rogue may well reside. Our psychologist friends might put it this way:



Ratliff

"Many persons are driven by compulsion to succeed and thus 'get ahead'. A basic insecurity causes one to seek advancement, feeling that will alleviate the suffering. But one accomplishment sets the stage for another. In a real sense, the leader is engaged in the hopeless task of getting inner security from

outside pursuits."

We all know the political demagogue: taking the stump and finding out what the folks want to hear, speaking in tones sweet and tender that substantiate the crowd's preconceptions, manipulating the fears and hatreds of the audience—no wonder we come away saying, "What a great man! What a great speech! He made me feel good all over!"

Every person has legitimate ego needs—we are told to "love our neighbors as ourselves"—and we always like to be accepted by our friends. But we must be careful not to fulfil our needs out of ego-centered compulsion and not to buy acceptance by pandering to provincialism and prejudice.

In Galatians five, Paul spoke of the fruits of the spirit as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." The last word is literally "ego-control." The man who is filled with the Spirit has his ego under control, a situation through which God can work.

The controlled ego continually asks the question: "What is my motive in this affair? Am I doing this for what I will get out of it? Do I lean in that direction because of an inner fear or compulsion? Is it possible that I have clothed my own ambitions in divine garments and then, in the name of God, built my own kingdom? Is my attitude and action based on love or am I seeking my own advancements?"

Christ spoke of "denying one's self"—which is the same thing as Paul's self-control. To know one's self, to continually question one's self, to avoid deceiving one's self—all of these are the hard way. But so was the cross. We are told to make it our way.

THE BIBLE AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

The Bible has been appealed to by some who oppose capital punishment but particularly by those who defend it.

The Old Testament is used in the main, by the latter. What do we find in the Old Testament? There are fifteen to twenty offenses that are punishable by death. Would those who use the Bible to defend capital punishment assess the death penalty for all of those offenses?

As one would expect, premeditated murder was punishable by death (Ex. 21:12), although six cities of refuge were provided for those who had killed another "unawares" or "without enmity" (Num. 35:9-33). The death penalty was also assessed for one who stole a man and sold him (Ex. 21:16).

There were two offenses against parents that were punishable by death: smiting or striking (Ex. 21:15) and cursing (Ex. 21:17).

Certain sexual acts were capital offenses. An adulterous relation between a man and another man's wife meant death for both (Lev. 20:10, Deut. 22:22). If a husband accused his wife of not being a virgin when he took her and "the tokens of her virginity be not found for the damsel" she was to be stoned to death (Deut. 22:13-21).

If a man had relations with a betrothed virgin in the city both were to be put to death (Deut. 22:23-24), if in the field, the man alone was to be put to death. In the latter case it was assumed that the damsel cried for help and no one heard her (Deut. 22:25-27).

Incest (Lev. 20:11-12, 14) and homosexuality (Lev. 20:13) were punishable by death, as was also true of lying with a beast (Ex. 22:19), which applied to women as well as men (Lev. 20:15-16).

Certain religious transgressions were considered capital offenses. This was true of one who defiled the sabbath, which included doing any work on the sabbath day (Ex. 31:14-15; cf. 25:2). One man was actually stoned to death for gathering sticks on the sabbath (Num. 15:32-36).

A prophet or a "dreamer of dreams" who would lead the people to worship false gods (Deut. 13:5), one who would entice others to "serve other gods" (Deut. 13:6-10), and those who worshipped other gods (Deut. 17:2-5) were to be put to death. The same was true of those who gave their seed to Molech (Lev. 20:2) or who blasphemed God (Lev. 24:16).

The stranger who came near to the Tabernacle when it was being set up by the Le-

vites (Num. 1:51) or when the sons of Aaron were ministering in it (Num. 3:10, 38) was to be put to death. There was a provision for the death penalty for a witch (Ex. 22:18) or one who had a familiar spirit or was a wizard (Lev. 20:27).

Surely no one in the contemporary period would advocate capital punishment for all of the preceding offenses. Personally, I do not believe we can wisely or correctly use what we find in the Bible as justification for capital punishment in our day.

The severity of the punishment found in the Old Testament needs to be evaluated and understood in the light of that day. Other than the cities of refuge a penal system was non-existent. Furthermore, the teachings of the Old Testament should be interpreted and evaluated in the light of the fuller revelation found in the New Testament. I believe that capital punishment violates the spirit and basic teachings of the New Testament.

Missionary Personnel Associate Named by FMB

Dr. Stanley A. Nelson, pastor of Ridge Road Baptist church, Raleigh, N. C., was elected an associate secretary for missionary personnel at the January 9 meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.



Nelson

He will fill the vacancy left by the election in October of Rev. Louis R. Cobbs as secretary of the department for missionary personnel. One of five associate secretaries in the department, Nelson will be in charge of the Foreign Mission Board's work with high school and college mission volunteers, the overseas summer mission program of the Baptist Student Union, and the selection and training of missionary journeymen.

In presenting him to the Board, Cobb said Nelson is well acquainted with the Missionary Journeyman Program, having been a member of the faculty for journeyman training each of the four years it has been in existence. "Dr. Nelson has received unusual preparation for the direction of the Journeyman Program and the work with student mission volunteers," Cobbs added.

Church Urged to Prepare for 'Checkless, Cashless' Era

ST. PAUL—The offering may no longer be a part of the church worship service when the "checkless, cashless society" comes into full sway by the early 1980s, a national Lutheran stewardship conference was told here.

Warren Winsness of First Computer Corp., predicted that most church members will then make their contributions through the electric fund transfer system.

The pre-authorized withdrawals from the bank should provide several benefits for the churches, he said.

He said they would give churches a regular, predictable cash flow throughout the year, decrease the need for security procedures to protect money until deposited, minimize expense in offering envelopes and handling funds and make more money available for investment at an earlier time.

Winsness suggested that the additional five to eight minutes required for taking the offering might be used to give additional emphasis to the sermon message.

He said the pre-authorized withdrawals would provide "peace of mind" to the church member who would know that his obligation was filled and that he wouldn't have to worry about missing a payment.

Pre-authorized withdrawals would become part of the planning the family budget, he noted.

If the offering is eliminated, Winsness said there would have to be provision for persons who prefer to make their contributions in cash or check.

There could be a collection station where persons could drop such contributions as they leave the church, he said. Other options also could be provided, he added.

Where churches are televising their services, a message could be flashed on the screen detailing how the audience could contribute by dialing a certain number on the telephone, Winsness said.

Securing the consumer's support and confidence will be the biggest obstacle to be overcome in the checkless society, he held.

Most business in the future will be transacted through electronic methods and he noted that the banking community has been laying the groundwork for a checkless society for several years. He questioned whether the church would be ready for the "revolution of the checkless society" and said through careful study and planning it could be.

During a discussion period, Lutheran stewardship leaders said the checkless approach might make it easier for the church to teach sound stewardship because of the budgeting it would require. Another suggested that any offerings beyond the computerized giving might be used for "extras" in the church program not financed through the church budget. (RNS) See Editorial on Page 6.

Visit To Barth's Home By SBC Theologians Recalled By Writer

By Charlotte Furrh Robinson



Left to right (at Barth's home): Dr. Kenneth Chaffin; Dr. C. W. Brister; Dr. R. J. Robinson; Dr. William Hendricks; Dr. Karl Barth. (Taking the picture, so not shown, Dr. John Newport.)

Decisive individuals often grab an opportunity and turn it into the chance of a lifetime. On a lazy summer afternoon in Europe a conversation took place with an elderly man and five gentlemen. The elderly man was Karl Barth and the gentlemen were four seminary professors and my husband, a minister in Augusta, Georgia.

Actually no meeting was planned. Uncertain that they would meet the aged teacher, the five nevertheless decided to take advantage of a free afternoon and the short distance from Berne to Basel, Switzerland.

I doubted how one of the theological caliber of Barth could be interested in such a visit. I knew the professors had not spent their years of lecturing and writing without a profound knowledge of Barth's movement to call the church back from liberalistic values to the person of Christ. But this anti-Nazi whose scholarly drive had enabled him to produce over two hundred volumes had me questioning my husband and the others' impulsiveness. How wrong I was! Let me tell you the story. . . .

Share Opinions

In the summer of 1968 my husband and I spent twenty-one days in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Portugal, and Czechoslovakia. Attending the Baptist World Alliance Youth Conference in Berne, Switzerland, along with 6000 young people was the main reason for our going. We were both on the program and had several obligations to meet.

But one afternoon my husband, Jack, and four friends from seminary days decided to attempt a visit with the legendary theologian in Basel. They just might get to meet the famous European and if extremely lucky,

they may get to share some of his thoughts and opinions.

Through the magnificent Swiss countryside these five men motored to Karl Barth's home town. Upon arriving in Basel they made a telephone call to his residence. Wonder of wonders—they were invited to his home!

Five men anxiously made notes and decided what each would say. "Are my questions pertinent?" "Will my part of the conversation be profound enough?" "How can we correlate our questions and not bore him with random inquiries?"

Down To Earth

Karl Barth turned out to be more down to earth than anyone suspected or imagined. In fact he appeared to be rather quaint. He wore horn-rimmed spectacles and continuously smoked his pipe. His white hair fell over his forehead in the summer breeze. He had donned a blue and gray faded sweater and posed unaffectedly for pictures in his garden.

The wall above his crowded desk was covered with pictures of various dimensions—one picture was of the Crucifixion and

another was of his father. He proudly showed his visitors pictures of his favorite composer, Mozart, and his theological hero, Calvin.

After the social amenities practiced in his country, Dr. Barth chatted with the small group—Dr. William Hendricks, professor of Theology at Southwestern seminary; Dr. John Newport, professor of Philosophy at Southwestern; Dr. Kenneth Chaffin, professor of the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism at Southern seminary; Dr. C. W. Brister, professor of Pastoral Ministries at Southwestern; and Dr. R. J. Robinson.

As each one reiterated his earned and honorary degrees, Dr. Barth candidly surmised, "I have my earned degree plus twelve honorary ones, but we shall leave all our degrees in the anteroom of Heaven."

"Christ Is Their Saviour"

It was my husband's turn to ask a question. "Dr. Barth, what should I say to my congregation in Augusta as they turn eager faces toward me Sunday after Sunday?"

"Just tell your people that God is their Father, Jesus Christ is their Saviour and constant Friend, and they must live like it."

Preparing to leave, the men asked about taking pictures and suggested a parting prayer. Dr. Barth quipped, "Pictures and prayer. That's very American—idealistic and pragmatic! Yes, I would like both."

Barth was a gentle man, a believing man, a God-oriented man. He doesn't live in Basel any more. Since those men visited him, Karl Barth left his earthly home and now lives Above. He died in his sleep on December 10th at the age of eighty-two.

But what an impression he left in the theological world. Often called the "theological titan of the twentieth century," Barth left an indelible mark on the Christian world similar to Augustine, Luther, and Calvin.

Certainly he made a lasting impression on five men who acted decisively and rather impulsively on a lazy summer afternoon in Europe.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Robinson is the wife of the minister of the First Baptist church, Augusta, Ga.)

JUDSON, KNOX PRESSES COMBINE

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—The American Baptist Convention-affiliated Judson Press here and John Knox Press, Presbyterian U.S. (Southern) publishing unit in Richmond, have combined their trade sale field operations.

The move is aimed at more effective coverage of sales opportunities. The nation will be divided into four areas under the agreement with joint representatives in each. (RNS)

Foundation Trustees Hear Growth Report

By Eura Lannom

The Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation was to have met in annual session, Jan. 21 in Nashville. Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, reported that there was an increase in market value of assets of \$571,467.48 during the past year, and total assets valued at \$5,011,826.38. This is the first time the Foundation has reached the \$5 million mark.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation is the trust agency of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, charged with the responsibility of receiving, investing and distributing funds for individuals, churches, institutions, departments and agencies of the Convention. It was at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1938 that the Foundation agency was authorized.

Former executive secretaries of the Foundation were John D. Freeman, Chas. W. Pope, Norris Gilliam, and Henry J. Huey. Huey died in 1968, while attending a meeting of Foundation executives.

Stewart was elected executive secretary-treasurer last May and began his services with the Foundation in July. He served previously as pastor of First Baptist church, Huntingdon, for 12 years.

A number of student loans are provided through the Foundation. It is also charged with the administration of church loans.

East, Central Africa Baptists Set Evangelistic Campaigns

Baptists of seven East and Central African countries will hold simultaneous evangelistic campaigns in September and October of 1970, with emphasis planned for special impact on 11 major cities.

Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said detailed plans are already being made by a general coordinating committee and by steering committees in the countries taking part. Carlos R. Owens, Southern Baptist missionary to Tanzania, heads the coordinating committee, with W. Boyd Pearce, missionary to Kenya, serving in his place while Owens is on furlough.

Cities chosen for the impact campaigns are Nairobi and Mombasa, Kenya; Dar es Salaam and Arusha, Tanzania; Blantyre, Malawi; Ndola and Lusaka, Zambia; Salisbury and Bulawayo, Rhodesia; Kampala, Uganda; and Addis Abeba, Ethiopia.

As part of the major thrust planned for the capital cities and other large population centers, concerts will be presented to attract people not presently being reached by the churches, Underwood said. Several weeks of doctrinal newspaper advertising and special programs on radio and television will be used in these cities.

ABC, Brethren Group Rules Against Unity At Present

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—A joint committee representing the American Baptist Convention (ABC) and the Church of the Brethren issued a statement here and in Elgin, Ill., saying that organic union between the two denominations is not a wise goal at this time.

The committee has met since 1961 to conduct conversations on closer relations between the churches.

Represented are the Brethren Inter-church Relations Committee and a subcommittee of the Commission on Christian Unity of the Baptist convention.

While organic merger was not recommended, a recent session in Elgin, headquarters of the Brethren, urged development at all levels of discussion projects and joint action in mission were encouraged.

Such efforts may or may not lead to organic unity, the committee said.

The Church of the Brethren, an historic "peace church," has some 200,000 members. The American Baptist Convention has a constituency of approximately 1.5 million.

Meeting after the joint committee session the ABC's Commission on Christian Unity reaffirmed "its serious concern for ultimate union with the Church of the Brethren as soon as mutually acceptable; and that we recognize that common concerns for joint missionary strategies are good, but we see them in the context of fuller Christian unity." (RNS)

ABC COMMISSION BACKS DOCUMENT ON ORDINATION

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—The American Baptist Convention's Commission on the Ministry has endorsed a document which could become the denomination's first uniform practice for ordination.

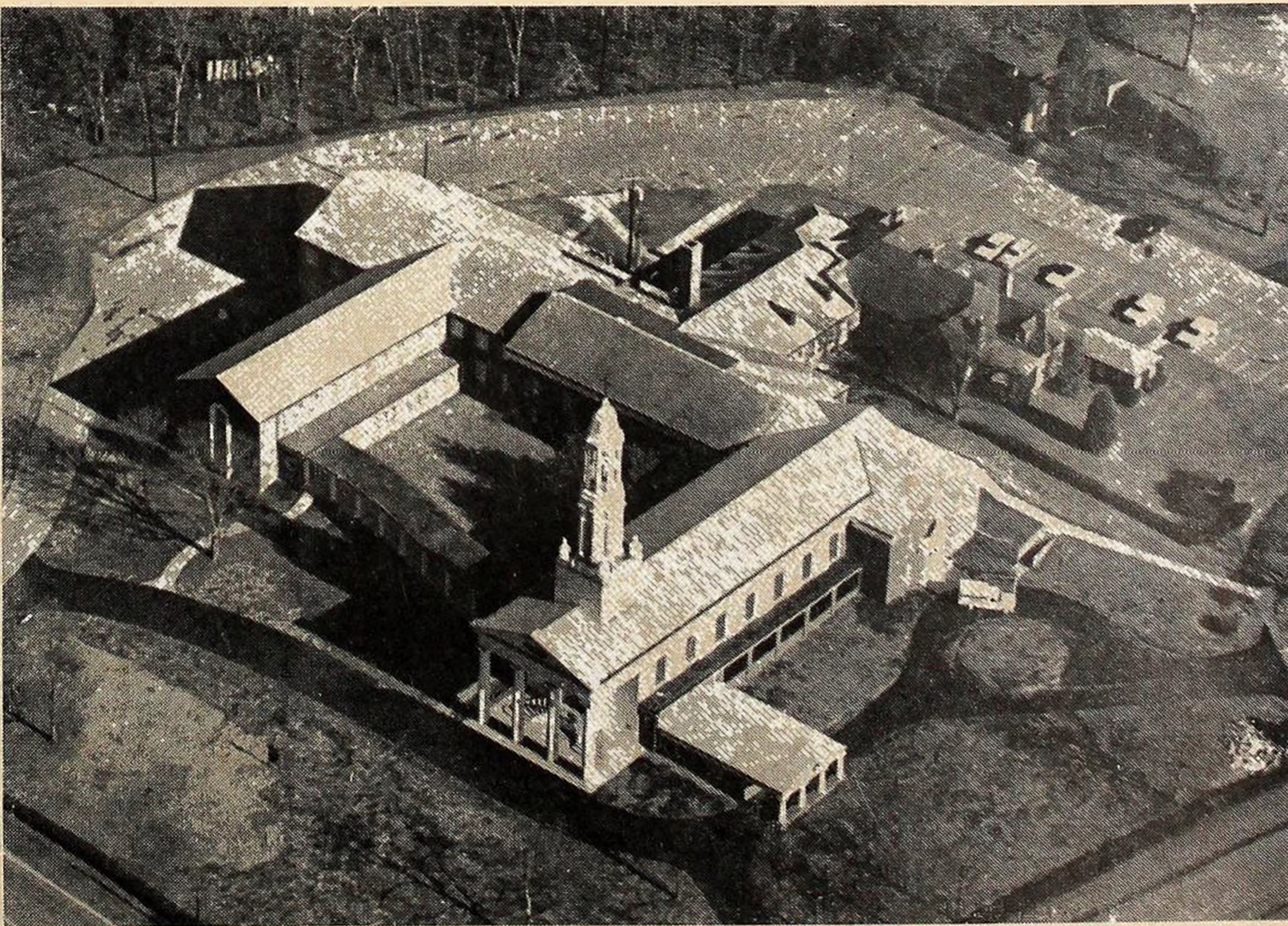
The commission also recommended an "American Baptist Registry of Professional Leadership," which, if adopted by the Convention's General Council, would be the first official registry for determining professional standing in the denomination.

The document, "Ordination to the Christian Ministry in the American Baptist Convention," recommends that licensing be continued as a step prior to ordination.

Both statements were formulated against the background of the findings of an earlier theological conference on ordination. (RNS)

Army Band at Carson-Newman

JEFFERSON CITY—The United States Army Field Band of Washington, D. C. will conclude its 1968-69 touring concert season with an evening performance at Carson-Newman college on March 7, 1969. The concert is free and open to the public.



The \$1,000,000 sanctuary and educational unit (cost includes remodeling of older units) of Immanuel Baptist church has been dedicated here in Nashville. The sanctuary, with a seating capacity of 750, is topped by a 127-foot illuminated steeple and an open roofed colonnade connects the front of the sanctuary with the front of the new educational wing. Gaye L. McGlothlen is pastor.

"CHECKLESS, CASHLESS SOCIETY"

A picture of the "checkless, cashless society" of the early 1980's in which the offering may no longer be a part of the church worship service has been portrayed at a national Lutheran stewardship conference.

An official of a computer firm has suggested that most church members will make contributions through the electric fund transfer system, with pre-authorized withdrawals from the bank providing several benefits to churches.

While we see this development in an automated society as a distinct possibility, and perhaps even a probability, it is viewed none-the-less with some disdain.

As one who for years worked with churches in the area of Christian stewardship, the editor believes now, as he has believed, that the offering is a distinct part of the worship service. Perhaps, with all of its advantages, we have lost a little something from our worship services by insistence that all the offering go through the Sunday School.

The concept of bringing to God's house that which is His or a portion thereof, is an act of worship. We hope that the day will not come when in our desire to be a part of all the latest technical advantages we sacrifice the privilege of sacrificial giving in public worship.

FOUNDATION GROWTH

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation, and Executive Secretary Jonas Stewart are to be congratulated on the splendid growth in Foundation assets during the past year.

In a report to the Foundation Board, Stewart notes an increase in market value of assets of \$571,467.48 in the past year. This places total assets of the Foundation at \$5,011,826.38; the first time over the \$5 million mark.

This growth is indicative of the increased confidence placed in the Foundation by Baptists, and an increased awareness of the validity of this area of Christian stewardship.

Tennessee Baptists will recall that this has been a difficult and sad year in the offices of the Foundation, and in the hearts of the people. It was during the past year that Dr. Henry J. Huey, long-time secretary of the Foundation, died. He rendered noble service to the cause of Christ in his ministry with the Foundation, and in his other labours.

It was also during the past year that his death necessitated a transitional period, and the selection of Dr.

Stewart as new Foundation leader. Especially significant, we believe, is the Foundation corpus increase in this year of transition.

Secretary Stewart is to be commended for his efforts, and for his leadership among Tennessee Baptists.

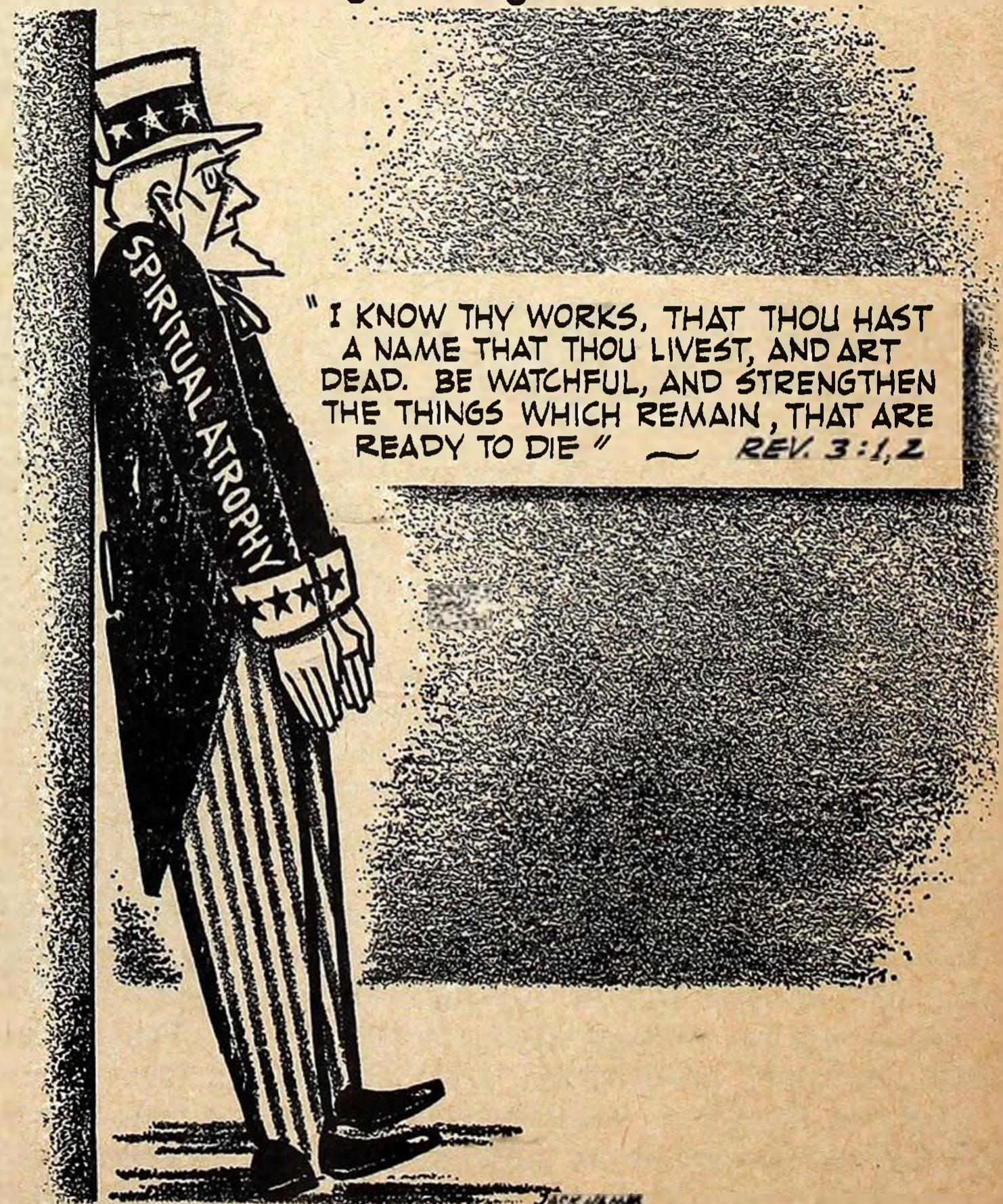
CHURCH THEFTS

Recent news release from the New York area as well as from Great Britain indicate a sharp increase in thefts from churches. Many churches are employing security forces to protect valuable property and furnishings. As crime has increased, churches have become increasingly vulnerable to thefts and desecrations.

Probably a sign of the times, some would say. If this is a sign of the times, we note this fact with regret. God's house has in former years occupied a peculiar place of respect which has made it largely free from damage or theft. But today, even in Tennessee, many churches find it necessary to lock all buildings to protect the property.

Probably a sign of the times—a long way down the road of secularization when God's house must be kept locked!

Signs of Rigor Mortis ?



Astronauts' Day: DSM, Some Laughs, And The Religious Meaning of Flight

WASHINGTON, D. C.—“I can't understand taking a trip like this without recognizing its religious significance,” Apollo 8 Commander Col. Frank Borman told one of the largest press conferences ever held here.

The nation's capital had spent the day in giving Col. Borman and his fellow astronauts, Navy Captain, James Lovell, Jr., and Lt. Col. William Anders, a tumultuous heroes' welcome.

Col. Borman was asked by a newsman: What, besides the Christmas Eve reading from the first chapter of Genesis, was the religious significance of the moon flight? He replied that he was hopeful of getting a closer look “how all this got started,” referring to Creation.

He indicated to several hundred newsmen present that the trip to the moon had bolstered his religious beliefs. His companions nodded their agreement.

At one point he said, “The one overwhelming emotion that we carried with us is the fact that we really do all exist on the small globe and when you get to 240,000 miles it really isn't a very large earth.”

The day began at the White House where President Johnson presented each with the Distinguished Service Medal, hailing them as “history's boldest explorers.”

Mr. Johnson took the occasion to speak of hopes of finding an “ultimate truth” in the achievements of the space program.

“There are few social, scientific or political problems which cannot be solved by men, if they truly want to solve them together” he said. “That applies to the heavens or hunger. That applies to moon shots or model cities.”

Col. Borman in describing how at first the astronauts could not see the moon on its dark side, commented, “We just took it on faith that the moon would be where it was supposed to be, 60 miles below us.”

Col. Lovell said, “When you see the earth receding from you, there's a sensation to the stomach that's hard to describe.” He added, “Even at the moon the deep blue of the earth is the only color you can see anywhere you look in the universe.”

Col. Borman's comments on the Christmas Eve Bible reading brought the heartiest applause of their laugh-punctuated appearances as he addressed a joint session of Congress—and the nine justices of the U. S. Supreme Court.

“One of the things that was truly historic,” he joked, “was that we got that good Roman Catholic, Bill Anders, to read from the King James Version.”

Setting his gaze on Chief Justice Earl Warren in the front row, he quipped: “But now that I see the gentlemen in the front row, I'm not sure we should have read from the Bible at all.”

The on-lookers were obviously pleased when Justice Warren, whose Court barred governing prayer and Bible reading in public schools, went up to Col. Borman and warmly greeted him.

“What did he say to you?” a newsman

asked later. Here Col. Borman smiled broadly, hesitated and then said, “He was very pleasant.”

At a State Department briefing, which had been preceded by a parade down Pennsylvania Avenue, the astronauts were asked what had prompted their Old Testament reading.

Col. Borman explained that after the astronauts learned they would be on television Christmas Eve, “We wanted to do something significant.”

At first, he said, they thought they would accent the “one world” theme. “Then we consulted with friends and reading from Genesis 1 seemed so appropriate—so simple—so we adopted it.”

He said there were three Bibles aboard—“all in fire-proof wrappings.” Some, he said, were personal Bibles “and the Gideons supplied some.” (RNS)

Louisiana College Drops Football, Plans Buildings

PINEVILLE, La.—Trustees of Louisiana college here have voted to discontinue the Baptist school's intercollegiate football program, to increase student fees, and made plans for several new buildings.

The action discontinuing the school's football program came after a long string of defeats, and increased financial costs.

Louisiana college won only one of its last 30 games and had lost 26 consecutive games before defeating a first-year school, Northwood of Texas, this past season.

The football program annually costs the college from \$150,000 to \$75,000, and gate receipts often were not enough to pay officials and transportation of the visiting teams.

“This was a very difficult decision to make,” said G. Earl Guinn, president of the school. “Nobody wanted to drop football. But the players and coaches were constantly at a disadvantage, and you can't expect coaches to sacrifice their reputation under these conditions.”

Guinn added that all commitments will be fulfilled for both coaches and football scholarship students. Gerald Williams and George Hooper are the coaches. (BP)

World Mission Planning Conference Held in Atlanta

ATLANTA—Plans for confronting students, young adults and leaders with the world mission task and career opportunities were discussed by Mission '70 committee members who met here recently.

The planning meeting involved 50 members of the committees for Mission '70, a national conference expected to attract about 4500 participants here Dec. 28-31, 1969.

Participants in Mission '70 will be confronted with the world mission task and with career opportunities in church vocations, and will be given opportunity to respond to specific calls of service in world mission programs. The conference will begin with a Sunday evening worship service and will close with a New Year's Eve midnight commitment service.

The effort is sponsored by the personnel departments of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board, and the program of vocational guidance, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Also cooperating in the effort are the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), the Brotherhood Commission and the program of student work of the Sunday School Board.

Ed Seabough, Home Mission Board, is executive coordinator of the conference. Co-chairmen of the coordinating committee are Lloyd Householder, Sunday School Board; Jesse C. Fletcher, Foreign Mission Board; and Glendon McCullough, Home Mission Board. These men, with Mrs. R. L. Mathis, WMU; Norman Godfrey, Brotherhood, and Doyle Baird, Sunday School Board, comprise the steering committee.

Application for registration is being handled through state directors of student work. A registration fee of \$12.00 covers registration, lunches, book of proceedings and insurance. Registration blanks will be available in offices of state student work directors and at the Mission '70 headquarters office, Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Seabough said.

Each state convention has been given a suggested attendance figure in order to provide for balanced distribution of registrants from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Seabough.

The Regency Hyatt House, headquarters hotel for the conference will reserve more than 600 rooms for conference participants at \$7.00 per person rate for occupancy of a room by three persons. Other Atlanta hotels, cooperating with the conference, will be announced at a later date. (BP)

Tennessee News Briefs

Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary, is now living in Kingston, Tenn. (Address: Box 935, Kingston, Tenn. 37763). Mrs. Bratcher is the former Artie Porter, of Caneyville, Ky. She and her late husband were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1918. He died in 1953. She retired in 1958.

Unity church, Maryville, has just completed a remodeling project which includes the installation of all new windows, brick veneering the complete church, building a vestibule and painting the sanctuary. The committee serving on this was **Arthur Mullins, Hugh Roberts, R. L. Lewis, Edd Ledbetter** and **Vernon Millsaps**.

Hermitage Hills church, Hermitage, recently ordained **Don Bass, Glynn Blasingim** and **Don Douglas** as deacons. **Dr. James Sullivan**, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, brought the ordination sermon. **George Becvar** is pastor.

Miss **Theldon Virginia Atkins** has accepted a position on the faculty at Belmont college to teach in the Home Economics Department, according to **Dr. Glen Kelly**, academic dean. She is a graduate of Berry college, Rome, Ga., with the B.A. degree and the University of Alabama with the M.A. degree.

Central church, Martin, has called **William R. Cordle** as pastor. A graduate of Union university, Jackson, and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., **Cordle** formerly served as pastor of Southmoor church, Memphis. The **Cordles** have four children.

Daysville church, Rockwood, has called **Glenn L. Clower** as pastor.

Riverside church, Nashville, recently called **David W. Renaker**, native of Chattanooga, as pastor. He formerly served First church, Union Springs, Ala., as pastor. He attended Columbia Bible college, Columbia, S. C., and received the B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. **Mrs. Renaker** is the former **Dorothy Wright** of Birmingham, Ala. They have two sons, **David**, 11 and **Danny**, seven.

J. E. Ledbetter, former pastor of First church, LaFollette, has been called as pastor of Yadkin Baptist church, Patterson, N. C.

Central church, Johnson City, recently ordained **C. E. Parker, Harry Harman** and **Douglas Young** as deacons.

Round Lick church, Watertown, recently ordained **William Davenport, Charles Edward Hearn** and **J. W. Patton** as deacons, and licensed **Robert Horace Mathis** to the gospel ministry. **B. E. Richman** is pastor.

First church, Livingston has called **Emory Register** as pastor.

Kent Copeland is the new pastor of First church, Celina.

Love Joy church, Riverside association, has called **Leonard Durham** as pastor.

Training Union

Honor Church Award

By **Charles L. Norton**

Sunrise church, Nolachucky association, organized a program of training in January, 1967. They had a study of manuals for each age group. A wonderful spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation developed among the Training Union members which resulted in their receiving the Honor Church Award before the end of September.

Early in 1968 they were forced to move their place of worship because of the new highway. There was an old building in the community which they improvised for worship; and before the end of the year they had moved into a new brick building.

The wonderful results of the past year's work are most rewarding. Out of a total of four unions, three were Standard, which means the entire Training Union was Standard.

This is most commendable in such a short time. Rev. Charles Smith is pastor of Sunrise and Mrs. Wallace Office is Training Union director.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS PREVIEWED AT BELMONT

The Nashville business community has been given a preview of the new Belmont college school of business in a special meeting held on the college campus. More than 40 business and civic leaders heard Belmont president Herbert C. Gabhart present plans for the school, scheduled for completion in 1970.

Featured speaker was Dr. Thomas Murphy, dean of the school of business at Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

The proposed school is being made possible by an offer from Nashville businessman Jack Massey of \$1,200,000, for such a school provided an equal amount is raised from other sources. Massey is chairman of the Board of Kentucky Fried Chicken, Inc.

Catholic Home For Aged Probed On Bid For Realty Tax Exemption

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Judges of the Minnesota Supreme Court expressed skepticism that a Roman Catholic-affiliated home for the elderly that charges admission fees of \$9900 to \$19,900 can be considered "purely public charity."

The court is hearing arguments on whether Madonna Towers, a 12-story home operated by the Oblate Fathers at Rochester, Minn., should be exempted as a charity from paying real estate taxes.

Three senior judges constantly interrupted the 40-minute argument of Samuel Hanson, attorney for Madonna Towers, to question his position. At one point, Chief Justice Oscar Knutson told Mr. Hanson that his argument was "pretty far off in left field." (RNS)

Dr. Mackie, Physician, Dies

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—The campus physician for Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary since its founding, Dr. George Carlyle Mackie, died here Jan. 8.

Funeral services were scheduled Jan. 10 at the chapel of Southeastern seminary, with seminary president Olin T. Binkley and Wake Forest Baptist church pastor Lamar Brooks officiating.

Dr. Mackie had taught and practiced medicine in Wake Forest for the past 40 years. He was professor of physiology and pharmacology at Wake Forest college's medical school before the school moved to Winston-Salem, N. C. He had been the physician for Southeastern seminary since it was founded in 1951. (BP)

WHITLOW RESIGNS POST AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

LITTLE ROCK—S. A. Whitlow has announced his resignation as executive secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention here, effective June 30.

In a letter to the executive board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, which he read at the close of the board's annual January meeting, Whitlow expressed gratitude "for the privilege of serving in the capacity of executive secretary for more than 11 years," and pledged his "continued prayerful and loyal support to our denomination as it attempts to minister to the needs of men."

Whitlow, 63, told the board he was resigning because his heart is still in the pastorate. He said he hopes to return to preaching in a small church somewhere near his home in Hope, Ark.

The resignation was accepted with many expressions of appreciation for Whitlow's leadership and a committee was named to plan official recognition for his services.

The board was holding its first meeting in the recently completed new Baptist building, located in Little Rock at 525 West Capitol Ave. The \$1,290,000 building was occupied by the convention on Dec. 30. Plans are being worked out for the dedication of the building sometime this spring.

Permission was granted Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, and Tom Logue, secretary of the State Baptist Student Union (BSU) department, to conduct a group to the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Tokyo, Japan, in the summer of 1970.

For the first time in the history of the Arkansas Baptist state convention, total receipts passed the \$3 million mark, reaching \$3,134,826.81 for the year of 1968.

A committee headed by W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, Little Rock, was named to consider the advisability of changing the Race Relations department to a Christian Life Commission.

The board endorsed a letter to go to Governor Winthrop Rockefeller and the members of the Arkansas state legislature urging the defeat of any bills providing for the legalization of alcoholic beverages by

Switch To Biennial Meetings Provides Saving For Disciples

INDIANAPOLIS—A switch from annual to biennial General Assemblies will save the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its members \$2 million every two years, a denominational budget specialist estimated here.

Glenn B. Lacy, director of research for the Commission on Brotherhood Finance, said the bulk of the savings would be in costs to local congregations and individuals represented at assemblies.

The national, international and regional units of the Church would actually save \$134,253 by the structural change approved last September, he said, but added that that amount was almost equally offset by creation of a General Board and Administrative Committee which meet between assemblies.

Mr. Lacy also said the conversion of state and area assemblies to a biennial basis could probably save another \$3.5 million. (RNS)

15,000 EFCA Members Join Scripture Reading Crusade

MINNEAPOLIS—About 15,000 members of the Evangelical Free Church in America have registered for the denomination's "Every Line in '69" Scripture reading crusade. During the course of the year they will read the entire Bible.

"We were amazed at the response we received to the Bible reading challenge," said the Rev. Kenneth E. Meyer, secretary of Christian Education for the Church.

"There is something about reading the entire Bible . . . that does something for you, spiritually-speaking. Many people never have read the Bible through, even among adults. It may seem like a mountainous job but we have found in two previous campaigns that persistent daily and weekly reading pays off well in accomplishing the goal," he noted.

"And above all else, we know that it is the Bible being read that allows God to speak to us as we live the Christian life and face our daily problems. Too many people have a Bible or more in the home, but rarely if ever open it to read it. We need to feed our souls spiritually even as we feed our bodies physically," Mr. Meyer concluded.

The previous campaigns conducted by the church were "Read It Through in '62" and "Once More in '64." (RNS)

the drink and voted to send with the letter a brochure by Tal Bonham, president of the executive board, opposing such legislation. (BP)

Management Service Studies Skills of Former Clergymen

NEW YORK—Former clergymen constitute a potential pool of executive talent which may offset an expected shortage of personnel in the 1970s, according to a management service here.

Editors of the Gallagher Presidents' Report, a confidential newsletter for corporate chief executives, are conducting a study of former priests and ministers to form a composite picture of the group.

When completed, the study will be used "to acquaint the company president with this resource of potential executives."

A letter mailed to former clergymen noted that "the continued exodus from the clerical life is a major concern to everyone."

The accompanying questionnaire, the letter said, sought to determine the former clergyman's "relationship with the business world."

Other questions in the study were concerned with the type of work the clergyman was involved in prior to his departure from the active ministry, his attitude toward the church, why he left, and his present relationship to the church.

A spokesman for the Gallagher organization explained that the expansion of industry and a low birth rate in the 1930s and 40s were two factors contributing to the shortage of executive personnel in the 1970s. (RNS)

Rhodesian Divorce Rate Up 25 Per Cent Since 1965

SALISBURY, Rhodesia—The divorce rate in Rhodesia, described as the world's second-highest in a United Nations report several years ago, has increased by 25 per cent since Rhodesia unilaterally declared itself independent in 1965.

Rhodesian courts reported granting a total of 500 final divorce orders in 1968. Most of these divorces, 355, were granted to non-black couples by the High Court in Salisbury. Another 145 couples were granted divorces by the High Court in Bulawayo.

The total of 500 divorces granted last year contrast with 400 in 1965. Rhodesia's white population is 220,000 in a total population of 4.4 million. (RNS)

TELEPHONE NOTES—Approximately 90 per cent of all households in the U. S. have telephones today, up from 50 per cent at the end of World War II. Many homes have installed second and third phones. There are roughly 100 million phones in service in the U. S., with new phones being added at the rate of 4 to 5 million a year. A worker in the U. S., on the average, has to put in about two hours on the job to pay for his monthly phone bill; in Paris, more than 15 hours.

TEXAS PASTOR ACCEPTS BAYLOR POSITION

WACO, Tex.—H. J. Flanders, Jr., pastor of First Baptist church here, has accepted a faculty position in the department of religion of Baylor university. Before accepting the Waco pastorate in 1962, Flanders was chairman of the department of religion of Furman university, Greenville, S. C. (BP)

Baptist Men's Day Observance Scheduled In Tennessee Churches

By David Keel

Following the Brotherhood theme for this year, "World Missions . . . My Mission", more than 15,000 Southern Baptist churches are participating in one of 1969's first big mission events by observing Baptist Men's Day Jan. 26.

During this observance men are called on to participate in worship by relating personal spiritual experiences, report on their ministry as they have counseled others, to conduct a consultation with persons facing dilemmas and to engage in mission action in their local communities.

Baptist Men's Day provides a time to emphasize the need for men to lead the church in missions through study and action. While Baptist men are recognized for their faithfulness and value to their church, they are challenged to find places of service to their church and to their fellowman.

Behind Baptist Men's Day is the 39-year tradition of an annual emphasis on the value a church places on its men. An international event, churches from Europe to South America join those of the Southern Baptist Convention in this focus on men.

According to Roy J. Gilleland, Jr., secretary, Brotherhood Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Baptist men in Tennessee are involved in various ministries, in-

cluding hospitals, in way of visitation and Bible distribution; penitentiaries; rescue missions; aid to churches in organizing soul-winning groups (3000 men have committed themselves through the Brother's Brother program to win at least one person per man each year to Christ); alcohol rehabilitation (80 per cent in the program are rehabilitated, representing all races); Royal Ambassadors are providing a scholarship for a young man in Memphis preparing to be a medical missionary to Asia (this young man is a product of the Royal Ambassador program) and the Royal Ambassadors are securing funds for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Baptist Hospital in Hong Kong.

Union Given Grant

Union university President Robert E. Craig has announced that the college has received a \$10,000 grant from a northern foundation.

According to President Craig the check was received from the president of the foundation in a letter which stated, in part, "We take pleasure in assisting you because your college does not accept Federal aid."

The money is unrestricted.

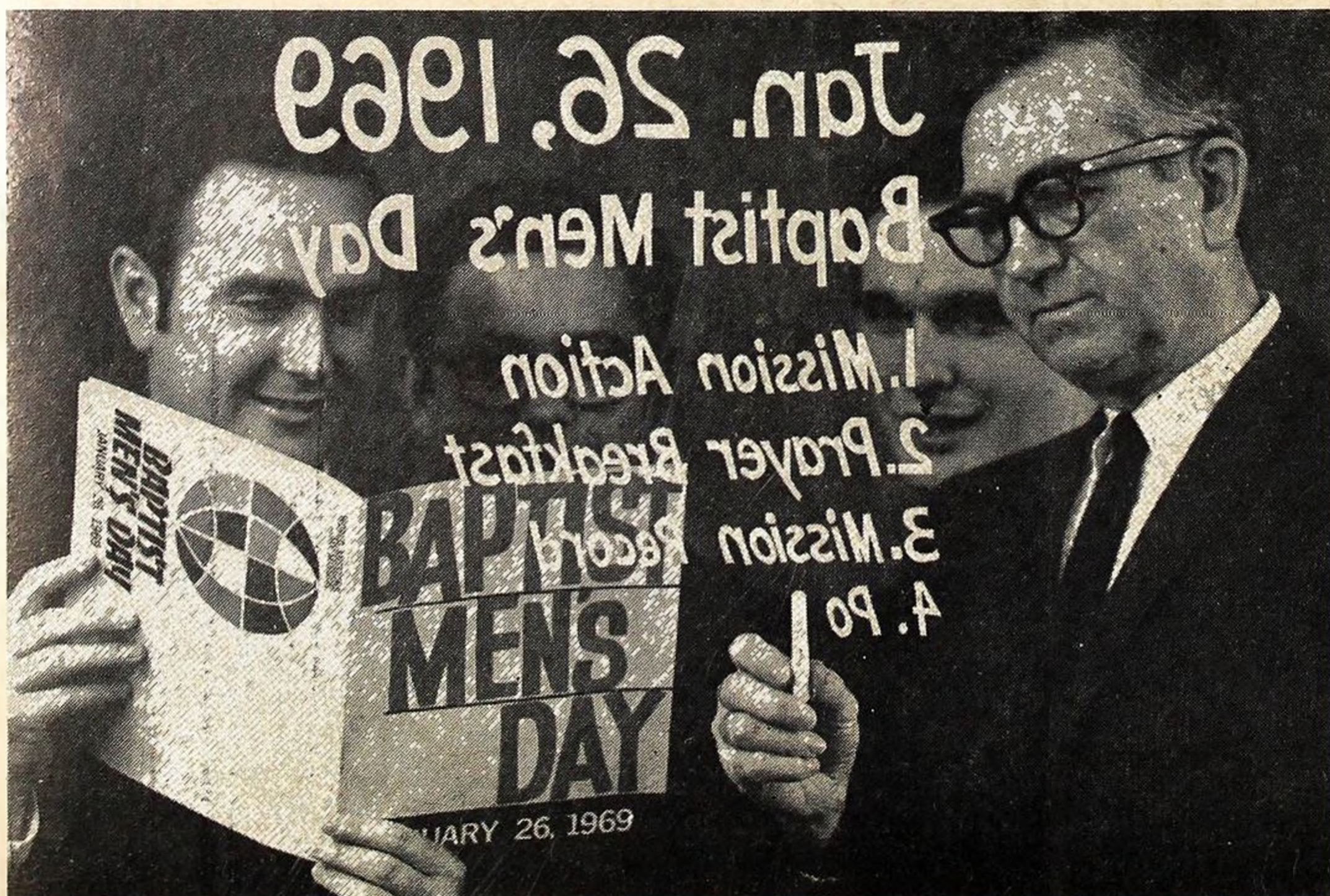
New Orleans Seminary Names PR Assistant

NEW ORLEANS—Doug Chatham, a December graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary, has been named associate director of public relations for the seminary here.

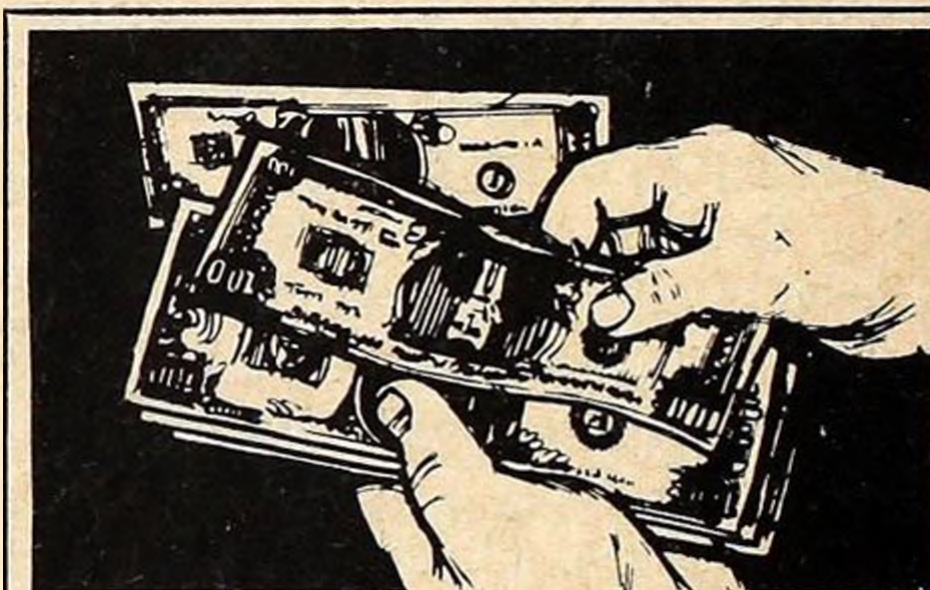
Chatham, a native of Louisiana, is in charge of the seminary's student placement program, which assists students in securing preaching opportunities and employment.

He will also work with F. Stanley Hardee Jr., assistant to the president, in the general administration of the seminary public relations program. Previously, he was editor of the student newspaper and president of the student council.

Chatham is a graduate of Mississippi college (Baptist), Clinton, Miss., and New Orleans seminary. He has been pastor of several churches in Mississippi, and currently is pastor of the Way Baptist church in New Orleans, a church he helped to organize in 1967. (BP)



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Kentucky Southern Merges With Louisville University

LOUISVILLE—Once again, Kentucky Southern college, a former Baptist school, has announced plans to merge with the university of Louisville.

It was the second time in 13 months that Kentucky Southern trustees requested the sister university here to come to their financial aid. The first time, the merger was called off.

In November of 1967, a similar request was worked out, but was cancelled when financial pledges of \$1.2 million were solicited in a "Save Our School" campaign, directed primarily by the students.

Efforts to secure additional finances through a special bond issue underwritten by either Western Kentucky university or the university of Louisville, however, were thwarted, and a year later the former Baptist school again found itself in financial difficulty.

President Rollin S. Burhans said the college made every effort to continue as a private school. "When this became impossible, our major concern became the welfare of our students and faculty and the preservation of the investments which had been made.

"The merger constitutes a way in which these basic concerns can be satisfied," said Burhans.

Kentucky Southern began as a school owned by the Long Run Baptist association (Louisville area), and became an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1962.

The state convention, in a special business session Mar. 10, 1967, voted to release Kentucky Southern to become a private institution, and agreed to grant the school \$500,000 immediately and an additional \$385,000 during the next five years with annual equal installments.

Kentucky Southern, however, had short term debts totaling \$1,051,000, and long-term indebtedness amounting to \$3,245,000. Unable to find the additional aid, the college was unable to survive.

According to the agreement between the two schools, university of Louisville will continue to operate Kentucky Southern through the current academic year ending in August of 1969.

Kentucky Southern debts will be assumed by the university of Louisville as well as the assets, totaling \$7.1 million. (BP)

A YOUNG POPULATION—of the 201 million people in the U. S., 59.5% are too young to remember the Depression; 50.3% are too young to remember World War II; 18.4% were not yet born when President Kennedy was inaugurated.

In the past 10 years, 17 million have died, 16 million marriages have taken place, some 40 million have been born, and over one third of the present families in the U. S. were formed.

Peruvian Baptist School Issues Divinity Degrees

TRUJILLO, Peru—The Baptist Theological institute of Peru has granted its first two full-fledged bachelor of divinity degrees. The 10-year-old school, which recently

has moved from Lima, has previously given only diplomas.

B.D. degrees were awarded to Leonel Arroyo and Victor Ponce. There are 10 students in the institute which now will offer programs in both theology and religious education. (RNS)



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Seelig New BPRA President; Session Set In Chicago For 1970

GATLINBURG—John Earl Seelig, of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., is the new president of the Baptist Public Relations Association. Seelig was elected to succeed Floyd Craig at the annual workshop held here.

W. C. Fields, Nashville, Public Relations Secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, was named president-elect.

More than 110 attend the annual session here. The group voted to meet in 1970 at the Sheraton hotel, Chicago, April 5-6.

Baptist Public Relations Association is an organization of those in Baptist denominational service who devote all or a portion of their time in the area of public relations.

Other officers named are: Marjorie Saunders, Public Relations director, Baylor university Medical Center, Dallas, Tex., program vice president; Jim Austin, director of the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism Fund Campaign, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., membership vice president; David K. Morris, Public Relations director, Alabama State Baptist Convention, Montgomery, Inter-Agency Council representative; Earl Mercer, Public Relations director, Louisiana Baptist Children's Homes, Monroe news letter editor and Pat Pattillo, assistant to the president, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., secretary-treasurer.

For the second consecutive year, Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary in Fort Worth and the Baptist general convention of Texas won the largest number of awards in the annual Baptist Public Relations Association Awards Competition.

The best of show, however, went to the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and its public relations director, Floyd Craig, current president of the association.

Southwestern seminary in Fort Worth won a total of seven awards, all first and second places. The Texas convention in Dallas won six awards, all second and third places.

The Christian Life Commission won five awards, ranking third in the number of awards won.

Judges in the competition, three advertising men in Dallas, reported a total of more than 300 entries in 19 different categories.

The 58 awards (first through third in each category plus best of show), were shared by 24 different Baptist organizations, institutions and agencies, and were presented during an awards banquet at the association annual meeting here.

In first place awards, Southwestern seminary public relations man John Seelig won three top awards, for a feature story, letterhead and annual report; and Craig of Nashville won two first places in addition to best of show, for direct mail and a poster.

Four others won two first places each—the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, for

two photography categories; Baylor university, Waco, Tex., for a brochure and alumni magazine; the SBC Radio-TV Commission, Ft. Worth, film and newsletter; and the SBC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, for a news feature and magazine.

Other first place awards went to Samford university, Birmingham, Ala., catalog; Baptist Press, Nashville, news story; Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D. C., feature story; the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, filmstrip; Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, PR project; and the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, advertising.

Three other organizations won four awards each: the SBC Home Mission Board, Baylor university in Waco, and the SBC Radio-TV Commission.

Winning two awards each were the Baptist World Alliance, Dallas Baptist college, Dallas; the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Baylor Medical Center, Dallas; Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville; and Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee.

Organizations winning one award, either in second or third place, were Southwest Baptist college, Bolivar, Mo.; the Alabama Baptist Convention, Birmingham; Mercer university, Macon, Ga.; Wake Forest university, Winston-Salem, N. C.; and the First Baptist church of Decatur, Ga., on a radio advertisement produced by Jay Durham of the SBC Home Mission Board. (BP)

Methodist Board Told To Involve Itself in Political, Social Change

OKLAHOMA CITY—Even at the risks of controversy, confusion and economic sanctions, the United Methodist Board of Missions must involve itself in political and social change, the president and chief executive of the agency said here.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of New York, president, and Dr. Tracey K. Jones, general secretary, posed challenges in their annual report to the board.

While delving into public issues, the mission unit of the 11-million member Church must also redefine its aim and focus energy on providing leadership and ecumenical models of mission, they said. (RNS)

Students, SBC Leaders Plan Second Dialogue

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptist students will be given a chance to express their concerns to denominational leaders, to each other and Southern Baptists at large as the Consultation on Student Concerns opens Jan. 24-25 at the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

"Impetus for this consultation began last June when about two dozen college students picketed auxiliary meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston," Doyle Baird, coordinator of national projects, student department of the Sunday School Board, said.

At that convention, students were given an opportunity to dialogue with about 250 Southern Baptist leaders and pastors.

Many leaders, including Ed Byrd, pastor of the First Baptist church, Florence, S. C., urged the students to "stay with us since you have these insights and convictions, and help us."

The student department of the Baptist Sunday School Board is sponsoring the consultation to provide students with an opportunity to suggest appropriate actions which may be taken in the light of present-day concerns," Baird said.

Attendance for the consultation is on a quota basis. Each state convention will be represented by from six to twelve students, depending on its size.

Students will moderate discussion groups and will present summary reports orally in the presence of SBC agency heads. The agency leaders in turn will be requested to respond to the students' conclusions, Baird added. (BP)

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Crusade Telecast Marks Evangelistic TV First

By Dallas M. Lee

ATLANTA—Baptists in 1969 will get at least three cracks at gaining the attention of 75 per-cent of a nationwide, prime-time television audience—big thinking in anybody's league.

In the boldest move by any denomination to use television for direct appeal, Southern Baptists have produced a series of three evangelistic color telecasts as part of their role in the hemisphere-wide Crusade of the Americas.

The \$175,000 effort is not too surprising, however, in the light of the crusade objectives of sparking church renewal, evangelizing the continents and motivating Christian ministries of understanding and compassion to the disinherited.

The television concept was first articulated in Cali, Colombia, where Baptist representatives from North and South America set the objectives for the hemisphere crusade.

"They were looking for new ideas to take to Cali," said Jack Stanton of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism. "Paid prime time sounded great. Television has never been used this way by a denomination. It would be a new use of the medium for us."

As the idea caught on, the Home Mission Board turned to the SBC Radio and Television Commission to produce whatever the final product was to be. Stanton and Oklahoma evangelism leader J. A. Pennington began work on the idea.

"We thought of filming the crusade rallies," Stanton said, "but cost was prohibitive and it seemed a little provincial anyway."

They then turned to Billy Graham, the Southern Baptist who has more experience than anyone in TV evangelism. With his help and that of radio-TV commentator Paul Harvey, Stanton and Radio and TV Commission technicians and writers turned out three color telecasts, short on preaching and long on lively music and commentary.

"We didn't want a church service but a more personal confrontation," Stanton said.

First in the series is "The Seeking Generation," a 30-minute production aimed at American youth featuring a young Oklahoma Baptist singing group called the Tune-clippers.

The second production zooms in and out on the nation—"The Two American Dreams."

Here is an example of narrative, with Paul Harvey speaking:

"Isn't it true that the closest contact the vast majority of us have with America's problems is through the evening paper? We

seem to have developed the 'election syndrome.' A few of us go to the polls and elect fewer still to take care of problems we're too busy for.

"Even in our spiritual lives, we hire a minister to be there on Sunday and say a few words to make us feel pleasantly guilty so that we can cleanse ourselves for another week of self-indulgence."

The third and final telecast concerns "The Home and Revolution," and the role of the church in mediating between the two.

In each of the telecasts, Evangelist Billy Graham sits and talks conversationally for eight to 10 minutes to put commitment to Christ in the context of each emphasis.

The series is being marketed to 39 local television stations across the country—primarily metropolitan areas such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Dallas, St. Louis and Jackson, Miss.

Other Baptist groups, such as Ohio and Georgia Baptist departments of evangelism, are securing time on smaller TV stations, so the total number of stations carrying the series could reach 60 to 70.

The series is planned for March 31, April 1 and April 3, although these dates will vary. Some stations, apparently, will be showing the series on consecutive Sunday afternoons. (BP)

Pennsylvania Lottery Urged By Democrats

HARRISBURG, Pa.—A bill introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives would authorize a state lottery designed to provide added funds for education.

Sponsored by six Democrats, the new legislation would authorize up to 12 lotteries a year; prizes would not exceed 30 per cent of gross sales.

Principal sponsor is Rep. John Laudadio, who cited the plans of Gov. Raymond P. Shafer to establish a state income tax.

"I think its about time he considered a state lottery," Rep. Laudadio said, "which would at least give someone a chance to hit the jackpot while helping to pay the cost of state government."

The governor rejected the idea of a lottery in 1967—then suggested as a method of financing aid for parochial schools—saying, "We shouldn't have to resort to a lottery to finance the most important product we have—our young people."

Of the 50 states only two currently maintain legalized lotteries—New Hampshire and New York. Results to date have hardly been encouraging. New Hampshire's proceeds have dropped with each succeeding lottery while in most months New York's gross has been about 10 per cent of what was predicted by the most enthusiastic advocates of lottery. New York has also made heavy expenditures advertising the monthly sweepstakes.

Nixons Plan Sunday Services In White House East Room

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A White House innovation—occasional Sunday religious services in the East Room—is planned by the family of President Richard M. Nixon.

The first such interdenominational service will be held on Jan. 26, the Nixons' first Sunday in the White House.

Evangelist Billy Graham, informed sources said, will play a leading role in selecting the speakers. It is not yet certain who will be the first preacher.

The services will be held only occasionally. The Nixons, as they did when he was Vice President, also plan to attend a number of other churches in the Washington area.

Mr. Nixon most often attended Methodist and Congregational churches, although he retains his Quaker membership in East Whittier, Calif.

It is expected that a different minister will serve at each White House service—thus reflecting the religious affiliations of members of the official Nixon family.

Mr. Nixon does not look favorably on making his religious attendance a matter of public focus and tries to shun any appearance of exploiting it.

There also is the increasing problem of security when a President attends a local church. Elaborate precautions must be taken, the mechanics of which often bring complaints from worshippers.

Former Oklahoma university football coach Bud Wilkinson, now a Presidential aide, will be responsible for arrangements for White House services. Mr. Wilkinson, onetime physical fitness director in the Eisenhower Administration, has been a pro football TV commentator for several years. (RNS)

A RELUCTANT FOREIGN MISSIONARY: JONAH

Basic Passages: Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-5, 10 to 4:3, 9-11

Focal Passages: Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-5, 10 to 4:3, 9-11

Racial prejudice is evidently as old as the development of distinct groups in the human race. At least its origin is lost in antiquity. It is deplorable but deeply rooted. In Jonah's time it was very obvious.

There is widespread indifference toward people outside our circle of neighbors. O yes, the influence of the Judeo-Christian faith and the proximity of all mankind brought about by modern technology, have resulted in a considerable change. However, much of modern charity and aid expended on other people are due more to an appeal to intelligent self-interest than to unselfish love.

Jonah was not very concerned about the welfare of Nineveh. Most likely he would have preferred to have left its inhabitants to their fate. It took a very severe chastening at the hands of Jehovah to induce him to even warn them of the judgment that awaited them.

Both defenders and critics get so engrossed with the "whale" or "big fish" which Jehovah had prepared to reverse Jonah's attitude that they lose sight of the revelation of our God's concern for all mankind in those early days. We refer to the revelation of that concern recorded in His word. The concern had been there all the time. The missionary import is so pertinent and primary.

JONAH RUNS FROM THE LORD

Jonah 1:1-3

God calls Jonah to testify against Nineveh. The wickedness of that city is so great that Jehovah was moved to visit judgment on it. He wishes to use Jonah to alert it as to its possible doom.

Jonah is not interested. In fact he is very much against such a mission. He seeks to run from the presence of the Lord. He finds a ship in the port at Joppa going to Tarshish. He buys a ticket to that city thinking that if he gets to that community he will be out of the presence of Jehovah. Evidently he thinks that the Lord confines His presence to Israel. It is utterly ridiculous to think that we can get away from the presence of the Lord. In fact we cannot successfully avoid the call of God. We make our bed in Sheol, He will be there. We can take the wings of the morning and fly to the ends of the earth, He is there. We can ascend into heaven, He is there in all His glory. We cannot escape from God. He is the one with whom we have to do.

JONAH RUNS AN ERRAND FOR GOD

Jonah 3:1-4

Jonah hears the call of God the second time to proclaim the divine message to Nineveh. There is no hesitation this time. He goes deep into the city delivering the

message of the Lord. He has had enough of chastening for his folly. His drastic experience was sufficient.

The effort to side-step or flee from the call of God has been duplicated thousands of times since Jonah's day. It has never worked and never will. Many ministers can testify to that fact. They have not had a tryst with the stomach of a big fish but they have had severe experiences that are unforgettable.

There are no doubts about the authenticity of God's voice and message. He is convinced overwhelmingly. He speaks convincingly also.

A REMARKABLE REPENTANCE

Jonah 3:5, 10

Perhaps this is the greatest display of reversal and repentance of all time. This great city with its king repented immediately in sackcloth and ashes. It is an abject wholehearted, wholesale repentance.

Such a phenomenon unrivaled in history. Two things must be true. The dramatic experience of Jonah must have preceded him into the city in the first place. In the second place, they must have been having widespread trouble with their consciences over their wickedness. They had not become callous.

God was impressed with their reversal. In response He reversed His announced judgment upon them. He will do this every time if we will properly react to His warning for it is a warning in love. God does not change His mind as men change their minds. He only appears to do so. He had in mind all the time to change from condemnation to mercy upon the basis of their repentance. He is not willing that any should perish but prefers that all turn and live.

JONAH REACTS UNWISELY

Jonah 4:1-3, 9-11

Jonah is chagrined, displeased, angry and sulks like a spoiled child. He should have been supremely happy. He could have had many stars in his crown. Instead he makes a sorry spectacle of himself.

He had a suspicion all along of what would happen. He knew God to be gracious, kind and plenteous in mercy. However, he did not want Him to manifest it to any one save his people. How selfish we can be about the choicest blessings of life. It was so bigoted and narrow of him. However, let us not pounce on Jonah before we give ourselves a good self-examination.

God rebukes Jonah and uses the gourd vine to illustrate His point. He is distressed over the perishing of the gourd vine which he had not planted nor grown.

Here is a mighty throng of human beings

On Matters of

*Family
Living*

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Some Parental Attitudes Produce Problems Even in Normal Kids

Parents who are used so much that they have no life of their own are going to get that life back by living their children's, Dr. William M. Lordi pointed out at the Child and Family Service Institute for Parents and Young Children here.

"It's like taking the child's life through a straw," explained the Richmond psychiatrist. The unfulfilled parent pushes the child without perception, never allowing himself to see that the child he's trying to mold into his kind of person already is somebody.

This is just one of the common parental attitudes, all of them unconscious, that produces problems in normal youngsters, noted Dr. Lordi.

The perfectionist parent also manages to turn healthy kids into anxious, hostile and rebellious ones. This types of parent usually has never felt adequate himself. He had to be pleasing in order to gain acceptance in his own childhood and helplessly he imposes the same conditional approval that distorted his emotional development on his own children.

The parent who is oversubmissive to his children, on the other hand, practices "a strange kind of abandonment," observes the specialist. He communicates to his child the message "Do whatever you want, I don't know how to set limits for you." There is no freedom without discipline, emphasizes Dr. Lordi, and children need and want to have their limits defined for them repeatedly.

The overindulgent parent has been hurt in his own childhood and wants to spare his child all pain, but usually feels that what he has to give is not worthwhile. Therefore he substitutes material possessions (whether he can afford them or not) for the things a child really needs of his parents—recognition, guidance and example.

A job outside the home is important to the mental health of many mothers, said Dr. Lordi, but "where it is humanly possible, a mother should not work until her child is three." If she can't wait, she should set up a playtime with her child at the end of the day, an interlude he can count on.

and cattle. Yet he is perfectly willing that all of them perish. Even a host of the people were so densely ignorant and simpleminded.

Jonah has a faulty sense of values and a



Historically:

From the Files

50 YEARS AGO

As reported in the **Baptist And Reflector**—"The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is now supporting 316 foreign missionaries in 10 great mission fields. . . . 464 churches with a membership of 53,629, 141 of these self-supporting . . . and . . . 482 schools of all grades, in which were gathered last year 13,866 students. Eleven of these schools are colleges with 195 students, 23 high schools with 1250 students, and elementary grades, including 14 kindergartens make up the remainder."

20 YEARS AGO

Baptist camp work in Tennessee resulted in 56 conversions, 152 decisions for definite life service and an offering of \$760 for mission causes.

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Workers among the deaf in Baptist churches in seven states attended an organizational meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Deaf Workers at First Baptist church, Memphis. Pastor R. Paul Caudill has preached to the silent members of his church through an interpreter at every service for more than three years.

10 YEARS AGO

First Baptist church, Nashville, H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, began re-broadcasting the early Sunday morning service at 9:30 a.m.-10 a.m. over Nashville radio station WSM in the interest of shut-ins or those who otherwise could not attend services.

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The newest state in the nation, Alaska, was the first to forward a check (in the amount of \$478) through the Cooperative Program to Southern Baptist Convention offices in Nashville in 1959, announced treasurer Porter Routh.

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

As a Junior boy I committed to memory II Timothy 2:15 in our Training Union. For several years it was something of an ideal set before us to give us a challenge to Bible study. This was one of the stimulants that set me on a lifetime of Bible study.



Dr. Kendall

Careful and systematic Bible study is an absolute necessity for a growing Christian. It is the revelation of God concerning Himself and all that is essential to know about Him and His relation to man. It sets forth His plan of redemption from the beginning. It presents all the truths concerning the coming of Christ and the incarnation and his full revelation of God. It pictures his life and records his great teachings. It gives the account of his rejection by men, his trial and crucifixion, his resurrection and his appearances to his disciples. It gives the picture of his giving of the Great Commission and of his ascension. It records his teaching concerning his coming again.

There is much said about the Word of God as the Bible records it. Many of the Psalms have wonderful truths and testimonies about the Bible and what it means to the believer. Psalm 19 and Psalm 119 contain some great teaching concerning the law of the Lord as it is called. Psalm 19:7 says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." There is the great statement in Psalm 119:9-11, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. . . . Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Another verse is Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Paul gives a wonderful statement in II Timothy 3:16-17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." This shows the origin

space-age. It cannot be done by the cultural influence of scientific education.

Every time we have a great and dramatic advance in human achievement some false prophet will announce the dawn of the

Sunday School

Achievement Guide

By Wendell Price
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New dated Achievement Guides to measure the work of the Sunday Schools, the Departments and the Classes, came into vogue last October 1. During October and November 12 churches in the state requested 105 awards—100 were for Merit Achievement, 4 Advanced Achievement, and 1 Distinguished Achievement.

Three Sunday Schools received Merit Achievement; 26 departments and 71 classes. One department and three classes were awarded Advanced Achievement. One department received Distinguished Achievement.

Seven of the Merit Achievements were from Adult Departments; 34 from Adult Classes; 3 Young People's Departments and 9 Young People's Classes. One Intermediate Department and 9 Intermediate Classes are in the totals. To complete the list there were 3 Junior Departments and 19 Junior Classes, plus 4 Primary Departments, 6 Beginner Departments and 2 Nursery Departments.

Hamilton Association tops the state list in award requests, followed by Knox, then Shelby.

Seelig Named Chairman

FORT WORTH—John Earl Seelig, assistant to the president at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here, has been named chairman of the national publications leadership competition of the American College Public Relations Association (ACPRA).

The annual competition usually attracts about 1000 entries from colleges and universities across the nation. In both 1965 and 1968, Seelig won several awards in the national competition himself. (BP)

of the Bible in the inspiration of God and its power to transform life and to guide men into righteousness.

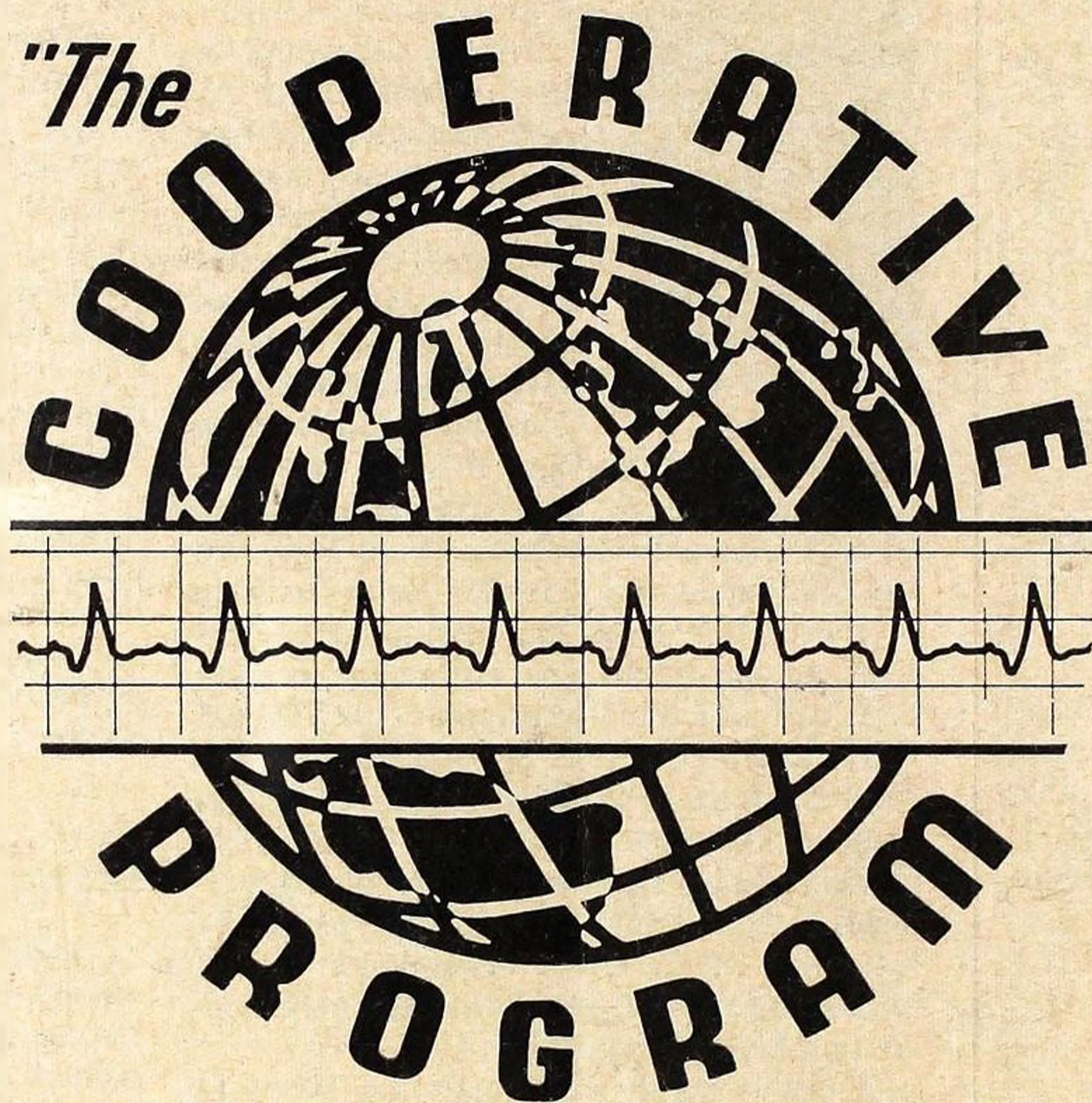
Many churches have observed Bible Study Week this month and others will do so. Every Christian ought to take advantage of every opportunity for the thorough study of the Bible. Every Christian ought to be in Sunday School every Sunday and seek to keep on learning from the Word of God. It ought to be read daily for inspiration, guidance and help in meeting life's needs. What a tragedy that to so many the Bible is a forgotten book! Resolve now to read it through in 1969.

millenium. The finished work of Christ for us and in us will achieve the vast change in man for which all of us are praying. This involves the first coming, the work of the Holy Spirit, the return and reign of Christ.

warped sense of pity. He has so much to learn himself.

Prejudice can impoverish and warp our basic nature. It can cause otherwise respectable people to react so out of character and so unwisely. It is a poison which colors our vision and corrupts our compassion.

It must be completely uprooted and eliminated. It will take both regeneration and sanctification to do it. It cannot be eliminated by the broadening influence of the



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