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This rocket-scarred cross, in a cemetery near Long Bien military complex outside Saigon, is symbolic of God's witness even in times of peril. (Photo by James F. Humphries)

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# Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The first question God asked Adam is one we need to ask in our day and time: "Where are you?"

Where are you physically? Currently, there is much emphasis on the physical—and little emphasis on the spiritual. You move your body around from place to place each day. Are you certain you are in the place where you can render the greatest service to God?

Where are you mentally? Is your mind dormant? Are you letting someone else do your thinking for you?—Like a church janitor who said that was the way he got along with the deacons, WMU, and the pastor—"He just threw his mind into neutral and went wherever he was pushed."

Where are you spiritually? Are you building, growing, maturing in the faith? A tiny tot, kneeling by his bed, prayed the prayer that should be on the lips of all in this day of world unrest: "Dear God, make me big."

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## Devotional

### Revealing Attitudes

Luke 15

The parable of the prodigal son is a contrast in attitudes, among other things. The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son in Luke 15 deal with the worth of the individual. In the final parable, we have placed much emphasis, and rightly so, upon the prodigal son. Too frequently, however, have we neglected the message contained in information about the "other brother."

The message, stated simply, is the contrast between reactions of sons and servants. God's children ought always to be reminded they are exactly that—sons and daughters of God, joint heirs with Christ. It is a sad day for anyone when they develop a slavish attitude instead. This was the case with the "other brother," and therein is a lesson for God's child.

Granted that the prodigal son did wrong. When he returned, he returned as a son to his father. But the reaction of the brother presents a study in contrasts. Apparently the brother who stayed home had developed a plodding, mechanical response to the needs of his father. He did what he had to do, when he had to do it. In other words, the response of a servant. A son responds with interest and concern. Thus his anger is understandable more readily. His was the anger of a servant when his brother returned.

Too frequently, there are, apparently, people in Baptist churches who respond not because they have joy in their hearts, but because they feel they must—the response of a servant. They too, do what the "other brother" did. They vent their unhappiness upon those around them—really a mark of their own weakness.

Wuest noted the attitude by translating "but he flew into a rage that was the explosive outlet of a long-time resentment against his brother that had been smouldering in his breast."

True sonship is unselfish and forgiving. There is much to commend in the attitude of the "prodigal" son, and much to be learned from the attitude of the brother who was a servant in his father's house! (James A. Lester)

### Scholarship for Envoy

GEORGETOWN, Ky.—A \$3000 scholarship honoring the late John Gordon Mein, U. S. ambassador to Guatemala who was killed in ambush in Guatemala City last year, has been established at Georgetown college (Baptist) here.

The Vaughn Men's Bible Class of the Calvary Baptist church in Washington, D. C., where Mein was a long-time member, established the scholarship. (BP)

## Interpretation

By Herschel H. Hobbs

### The Feast of the Passover

"Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover"—Luke 22:1.

With these words Luke introduces the climactic events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. For the benefit of his Gentile readers he identifies the feast of unleavened bread as the Passover. It commemorated God's deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage (Ex. 12). It was the principal feast of the Jews, a time when Jesus' contemporaries expected another great deliverance from God. The deliverance from a greater bondage, from sin, came. But, alas, most of them failed to recognize it.

It was fitting that in God's plan Jesus should die during this season. Not only because He fulfilled the slaying of the passover lamb. But because of the concentration of Jews in Jerusalem at this season. Every adult male Jew living within twenty miles of Jerusalem was required to attend this feast. Regardless of where he lived, even outside Palestine, every Jew hoped at least once in his lifetime to attend this feast.

Thirty years after this particular Passover a Roman governor took a census of the lambs slain at such a feast. The number was 250,000. Since one lamb was necessary for every ten people, this meant that two and one-half million Jews were present.

It was to such a group that Jesus presented Himself in His Royal Entry into Jerusalem, only to be rejected. It was in such an atmosphere that He was nailed to a cross. These sad events involved Jews from Palestine and without. So in a very real sense world Jewry was involved—along with the Romans or Gentiles.

The Christians regarded Jesus' death as the fulfilment of the Hebrew Passover. As indeed it was. Paul said, "Purge out therefore the old leaven [of evil], that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us" (I Cor. 5:7).

As Israel through the passover lamb was delivered from political bondage, so through Christ, our passover, may we be delivered from spiritual bondage. Only in Christ may one be truly free.

### Adams to Lecture

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—Former Baptist World Alliance President Theodore F. Adams, retired pastor of the First Baptist church of Richmond, will be the first lecturer in the H. I. Hester lectureships on preaching at Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary here, March 24-28. (BP)



# The Measure Of A Man

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"When God measures a man he measures the heart and not the head." Is this statement from a denominational publication correct, does it contain an element of truth, or does it represent a false antithesis or alternative?

It is true that God measures a man primarily by what is within the man rather than by external appearances. His word to Samuel when he was selecting a successor to Saul is an abiding word. He said to Samuel: "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7). The Lord considers what a man really is and not what he may seem to be.

It is possible that the statement quoted above was made in an effort to correct the tendency of some to overemphasize native ability and training in the work of the Lord to the neglect of dedication and consistency of life. There may be a sense in which God is more concerned about the size of our hearts than of our heads, but he evidently is most concerned about the dedication of both to his purposes in the world.

There is a possibility that the statement stems from an anti-intellectualism which is still entirely too prevalent among Southern Baptists. Many Baptists are afraid of the trained mind.

They seemingly think that education will undermine faith. It may be that their attitude is derived primarily from the threat that education and the trained mind poses for them. Their faith may be based more on second-hand, hand-me-down ideas and prejudices rather than on meaningful personal experiences. Their faith may be dependent on non-essentials rather than on essentials, on the superficial and incidental rather than on the real and vital.

In contrast to some Southern Baptists, God is evidently not afraid of the trained mind. There is considerable evidence that he has a special affinity for the trained mind if that mind is dedicated to the work of God among men. Many of God's big men in the Old Testament and New Testament were men with the very best of training. This was certainly true of Moses who was trained in all the learning of the Egyptians and Saul or Paul who had studied at the feet of Gamaliel.

This should mean among other things that every child of God should secure the best possible training and then dedicate it

to the service of God and his fellow man. The head or the mind, as is true of the total personality of man, is a part of his stewardship responsibility.

Our conclusion is that the statement may serve a good purpose as a corrective, but as is frequently true of a corrective it goes too far. Some limiting word should have been inserted such as "When God measures a man he measures primarily the heart and not the head." Or, possibly better: "he measures both the heart and the head" or "the heart as well as the head."

It seems, however, that God does not measure a man so much by his heart or his head as he does by the moral and spiritual stature of the man. Paul suggests that the work of the apostles, prophets, pastors, and others who perform distinctive functions within the Christian fellowship was to equip God's people. The latter in co-operation with the specially called ones were, among other things, to build up the body of Christ till we all come "to a mature manhood and to a perfect measure of Christ's moral stature" (Eph. 4:13, Williams).

Here is God's supreme measuring stick for a man. How do we measure up when we stand beside the stature of Christ? How tall are we?

## First Negro Professor Named at New Orleans

NASHVILLE—Charles E. Boddie, president of the American Baptist Theological seminary here, has been named the first Negro professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary, New Orleans, La.

Boddie, president of the Negro Baptist seminary affiliated with both the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., for the last five years, has resigned effective April 15.

He will be the first Negro member of the New Orleans faculty, and the first Negro professor in the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, according to H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans seminary.

Eddleman said here the school is looking forward to its association with Boddie, whom he called "a recognized leader among American Negroes and a man of national and international reputation" in religious circles.

Boddie will teach in the social ethics department of New Orleans seminary. (BP)

## Paul Allison Named New Stewardship Communicator

NASHVILLE—F. Paul Allison, field service consultant for the education division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named director of communication for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission here, effective March 15.

Announcement of Allison's appointment was made by Merrill D. Moore, executive director of the SBC Stewardship Commission with offices at 460 James Robertson Parkway. The Stewardship Commission is one of 22 agencies of the SBC and is not part of the Sunday School Board.

Before joining the Sunday School Board staff in 1967, Allison was associate executive secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists in Wichita, Kan.

His major responsibility during his nine years on the Kansas convention staff was in the area of stewardship development, but he was also editor of the state paper, the Baptist Digest, for a period.

He assumes a position created only last January by the Stewardship Commission in an effort to communicate the commission's message through all possible means, Moore said.

Primary responsibilities of the office Allison will direct include creation and production of materials needed for the support of the three programs of the Stewardship Commission—Cooperative Program, capital giving, and stewardship promotion, said Moore.

## Children's Homes

### "100 FOR EACH"

By James M. Gregg, Executive Director

A much appreciated contribution to the Children's Homes was received just before Christmas. It was from a church in East Tennessee and with the \$400 check, was the following instruction from the church, \$100 for each." This meant we were to divide the gift equally between our four Homes.

This impressed me. A group of Christians in East Tennessee interested in the orphaned and homeless children in Middle and West Tennessee, and not just in East Tennessee. They are interested in the Negro children at the Min-Tom Home as well as the white children in the other three Homes. This, however, is not an exception because most contributions are for the state-wide child care ministry.

This is the spirit which will get the job done for Tennessee Baptists in Child Care. This is Missions. Thank you!



# EDITORIALS

## SUNDRY OBSERVATIONS

In the only nation in the world where "overweight" is a major industry, it is an interesting commentary that 300 tons of unusable, poorly-crated goods for Biafra have made a garbage pile out of the unloading dock!

The goods include chocolate mousse, ravioli, sweet pickles and barbecue sauce, among other items. We say again, when thousands of children, women and men are starving every week, it is indeed interesting—and very saddening—to know that even in overseas emergencies we seem to trip over our expensive tastes!

A minister in Minneapolis said recently that "laymen who think clergymen do most of their work on Sundays have been advised . . . that it isn't so." The brother went on to "opin" that Sunday is "the lightest and easiest day of the week."

To the brother who said this—An Episcopal cathedral dean—we say simply—"Work harder on the sermon, man!" Time and energy studies some years ago indicated that the amount of energy expended by the minister in delivery of a 25 or 30 minute sermon was equal to the amount of energy required to follow a mule behind a plow for some five hours. In defense of the minister, we remind that Sunday is indeed a

difficult, trying day which leaves the "average" minister feeling on Monday morning like he had been left in the clothes dryer overnight. We know there are many difficult chores during the week, but Sunday just isn't that easy.

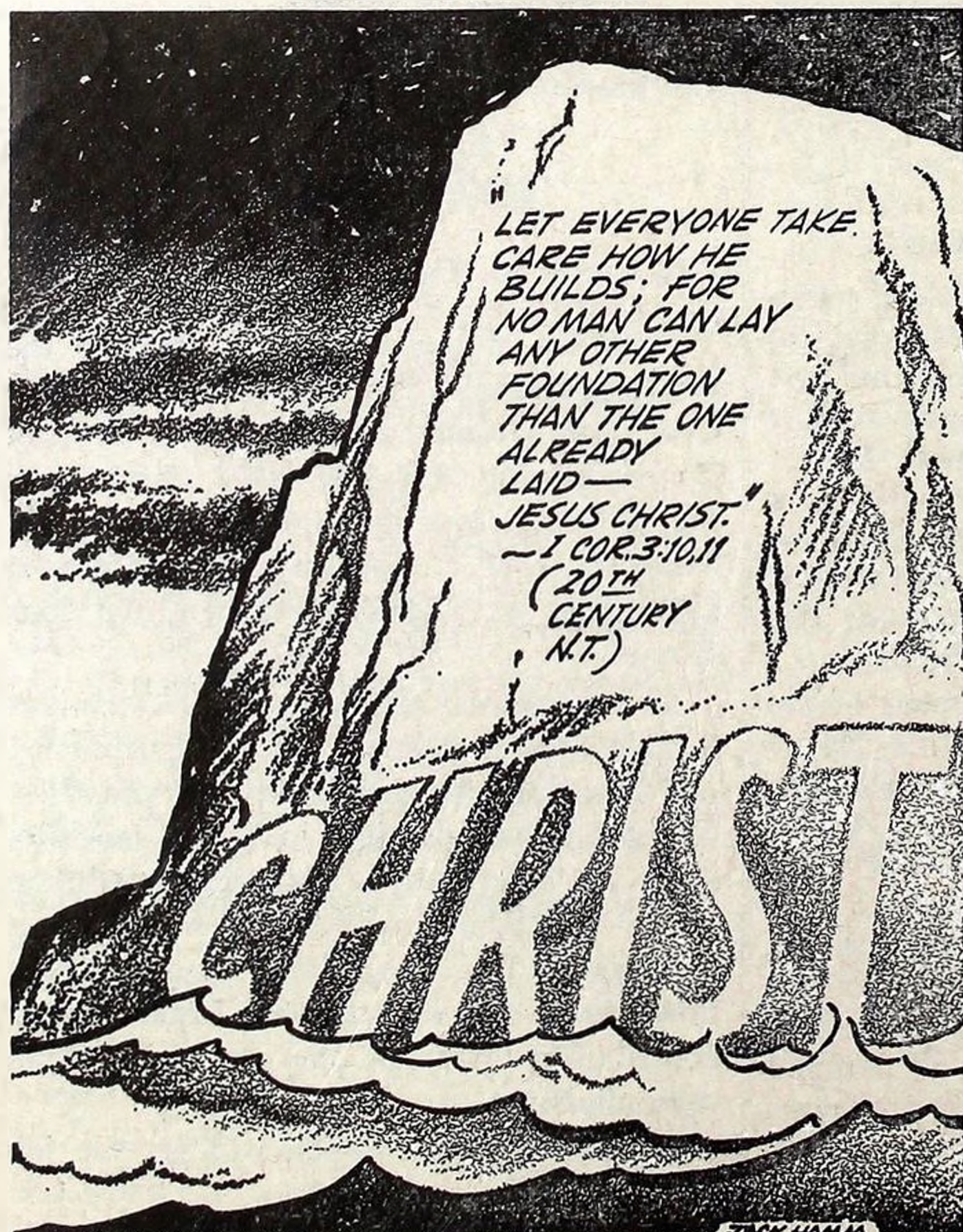
Roman Catholic Cardinal Cushing, for all his brusqueness, did have something to say the other day to which Baptists might listen. The Cardinal, in divesting himself of spiritual advice for Lent said that too many persons had become "fat Christians." The Cardinal suggested that we ought to do "some spiritual pushups and holy jogging." He isn't the first to say it, and won't be the last, but it is true that, as he suggested, we have become in some measure fat Christians whose religion does not overmuch interfere with our comfort."

We don't observe the liturgical calendar in Baptist churches, yet, fortunately, but it just might not hurt us to do these spiritual pushups and holy jogging. The idea, at least, is intriguing.

Then there was the minister in Canada who said of his 1400-seat sanctuary, "If my own church burned, I'd stand across the street singing, 'Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,' with my hand out for the insurance money."

We doubt this statement appeals to the insurance companies. It doesn't make a whole lot of sense to Baptists anyway. His point may be worth mentioning however. He was urging Christian denominations to rid themselves of their surplus property, take the funds derived therefrom, and invest in a ministry within the community. This is not a whole lot different from our own problems with inner city ministries. We still seek ways for effective ministry to the world in which we live, and of which we are a part.

### God's Gibraltar



## APPRECIATION FOR CHARLES ROSELLE

After 15 years of effective, distinguished service to the cause of Christ through the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Charles Roselle leaves to become director of student ministries for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Roselle has served well, the ministries to students has developed under his leadership, and Tennessee Baptists will miss his service at the state level.

As he enters this larger ministry, we bid him God speed, and wish for him years of continued service throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.



# Union University Looks Back-Forward; Has 750 Enrolment

By David Keel

Union university, operated under the auspices of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is a four-year coeducational college of liberal arts, located on a 30-acre campus in the eastern part of Jackson in west Tennessee. Dr. Robert E. Craig has been president since September, 1967.

The college is a descendant and heir to two earlier institutions of learning—West Tennessee college and its predecessor, Jackson Male academy, both of which were located in Jackson. Jackson Male academy was chartered by legislative enactment during the 1825 session of the Tennessee Legislature.

As a college it had its beginnings in the provision of the North Carolina Compact in ceding Tennessee to the United States Government to be made into a new state. It was provided that there should be two colleges established, one each in east and west Tennessee, and certain public lands were set apart to that end. As a result West Tennessee college was chartered by legislative enactment on January 3, 1844.

This institution continued as such until 1874 when it was offered to and accepted by Tennessee Baptists. This action came out of a growing sentiment on the part of Tennessee Baptists toward greater unification, and education was the central core around which such unification was promoted.

Committees were then established and in April 1874, an Educational Convention met in Murfreesboro, for the purpose of "promoting the educational interests of Baptists in Tennessee. . . ." A new college was proposed . . . and . . . in September, 1874, the new institution opened at Jackson as an academy and chartered as Southwestern Baptist university. At a meeting of the trustees on September 17, 1907, the name was changed to Union university.

The ultimate objective of the school is the full development of the total personality. Primary essentials to this end are the recognition that "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom"; that in the lifelong, continuous process of education, the search for truth is an inherent quality; and that the proper relating of all truth to the Divine concept is the climactic achievement of the educated individual.

## Continuous Influence—Fully Accredited

According to president Craig, "Union university has been a leader in the field of Christian higher education for several decades . . . our various charters reflect a chain of influence to a period 35 years prior

to the Civil War . . . during these 143 years thousands of students have benefited from the quality academic and spiritual programs offered."

Union university is fully accredited by: Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; member, American Council on Education; member, Association of American Colleges; member, American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers; member, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and Tennessee College Association and an associate member, National Association of Schools of Music.

## Year-Round School

With a present enrolment of approximately 750, Union affords a year-round academic calendar, permitting a student either to accelerate his program or to lighten his load without lengthening his time in school. Under maximum conditions, a student may earn 53 credit hours in one calendar year and possibly graduate in two and one-half years.

The school offers four degrees—Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music and Associate of Arts in Nursing. Union was the first liberal arts college in Tennessee to begin the nursing program. After students receive this degree they are eligible to take the state board examination and become a Registered Nurse. This program, begun in 1962, is accredited by the state Board of Nursing. One male nurse has been enrolled in this program.

Approximately 50 per cent of students are planning to teach, studying under the school's teacher-education program and an estimated ten per cent will have teaching experience.

## Department of Religion and Philosophy

The school's Department of Religion and Philosophy offers a major in Religion, with courses available for the prospective religious education director. The courses of the department are designed for a twofold purpose: To give the student an understanding of the basic principles of the Bible as they appear in their historical setting; and to acquaint the student with the merits, values and distinctive contributions of the Christian religion to the religious experience of mankind. The work of the department is planned to contribute to the cultural and spiritual benefit of the entire student body . . . with specialized training for those preparing for church related vocations. Dr.

Hyran Barefoot heads the Department of Religion.

Devotional life on the campus is fostered through noon-day devotions and vespers, and an annual observance of Religious Emphasis Week.

Other fields in which Union offers pre-professional training include: law; medical; technological; dental; pharmaceutical and engineering.

The school has a well-rounded athletic program as well as fraternities and sororities.

Highlights of the 1967-68 school year include: the inauguration of president Craig; the "Salute to Higher Education Day," involving all colleges in Jackson with Hubert H. Humphrey, vice president of the United States as speaker and Mrs. Bradford Duncan, of Jackson, was elected the first woman trustee in the history of the university.

The school's assets total \$6,104,000 and has an endowment of approximately \$750,000, most of which is held in trust with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

Looking to the fall semester of 1969, the school is now 100 per cent ahead of student applications received this same time last year.

## A Future Look

A broader spectrum of the school's future involves an in-depth planning in detail for every phase of the school for a 10-year projection.

This long-range planning includes the acquisition of a new campus site. The Tennessee Baptist Convention has approved the relocation to a site northwest of Jackson. The proposed campus move involves acquisition of land at an estimated cost of \$1,155,000, with a projected cost for the new campus, including the land, of \$10,385,000.

According to President Craig, faculty committees have started an in-depth study of the curriculum to determine the "academic design" of the campus which precedes any plan for physical facilities.

The projected new 270-acre campus site would be in anticipation of an enrolment of 1200 students.

The school has on hand \$850,000, to be used for construction of a new chapel-library which will be built on the new campus site.

The future also looks to acquiring a dean of religious affairs. This person will supervise the religious activities of the college; direct the in-service training program for religious vocational students; cooperate with the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board as well as many other duties.



# SBC Executive Committee Ends Three-Year Name Change Study

NASHVILLE—After two days of hearing pleas from 19 Southern Baptist Convention agencies, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee quickly adopted a \$27,158,119 Cooperative Program operating goal for 1970, passed a strong resolution opposing possible appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, and in effect ended its three-year study of changing the convention's name.

The Executive Committee also heard a report from its public relations subcommittee which said it found "no compelling reason" to change the name of the Cooperative Program, and adopted a recommendation suggesting that the 125th anniversary meeting of the convention in 1970 begin on Monday night instead of Tuesday.

In a statement addressed to President Richard M. Nixon, the Executive Committee expressed concern about reports that he might appoint an ambassador or special representative to the Vatican, and told the President the overwhelming majority of the 11 million church members affiliated with the SBC would not favor such official representation to any religious body.

"We urge that you do not assign to any church either the roles or the functions of government," the statement to the president said.

Such an appointment would likely hurt a "new spirit of openness and trust" and "a growing mutual spirit of respect and goodwill among the various religious bodies in the United States today," the statement said. "American representation to the Vatican would not aid our progress away from rivalry and fear."

## Proposed Budget Subject To Approval

The proposed 1970 budget, which must be approved by the convention in New Orleans next June, would be an increase of only \$597,100, granting a minimum two per cent cost-of-living increase to each of the 17 SBC agencies which requested budget increases totalling \$5.3 million.

The minimum increase was necessitated by decreases in Cooperative Program giving during the last part of 1968 and the first part of 1969, which set statistical projections of the amount of money available at an estimated \$27,560,000 in 1970.

A brief and vaguely-worded recommendation from the Executive Committee's administrative subcommittee indicated that the three-year study of changing the convention's name has been ended for the time being. The recommendation stated:

"We recommend that the Executive Committee report to the Southern Baptist Convention that studies made during and before the SBC in Houston indicate that there is no gathering of preference around any change of the name of the SBC."

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, explained later that the recommendation means, in

effect, that the Executive Committee will make no further recommendation on the name change, until it gets further instructions from the convention.

During the opening session of the Executive Committee, SBC President W. A. Criswell of Dallas made a strong plea for the annual meetings of the convention be strengthened, and that less emphasis be placed on the pre-convention sessions. He mentioned the possibility of the pre-convention sessions beginning on Sunday, and the SBC beginning "just as soon as we can get there", apparently meaning Monday.

## Executive Committee Recommended

Acting on a recommendation from its administrative committee, the 58-member Executive Committee recommended that the 125th anniversary convention in 1970 at Denver begin on Monday evening.

"We further recommend that the Executive Committee continue to study this matter and report to the 1970 convention," said the recommendation.

The recommendation asked that the sections of the convention procedure be set aside for 1970 as a special case in observance of the 125th anniversary.

Subject to approval of the convention in New Orleans, the Executive Committee recommended that the 1974 convention meet in Dallas, June 11-14, 1974.

In other actions, the Executive Committee approved of several future studies, either by special committees or subcommittees of the Executive Committee.

## Studies Planned

Studies were planned on the philosophy, purposes, basic understandings and promotion procedures of the Cooperative Program; on the relationship between pastoral care programs of Southern Baptist hospitals and seminaries; on the total relationship of the convention to its two hospitals in Jacksonville, Fla., and New Orleans; on the committee structure of the Executive Committee; and on continuing the study of policy concerning the allocation of earnings of undesignated gifts given to the Southern Baptist Foundation.

Minor changes in the charters, program statements, or articles of incorporation were approved for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Radio-Television Commission, Stewardship Commission, and Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., subject to final approval by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Requests from the Baptist Sunday School Board to publish two new magazines, one for student workers called **Collage**, and another for pastors called **Proclaim**, were approved.

Additional office space requested by the SBC Christian Life Commission at the SBC office building here was also cleared.

## Loans Requests Approved

Loans requests by three SBC agencies—Midwestern Baptist Theological seminary in

Kansas City, the Radio-TV Commission and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, both in Fort Worth—were approved, but only after the finance committee warned that income from the capital needs section of the budget may not be available to repay the loans for two, three, four or maybe five years.

The finance committee also reported it had received a full report of the action of the SBC Home Mission Board concerning problems of the Kansas Baptist church loan association, and commended the Home Mission Board for its action.

Tribute was paid to Roland P. Hood, now retired as executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington.

The Executive Committee also requested each SBC agency to supply the SBC committee on boards with a statement on its usage of "local members" of boards, institutions and agencies, to help the committee on boards keep in mind the needs of each agency as they recommend persons for election to the agencies' boards of trustees.

In other actions, the Executive Committee authorized several expenditures from convention reserves, including a \$50,000 allocation to the SBC Stewardship Commission for a pilot project of Cooperative Program promotion; \$12,500 to Religion in American Life; \$7500 for the completion of the current depth study on Baptist student work; \$6800 for long range planning in connection with the '70 Onward program; and \$5000 for the 125th anniversary film of the SBC. (BP)

## Nigerian Privation Told by Missionary

An alarmingly high death rate . . . Baptist teachers without enough money to buy a fishhook to provide food for their families . . . missionary facilities looted . . . an extreme shortage of money to help pastors and workers.

This is the description of the Joinkrama-Port Harcourt section of Nigeria contained in a recent letter from Southern Baptist Missionary Urban L. Green, who is working to bring relief supplies into the area which Nigerian troops have recaptured from rebel Biafrans.

"We are desperate," a Baptist teacher in Joinkrama told Green.

The missionary said he has a good supply of relief foodstuff at his base in Eku. "I have sent some three times to Joinkrama," he wrote Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Africa. "Transport is difficult but not completely impossible. But to reach Ahoada (farther inland) and that section from what was formerly the Midwestern Region seems almost impossible now. They really need help but my efforts seem to fail."



# Tennessee Students And Directors To Work In Missions Projects Around The World

By Gladys Meigs  
Department of Student Work

Tennessee Baptist students have adopted a summer missions program for 1969 that will include 104 students and a number of student directors. The \$21,110 program was adopted by a committee of students and student directors representing Baptist Student Unions across the state. Funds will be provided through special love offerings of students over and above their regular church offerings and tithes. Workers will serve with no financial remuneration other than expenses.

Adoption of this program indicates the deep missions interests of Tennessee students and their willingness to serve through a variety of methods and in a variety of places. Students will perform tasks as unusual as hoeing sugar beets and as typical as teaching in VBS. One team will work in Tennessee, another in Utah and Idaho; and a nurse will serve in Tanzania while another student provides social work in East Pakistan.

Tennessee students have pioneered in summer missions work camps for the purpose of erecting church buildings. Briceville, Tennessee, has been chosen as the site for this summer's work camp. A building will be erected for use in an associational week-day ministry which is presently being carried on in an old commissary building. Shelley Richardson, associate in the Student Department, will direct the project. Students serving include: Elsie Brock, Cleveland; Adney Cross, APSU; Kathy Jones and Ernest Startup, MSU; Lynda Kelley, UC; Keith Ledbetter, U.T. Med.; HuAnne McCuiston, Fort Sanders; John McPherson, CNC; Dan Redmond, Union; John Ridgell and Fred Young, Tech; and Carl Whittimore, Belmont.

## New Team Projects

Three new team projects include a group to work in the area of Cave-In-Rock, Illinois, assisting 14 churches which presently have only two full-time pastors. Billy Joe King, student director, Bethel, will supervise the project. Team members are: Peggy Bouchillon and Jackie Jones, ETSU; John Erwin, UC; John Fox, Paula Hyde, and Nancy Keating, UT; Milton Frost and Eddie Richardson, CNC; Linda Gustin, Bethel; Angie Holmes, MTSU; Mary Guy Lockhart, U.T. Med.; Ruth Massey, Tech; and Jean Starnes, BMH.

A rugged crew of nine will join with regular migrant workers in hoeing sugar beets in Utah and Idaho. They will live in a migrant compound, buy and prepare their own food, set up day-care activities for migrant children, and provide recreational and study periods in addition to working in the fields. Butch Bibbs, Vicki McDurmon, and Mary Lou Wafler, MSU; Robert Dalton, Vanderbilt; Joe Heatherly, Belmont; Linda Hughes, U.T. Med.; Doug Karius, Bethel; Jackie Ramsey, ETSU; and Bill Vance,

UTM, were assigned to this project. A director for the project will be appointed at a later date.

The third new team project is a resort ministry in Hampton Beach, New Hampshire. Personal witnessing, development of on-the-beach singing and recreational activities, and arts and crafts will be used to reach vacationers in the area. Appointees include: David Crossley and Suzie Taylor, U.T.; Mary Jane Erwin, ETSU; Linda Fowler, Peabody; Fran Gallo, BMH; Dick Hill, MSU; Danny Mason, CNC; Bob Paulovich, Bethel and Cheryl Snyder, UT, Martin.

## Inner City Work

Inner city work has been a high interest area among Tennessee students and a team has been appointed to work in Detroit this summer. They will organize recreation, study groups, teen clubs, week-day activities; and will seek to minister to all races in an economically deprived area of the city. Team members include: Veronica Beidleman, ETSU; Gail Dew, Union; Philip Pennington, UT; George Robertson, Vanderbilt; and Moira Smith, Bethel.

Individual student missionaries will assist in church programs, VBS, surveys, and youth work. Nancy Turner, Belmont, will serve in Arkansas; Ramona Wilson, MSU, in Toronto, Canada; and Ann Simpson, APSU, in Kansas. Mary Sue Hodges, Fort Sanders Hospital, will serve as a nurse in the Seller's Home, New Orleans. Seven students were appointed to foreign fields. Nancy Kay, U.T. Med., was appointed as a nurse to Tanzania where she will assist in the hospital in Mbeya. Judy Wagner, ETSU, and Bob Young, APSU, will serve in Jamaica. Beth Newport, Erlanger Hospital, will work in a music ministry in Guyana; Sam Crowell, CNC, in Puerto Rico and Shirley Peterson, MSU, in a work camp project in Israel. Elaine Housley, CNC, will serve as a social worker in East Pakistan.

## Help in Ohio Crusade

In connection with the Crusade of the Americas, two students were appointed to

## Foundation

### Living Stones or Tombstones

By Jonas L. Stewart

Peter refers to Christ as a living stone (1 Peter 2:4). Paul says that we live in Christ (Acts 17:28). How long should one be known on the earth as a part of this living stone? Should a Christian desire to be remembered only by a tombstone? This is the only monument some people leave to faith in Christ.

This is what the Tennessee Baptist Foundation is all about. We make it possible for the Lord's people to continue their witness for Christ for all time to come. This can be done by establishing a trust, with the Foundation as trustee, designating that the income from such a trust is to go to some Christian cause for all time to come. Many of our people are doing this by a bequest in their will. Some have left their entire estate for this purpose. This eliminates the necessity of having to pay estate tax on one's hard earned assets. A number of others have established living trusts with the Foundation whereby they receive the income as long as they live and stipulate that at their death the income is to go to some phase of the Lord's work. Thus they have established a memorial to their faith that will live until Jesus comes.

The question again is, which instrument will you use for a continuing memorial to your faith, a living stone or a tombstone? The executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation may be contacted at 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, to discuss the possibilities of this enduring ministry.

assist with the Ohio Crusade, July 13-27. Appointed were Charles Thompson, Southwestern college, and Wayne Brown, U.T. Martin.

Six teams will participate in missions projects during spring vacations. Schools and their assignments are as follows:

Austin Peay State to Frostburg State college, Maryland; U. T. Medical Units to West Point and the New York City area; Vanderbilt to the University of Pennsylvania; M.T.S.U. to Wright State college, Dayton, Ohio; University of Chattanooga to University of Cincinnati; and Tennessee Tech to the Michigan BSU Spring Retreat in Roscommon. A total of approximately 36 students will be involved in these visitations.

All summer and spring projects of summer missions program are administered by the Student Department, TBC, in cooperation with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.



# Tennessee News Briefs

Center Grove mission, sponsored by First church, Tullahoma, has called **Wallace Rowland** as pastor. A candidate for ordination into the gospel ministry by Grace church in the same association, he surrendered to preach three months ago.

**Billy B. Cooper**, pastor of Prospect church, Fayetteville, for the past four years, has accepted a call as pastor of the First Baptist church, West Carrollton, Ohio. He has served as chairman of evangelism and moderator of William Carey association. A graduate of Union university, Jackson, he also attended Belmont college, Nashville and New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary. **Mrs. Cooper** is the former **Rita Moncrief** of Gallatin. They have four children: **Paula, Gloria, Melody, and Stephen Bruce.**

**Cathy Westbrook**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Westbrook** and a member of Ridgedale church, Chattanooga, has been chosen Miss High school Y.W.A. of Hamilton County Baptist association at the association's annual Y.W.A. banquet. A senior at East Ridge High school, she plans to attend college and presently works with the Child Development Center. **R. Raymond Lloyd** is pastor.

**J. H. Blair**, 79, of Sevierville, retired Baptist minister, died suddenly on Feb. 11. He had pastored churches in Blount, Anderson, Rhea, Knox and Sevier counties. His wife, four sons and two daughters survive.

Nina church, Jefferson County association, recently redecorated their auditorium and installed new pews and carpet.

Bethel mission, Jefferson County association, has redecorated their auditorium, installed new pews and are in the process of purchasing new pulpit furniture. **John Swann**, pastor, has resigned.

**George S. Jarman** and **Mrs. Jarman** recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Shelbyville. Now retired, he served as pastor of various churches in Tennessee.

First church, Jackson, recently ordained **Jim Brown** and **Edward Duke** as deacons. **R. Trevis Otey** is pastor.

Tremont Baptist mission (of White Oak church), Chattanooga, has been organized as a Southern Baptist church.

**Will Samuel Hall**, 76, deacon and chairman of trustees, First church, Jackson, died recently. He was a farmer and insurance man.

**Roy Bethune** is serving as interim music director, First church, Pulaski. He retired last year from the staff of Grace church, Nashville.

**John Morgan**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan**, Goodlettsville, has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union at Tennessee Technical university, Cookeville. He succeeds **Dan Haskins**, of Nashville. The Morgans are members of Goodlettsville's First Baptist. **Charles Lott** is Tennessee Tech. BSU director.

## Charles M. Roselle Honored at Luncheon

**Charles M. Roselle**, student secretary for the Tennessee Baptist Convention for the past 15 years has been honored in Nashville at a luncheon given by fellow employees of the state convention.

Roselle, who resigned recently his state convention post to accept the position of secretary, Student Department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Frank Charton, secretary, Church Music Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, was master of ceremonies at the luncheon which included songs and skits reminiscent of earlier days in the life of the honoree. Roselle was presented a stereo-tape player, a gift from his fellow employees.

A native of Mexico, Mo., Roselle is a graduate of Central Missouri State college, Warrensburg, and Louisiana State university, Baton Rouge, where he earned a master of science degree in mathematics.

He has served as state student secretary, Missouri Baptist Convention and as Baptist Student Director at Auburn university, Auburn, Ala., and the University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Mo., and as Nashville Area Baptist Student Director. In 1966 he was honored at the Tennessee State Student Convention for 25 years of service in Baptist student work.

### Sermon Contest

#### "Living the Spirit of Christ in Belief and Relevance"

**WHAT?** Project to Encourage Preaching on the Southern Baptist Convention's 1969-1970 Theme, "LIVING THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IN BELIEF AND RELEVANCE."

1. This project, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Inter-Agency Council, is in the form of a contest for award winning sermons with \$150 for First Place, \$100 for Second Place, and \$50 for Third Place. The next five best sermons will be designated Honorable Mention Award winners at \$25 each.
2. Sermons should be 1500 to 2000 words in length, with outlines.
3. They should be on the theme, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Belief and Relevance."
4. The three best sermons will be printed in **The Baptist Program** and all eight of the award winning entries will be sent to the state Baptist papers for use at their discretion.

**WHO?** Anyone may submit an entry.

**WHEN?** May 1, 1969, is the deadline for submission of sermon entries, and winners will be decided not later than June 1, 1969.

**WHERE?** Entries should be mailed to 70 Onward Committee, Room 104, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.

**WHY?** The purpose of this project is to encourage thoughtful people to search out and then communicate the significant implications inherent in the theme, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Belief and Relevance."



# TESTING OF FAITH TOLD BY VIETNAM MISSIONARY

During last May's Viet Cong attacks on Saigon, Rev. James F. Humphries, Southern Baptist missionary associate, was driving to one of the Baptist chapels which had been hit by enemy shells. He hoped to help evacuate the student pastor and others who might be in the building.

But about 100 yards before he reached the chapel, he was caught in cross fire between opposing forces. Humphries jumped out of his car and ran for cover in a nearby building.

"I had often wondered what my reaction would be at such a time," the missionary recalled in a recent sermon. "Now I know! I was scared. Fear was real. Yet there was within me such a calmness and peace of heart that my fears were insignificant."

Witnessing for Christ in such times of peril is difficult, but it is not impossible, Humphries told his congregation at Trinity Baptist church, Saigon. The church is made up primarily of U.S. servicemen.



Disregarding possible terrorist attacks, members of Trinity Baptist church, Saigon, give a Vietnamese edition of the Bible to a man in a refugee village. Left to right are Air Force Sergeant Chester Johnson, Navy Chief John Cook, and Air Force Sergeant Jim Willis. (Photo by James F. Humphries)

Despite sometimes having to brave sniper fire to attend church, the constant danger of a grenade being thrown into their midst, and the inability to hold night services for a year, Baptists in Vietnam have recorded a baptism ratio of 1 to 5 (one baptism for every five church members), have opened new chapels, and have organized new churches during the past year.

With its own membership cut two-thirds because of military transfers, Trinity church

gave a record \$2700 to the 1968 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"Our faith has been tested many times over these last months," Humphries reflected, "but instead of a shaken faith we have a strengthened faith."

The greatest test of the missionaries' faith has involved the safety of their families, he noted. On a February morning in 1968, when missionaries took their wives and children to Tan Son Nhut Airport to be evacuated to Thailand, a gaping hole had been blown in the terminal's roof by a rocket. The blood of the wounded was on the floor.

"Our faith was tested that morning as some left and some stayed behind," he commented.

**Another test came four months later, in the midst of many rocket attacks on Saigon, when missionary men decided to return their families to Vietnam in time for the annual Mission meeting, when plans are made for the coming year.**

"Many times as we work in the midst of peril the results of our toil seem almost negligible," the missionary continued. "We even reach the point where we wonder if God is taking notice. From experience we know that not only does God notice, but likewise our fellowman."

He gave an example. In a four-day revival at Bien Hoa Air Force Base, 20 miles north of Saigon, about 50 men professed their faith in Christ as Saviour or responded with other decisions. However, during one of the services few responded to the invitation. Three months later a man told Humphries: "Preacher, there was more response than you realized. My buddy and I were saved in that service. Since then we have made our decisions public, and I have answered God's call to preach."

The missionary said that recently one of his Vietnamese neighbors told him of his respect for Rev. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes, who were Southern Baptists' first missionaries to Vietnam. "Mr. Hayes does not know it," the man said, "but his Christian life has been a challenge to me for the past nine years."

## Bus Bill Rejected by Indiana House

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.**—An amended "fair busing bill" which would have required each school district to provide transportation for non-public school pupils within the district was defeated by the House of Representatives here.

A 51-40 vote of the House approved a motion not to reconsider the measure which had been defeated in two earlier efforts at passage. (RNS)

## On Matters of Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
Director, Marriage and Family Program  
Stephens College  
Columbia, Missouri 65201



## Always Obedient Child May Need Your Help

"It is not normal for a child always to act the way you want him to act," a child psychiatrist said. If a youngster never causes you a moment of trouble, he may be in real trouble because the course of a child's development cannot—and should not—be uniformly smooth, stressed Dr. Dan Myer of Univ. of Texas Southwestern Medical school.

Turn your attention away from the kid who is writing on the wall, biting a friend or defying you, and observe the quiet, compliant child for a change, he urged parents and teachers. The child who follows all orders unquestioningly and always stays within bounds may need your help to develop the sense of self that is the foundation of mental health.

The temptation to treat the young child as an object is always with us, observed Dr. Myer, and adults must fight it constantly. Children's feelings run extremely deep and their reality and significance must be dealt with in every child-rearing situation.

The sickest children, the most pathological, are the ones who have had something go very wrong in their first three years or so of life, this psychiatrist is convinced. Serious, deep-rooted trouble is most likely to start during the oral (feeding), and (toilet training) or oedipal (competition with father for mother) stages of development.

Adult awareness that a child's emotional needs are as important as his physical needs during the early years will prevent many of the conditions and situations that interfere with optimum development.

## Baptist Crusade Campaign Flourishing in Mexico

**RICHMOND, Va.**—The Crusade of the Americas, a massive Baptist-led evangelistic campaign in the Western Hemisphere, is getting off to a flying start in Mexico, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board reported here.

The Rev. Ervin E. Hastey, Crusade coordinator for Mexico and Central America, said 20 churches of the Guerrero Baptist association registered 592 professions of faith following a one-week campaign in late January. (RNS)



# Tennessee Baptist Library Convention To Meet March 27-29 In Morristown



Mrs. Walker

The seventh annual Tennessee Baptist Library Convention will be held March 27-29 at First Baptist church, Morristown, according to Wallace Anderson, Program Services Manager, Tennessee Baptist Convention and director, Tennessee Baptist Library Organization and Mrs. Harold Walker, Program Chairman and

Librarian, West Jackson church, Jackson. The three-day convention will begin Thursday afternoon at 1:45 p.m. and will conclude Saturday morning.

The organization exists for the purpose of promoting, encouraging and aiding Baptist churches in Tennessee in establishing and maintaining libraries, and resource centers for the church.

Devotional speakers include: Wallace Anderson; Mrs. Frank Boggs, librarian, First church, Humboldt; R. E. Loftin, minister of education, Gallatin Road church, Nashville and convention vice president and Ed Tarpley, librarian, Central High school, and First church, Columbia.

Tom Madden, pastor, First church, Tullahoma and president, Tennessee Baptist Convention, will be the Thursday evening inspirational speaker and William Harbin, pastor, First church, Maryville, will be the featured speaker at the Friday evening banquet.

Various conferences which will be features of each session and leaders



Madden



Harbin

are: "Beginning Librarians", Mrs. Darlene Rieck, of Huntsville, Ala.; "Classification", Miss Vaughtie Rowland, Woman's Missionary Union and Library director, Hamilton County association, Chattanooga, and historian of the library organization; "Classification of 200's", Mrs. Lawrence Freeman, librarian, First church, Murfreesboro.

Also "Cataloging", Mrs. B. W. Carter, Birmingham, Ala.; "Mending", Miss Frances Lee, book selection specialist, Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; "Non-Projected Aids for Library Promotion", Mrs. Harold Marsh, of First church, Nashville, frequent writer for the Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board and "Communications", led by David Roddy, minister of education and youth, Second church, Memphis.

Outgoing director Anderson will present Miss Mary Anderson during the convention as the new director of the work of the Tennessee Baptist Library Organization which has recently been transferred to the Training Union Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention where Miss Anderson will continue her duties as director of Young People's Work.

## American Baptists to Meet

SEATTLE, Wash.—More than 8000 American Baptists will converge on Seattle for the 62nd annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention to be held in the Arena of the Seattle Center, May 14-18.

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## LETTERS

February 17, 1969

Editor  
Baptist And Reflector  
1812 Belmont Boulevard  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your editorial, LET'S THINK POSITIVELY, in the February 13 issue of the Baptist And Reflector. It seems to me there is a critical need for your viewpoint being made known.

I am aware that we cannot fulfill our Lord's purpose by remaining within the four walls of a church building, but I am sick of hearing and reading so much about "institutional religion" that seems, to me at least, to be saying it is sinful for people to be loyal to their church.

This is my first letter to the Editor. I am not writing for publication. I just wanted to thank you for a fine editorial and for the other good work you are doing.

Sincerely yours,  
Chester R. Parker

February 13, 1969

Mr. James A. Lester, Editor  
Baptist And Reflector

Thanks very much for your letter in response to my questions concerning the articles I have been writing for the denominational papers. I want also to express my appreciation to you for the very generous use you have been making of the articles.

You may or may not know that I am a Tennessean. I graduated from Carson-Newman college. After graduation I came to Southwestern seminary and have been out here ever since. I was converted in Smithwood church close to Knoxville when it was a country church.

I hope that you are enjoying your relationship to the Baptist and Reflector and to Tennessee Baptists. Again thanking you and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,  
T. B. Maston

(Editors Note: This letter is reproduced in order that Tennessee Baptists might be aware of Dr. Maston's long-time ties to our state.)

## Grey Re-named President Of City Crime Commission

NEW ORLEANS—A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, J. D. Grey, has been re-elected president of the New Orleans Metropolitan Crime Commission.

Grey, pastor of the First Baptist church of New Orleans, will head an influential group of New Orleans citizens in the organization which refers to itself as a "watchdog" group "primarily interested in attaining and maintaining a crime-free, corruption-free New Orleans."

Last year Grey was elected president of the commission, becoming the first minister ever to serve as its leader. Grey was also named by the governor as a member of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice last year.

Grey has been pastor of the First Baptist church here for 32 years. (BP)

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## Wilson Elected Child Care Leaders' President

**JEKYLL ISLAND, Ga.**—George R. Wilson, superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home of Arizona in Phoenix, has been elected president of the Child Care Executives of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Child Care Executives from 19 states and the District of Columbia chose Wilson to succeed James V. Browning of Oklahoma City, and voted to hold their 1970 meeting in Phoenix. The 1971 meeting will be held in Jackson, Miss.

Two major speakers at the meeting, T. M. Johns of Lakeland, Fla., and John Murdock of Greenwood, S. C., reviewed child care of the past and anticipated trends for the future.

They agreed that the non-specialized care related to the "orphanage" concept belongs to the past, and challenged Baptist agencies to be "flexible, experimental and imaginative" in planning new multiple-services' programs.

Hosts for the three-day meeting at the Georgia resort area were Georgia Baptist Children's Homes General Manager John C. Warr of Atlanta and his staff. (BP)

## Georgia Editor Proposes Cutting Ties with Mercer

**ATLANTA**—In the wake of a decision by trustees of Mercer university to seek three federal grants despite disapproval by the Georgia Baptist Convention, the editor of the Christian Index here has proposed severing Baptist ties with the school.

"Why not admit what many have been saying for 10 years—that Baptists cannot long continue to operate colleges and universities on our present scale—and deed Mercer university to the trustees, and let it become a private school, free to get money wherever it can," said the editorial.

Editor Jack U. Harwell proposed that the Mercer trustees be self-perpetuating, rather than be elected by the Georgia Baptist Convention under present procedure.

Georgia Baptists could still sponsor and pay for a department of Christianity adjacent to the campus but not directly related to the university, the editor said. (BP)

## Council Would Raise 'Drinking Age' to 21

**ALBANY, N. Y.**—The New York State Council of Churches is supporting a bill submitted by Sen. James D. Griffin that would raise the minimum age for the purchase of alcoholic beverages to 21.

"The problem grows increasingly serious," said the Council. "The present 18-year law does not prevent those in this age bracket from purchasing beverage alcohol to redistribute to those much younger." (RNS)



**Three key people in Hamilton County association** responsible for the planning and promotion of the 15th Royal Ambassador Congress to be held April 4-5 at First Baptist church, Chattanooga are, left to right: Ed Robinette, associational Brotherhood president; Al Davis, associational educational director and Shelley Bostick, associational Royal Ambassador leader.

## 'Folk Mass' Opens Baptist School Series Replacing Compulsory Chapel

**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.**—In the first of a series of programs designed to replace compulsory chapel, about 80 students and faculty members sang and tapped their way through a "folk mass" at Wake Forest university, a Southern Baptist school.

Attendance was voluntary and the small Paul Price Davis Chapel was filled to capacity.

The Baptist Student Union choir participated, accompanied by guitars. Two students—one white and dressed in an ROTC uniform, the other black wearing a black turtleneck shirt and black pants—led the reading of the prayers.

The theme was freedom, particularly freedom for one's self. The service was sponsored by the university's new chapel committee, which was set up after students and faculty members successfully protested against the school's long-standing policy of compulsory attendance at chapel services. (RNS)

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## 25,000 Prayer Partners Are Paired in Crusade of Americas Effort

**BIRMINGHAM**—More than 25,000 prayer partners—this is the result of Pact, an effort to bind Baptists of the Western Hemisphere together in prayer support for the Crusade of the Americas.

Applications for prayer partners have been flowing into the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union headquarters here for a year. The final count of applicants when the last cards were matched was 50,230.

**Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Pact coordinator, reported that the applications represented 2621 churches, 8277 groups (such as Sunday School classes and Woman's Missionary Union groups), 7846 families, and 31,486 individuals.**

She said there is no way to estimate the number of individuals participating with their churches, organizations, groups and families.

Pact partners are from 49 of the 50 United States, 27 other North and South American countries, 24 APO addresses (mostly servicemen and government workers abroad), Ghana, Japan, Lebanon, England and Okinawa.

"Now that the technicalities of forming partnerships are over, the important work of praying is under way," said Mrs. Mathis, a vice president of the Baptist World Alliance and director of the promotion division for WMU.

"We hope that every effort of the Crusade of the Americas will be strengthened by concerted prayer, even though partners may be separated by distance and language," she continued. "Their hopes and prayers during the crusade will be identical."

Mrs. Mathis outlined several activities for Pact partners during the crusade. First is to pray daily according to the crusade calendar in a leaflet distributed to all partners, and available on request to persons without partners from the WMU office at 600 North 20th Street here.

**Partners are also encouraged to correspond with each other, even if they do not understand each others' language. "They can share prayer requests and crusade plans," Mrs. Mathis said.**

A man in Mexico is typical of several persons who asked the Pact office for help in urging such correspondence. "I still do not understand why my partner has not written, but I continue to pray for her, her church, for her parents and for the crusade," he wrote.

Deadline for applying for a Pact partner was to have been Dec. 31, 1968. Because the mail kept on coming, Pact personnel continued to assign partnerships through Feb. 9.

## SBC Leads in American Bible Society Support

**NEW YORK**—The Southern Baptist Convention led all other denominations in support of the work of the American Bible Society during 1968, Bible Society officials said here.

The 11.3 million member Southern Baptist Convention and its churches contributed \$222,937 to the work of the American Bible Society during 1968, according to a report from Roy Madsen, director of church relations for the Bible Society.

Southern Baptist contributions increased \$4428 over the \$218,509 contributed during the previous year.

While SBC contributions were up, total gifts from the list of 74 different church bodies and denominations decreased by \$101,675, Madsen reported.

The total contributions for all churches was \$1,312,615 for 1968, compared to \$1,414,615 during 1967.

Southern Baptist contributions, with gifts coming from 5541 different churches and donors, accounted for 35.6 per cent of the total contributions to the American Bible Society.

The Methodist Church ranked second in the amount contributed, with total gifts of \$151,671 from 1511 donors, and the United Presbyterian Church was a close third with \$141,079 from 805 donors. (BP)

## Student Mission Conference

The emphasis will be on "telling it like it is" at the Student Missions Conference at New Orleans seminary, New Orleans, La., March 21-23. Dr. Ronald Hill, director of the conference said, "We expect the entire weekend to be one of telling it like it is as we face up to a world in revolution, with a gospel that is revolutionary."

Hill, who is himself a missionary to Thailand, has enlisted an array of outstanding leaders from all areas of mission work. Included during the three days will be addresses, discussions, conferences, panels, tours, music, and inspiration.

A Sunday School class that missed the deadline wrote: "Since we can't have a prayer partner from somewhere else, we are choosing each other for partners."

Mrs. Mathis said she would like to pass on this suggestion to others who are too late in requesting partners. She said anyone can participate in Pact simply by praying for the crusade in private with the partner or in his church. The Pact leaflet is available to any who desire it, she added. (BP)

## Youth Conference On Evangelism Draws Over 6000 Attendants

The first Youth Conference on Evangelism was held Feb. 28-March 1 in Nashville and became one of the largest-attended meetings in the history of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Between 6500-7000 young people came from all corners of the state to hear messages, special music, attend conferences and hear personal testimonies from fellow youth.

Sponsored by the Department of Evangelism, Tennessee Baptist Convention, in cooperation with fellow departments of Sunday School, Training Union, Student, Woman's Missionary Union, Music and Brotherhood, the meeting was originally planned to be held at Belmont Heights church with Friday night's session scheduled for the gymnasium of Belmont college. The church overflowed at the very outset and attendants were then directed to the school gym. It soon reached standing room only capacity.

### Closed Circuit TV

Speakers found themselves delivering messages to two groups by closed circuit television and in person.

The youth conference, held in preparation for the upcoming Crusade of the Americas revivals, heard from B. Gray Allison, full-time evangelist, Ruston, La., who led each session in a period of Bible Study. He gave an invitation at the church following his Saturday morning message and 75 young people came forward, surrendering to church-related vocations.

The conference also heard messages by Wayne Ward, professor of Theology, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., personal testimonies by college students Brett Yohn, University of Oklahoma, Norman, and David Pitt, Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City.

### Beginning of Revival

Paul Anderson, champion Olympic weight lifter from Toccoa, Ga., gave his personal testimony Friday night and demonstrated his strength by driving a nail through two boards with the use of his hands and no more protection than a folded handkerchief and then lifted some eight men seated on a table.

Special music for the conference was given by Ann Criswell, Dallas, Tex., and combined youth choirs presented "PURPOSE", a folk musical presentation directed by John Sims, professor of Church Music, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville. Lee Roy Till, minister of music, First Baptist church, Dallas, Tex., was in charge of the song services.

F. M. Dowell, secretary, Evangelism Department, said in reflecting on the success of the conference, "this is the beginning of a real revival among our churches across Tennessee."

The conference came just two weeks from the beginning of the Crusade of the Americas revivals in west Tennessee.



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Southern Baptist Convention .....	June 10-13
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**NASHVILLE**—Upper left: "J. M. Frost," first recording secretary and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, signs the guest register in the board's administration building and receives his visitor's badge. Upper right: Frost visits the Founder's Room, a reproduction of the site of the 1891 founding of the board, as J. M. Crowe, associate executive secretary-treasurer, looks on; lower left: Frost's gold-headed cane is part of a collection of memorabilia displayed in the board's Dargan-Carver Library. (Frost is portrayed by actor George Riddle, who recently visited the board for the photographing of historical scenes to be included in the board's new public relations film "Vision.")—(BSSB PHOTO)



# PRAYER: Essential For Missions

**Basic Passages: Romans 15:30-33; Ephesians 6:17-20; Matthew 9:35-38; I Timothy 2:1-4**

**Focal Passages: Romans 15:30-33; Matthew 9:35-38; I Timothy 2:1-4**

Prayer has ever been a mighty force in missions. It was a tremendous impetus in the great missionary journeys of Paul. It was the creative atmosphere of modern missions in Europe and in America.

Prayer is well known as a changing force and factor. It changes the attitude of individuals and it changes the atmosphere of a church.

It can change the mind of hostile rulers and governments. It can open closed doors when nothing else will.

Prayer can release the wireless waves of divine power across oceans and continents. Frequently small and great prayer groups at home have caused mighty power to fall on struggling missionaries across the world.

Frequently situations that were so discouraging and frustrating have been changed into a thriving responsiveness on mission fields. Prayer partnerships between devout Christians at home and earnest missionaries abroad have been most productive.

We need seasons of prayer in our churches for missions at home and abroad in addition to those sponsored by our blessed women. It will cause more of us to be participants instead of spectators.

## **Habitual Prayer for Missionaries Romans 15:30-33**

Paul entreated the disciples in Rome to join him in fervent prayers for himself and his witness. He implored them by the Lord Jesus Christ and by the love which the Holy Spirit gives. He requested them to pray that he be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that his service might be acceptable to the disciples in Jerusalem. He wanted them to pray that he might come in joy to Rome and that he might have a refreshing experience in fellowship with them, the disciples in the imperial city.

Evidently Paul craved prayers full of intense sincerity. He wanted more than spasmodic prayers. He solicited continuous supplications to that end.

We have a prayer program for our missionaries. Some churches observe it. Some do not. It should be observed everywhere. Individuals should remember more often than when these specific times come around. Thereby missions will grow on us and we will grow in grace and compassion.

## **Prayer for Mission Volunteers Matthew 9:35-38**

Jesus traveled from village to village

preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. He healed people of every kind of affliction.

He observed that the great masses were like sheep without a shepherd. He was deeply touched and moved. To Him they were like a ripe harvest waiting for reapers. It was a moment of supreme opportunity but the laborers were scarcely evident. This impressed Him profoundly. He saw the multitudes milling and directionless in utter frustration. He urged us to ask God, the Lord of the harvest, to send laborers into the great, ripe waiting fields of the world.

Any growing, Bible loving, New Testament church will be praying for volunteers to be called out of their congregation. Such a church will witness many volunteers for missions and the ministry. This is a healthy condition, but it has not been prevalent among us recently. We have the largest mission personnel of our whole history on the field, but recruits to replace them are becoming fewer and fewer. The blessed Lord's admonition in our lesson applies to us at this very moment. The call to us is very clear. Will we arise to the occasion now? The Holy Spirit will work if we pray. The results will be amazing in a brief time if we really pray.

## **Prayer for Mission Fields I Timothy 2:1-4**

We are to pray for all men everywhere. It will get them on our heart. The love of God will revive in our hearts compassion for a lost world. That will accomplish many things for them and us.

The leaders and rulers of the world are troubled with strife because things are terribly out of control. We have a confused, directionless world. People are upset and groping. They are rebellious and grasping. God wants a quieting of the people who are so delirious. They need to be still and to know that Jesus is God and the hope of the world. He would be pleased if all would come to know the truth and come to repentance and live. Most of them are not living; they are merely existing.

He sees mankind burdened down with worry, weariness, and with lesser things. He wants so much to give them rest. He would like for them to be yoked up with Him as He moves toward the eternal consummation which God the Father has purposed for the whole universe. Thus they will find the restful fulfillment for which they were made. If they will just stop, listen, and hearken they will experience the most exciting satisfaction of all time.

## **Second Nursery Helps Wives At Seminary to Communicate**

LOUISVILLE—Wives of ministerial students at Southern Baptist Theological seminary here faced a perplexing dilemma here until recently.

The dilemma: How to catch the spirit and lingo of their husband's theological education when they are not able to attend classes because they must stay at home with their pre-school children.

This was the plight of several wives at the seminary until the seminary woman's committee, headed by Mrs. Ellis A. Fuller, Sr., came to their rescue.

A nursery was opened through the efforts of the committee in the basement of Fuller Hall, an area which was then being used for storage space.

### **Toys Provided**

The Fuller Hall basement once was used as a nursery, but it was converted to storage space when a kindergarten-nursery was opened at Seminary Village, the married student apartments located three miles from the main campus.

The Seminary Village facilities proved inadequate for many of the families, however, because of lack of transportation and the limited enrolment at the village.

The woman's committee asked Mrs. Wayne Dehoney, wife of the pastor of Walnut Street Baptist church here, to head the project to open up the new nursery in Fuller Hall.

Funds were raised, the woman's committee provided toys, and the seminary furnished basic play equipment and opened several rooms in the Fuller Hall basement.

Once again the walls began to reverberate with the laughter, patter and chatter of tiny tots.

### **Open During Class Hours**

Director of the nursery is Mrs. Robbie Shaw, a graduate of Eastern Washington State university with a major in education. She also is former nursery coordinator at Beechmont Baptist church in Louisville.

"Several wives have reported an opening of communications on a new level with their husbands while attending classes," Mrs. Shaw said.

"They now understand what the men are doing (and thinking), and the fathers are pleased with the results," she added.

The nursery is normally open only during classes and chapel hours in the mornings Tuesday through Friday. Members of the St. Matthews Baptist church Woman's Missionary Union volunteered to staff the nursery during the past semester.

The dean of students at the seminary, Peyton Thurman, said the new Fuller Hall nursery "is an example of our efforts to enable all students to participate more fully in the life of the seminary community." (BP)



# Historically

## From the files

### > 50 YEARS AGO <

Tennessee Baptists were challenged with a united drive for home and foreign missions to raise \$100,000 . . . \$60,000 for foreign missions, \$40,000 for home missions. In 10 months \$16,497.77 was received for foreign missions and \$7,638.11 for home missions, with a total of \$43,502.23 to be raised for foreign missions and \$32,361.89 for home missions, with April as the deadline.

### > 20 YEARS AGO <

According to the Research and Statistics Department, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the total amount of campaigns now in progress in all the states of the Southern Baptist Convention for colleges and schools is more than \$38,000,000. There is an additional amount of approximately \$3,000,000 being raised by the seminaries of the convention.

### > 10 YEARS AGO <

Southern Baptist Convention church membership totaled 9,000,000 with 7,000,000 in Sunday Schools, \$400,000,000 given and 400,000 converts baptized. These Southern Baptist statistics showed the growth of the convention on the eve of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

## New Orleans Gets \$25,000 Gift for World Evangelism

**NEW ORLEANS**—A \$25,000 gift to New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary here for its World Evangelism Center has been contributed by Mrs. Evelyn Lineberry of Midland, Tex.

The gift will be used for development and research in more successful evangelism methods used around the world, said W. H. (Dub) Jackson, director of the World Evangelism Center and former missionary to Japan. (BP)

# From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Next week, the first of the Crusade of the Americas revivals will be conducted in our state. We approach these days with real



Dr. Kendall

concern and a burning desire for a great spiritual awakening that will bring a revival of the depth and proportions which we so badly need. The next month will test the preparation and effort which the churches have put into this great call to revival. Some have taken a cynical attitude and have said that it is just another ambitious Southern Baptist promotional campaign. Others have shown an indifference with the remark that men cannot bring revival. Some have been pessimistic and have said they saw no signs of revival and very little interest on the part of so many. But the great majority of churches and pastors have shown a real concern and have worked to make every preparation for a real revival.

This call to revival did not begin with Southern Baptists, but it came as a challenge to them from Brazil. It came as a heart appeal out of the fires of a great revival. I believe it was the call of God from a land in which He was working in a great revival. It was the call to a whole continent and the response has shown the heart hunger and the awareness that our whole western world is spiritually sick and needs Christ as it has never needed Him.

This is an hour in world history when we need a great demonstration of the power of God working in his churches and in his people. A chaplain of one of our Baptist universities recently spoke of conferring with students, and he had found that they felt that God was conspicuously absent from the life of the campus. Where is God working? Has He withdrawn His Spirit from His people and His churches? This question has always been raised in an age of great sin and unbelief. It was thrown at some of the Psalmists. "Where is your God?" the hecklers cried in their unbelief.

We need a revival that will quicken the spirit in the churches. There is too much lethargy and unconcern. There is too much self-satisfaction. There is too much of the "you can take it or leave it" spirit. We need a new sense of responsibility for the terrible spiritual conditions which we see all around us. We need to recover the great faith that it is only the power of God that can bring the changes which must be made.

Moral responsibility must be re-estab-

## South Carolina Court Orders Property Returned

**COLUMBIA, S. C.**—The South Carolina Supreme Court ruled here that a seceding Orangeburg County Methodist congregation is not entitled to take its church property along with it. The denomination is the proper owner, it held.

The church, located in Jamison in Orangeburg County, has been the center of a court dispute for a number of years following withdrawal of the congregation from the South Carolina Methodist Conference.

Members of the congregation seceded following a dispute over the conduct of one of their former ministers and then aligned themselves with the Southern Methodist Church.

The court action was brought by Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., of the South Carolina Conference, United Methodist church, and other church officers on the grounds that the facilities properly belonged to the denomination and not the other wholly different organization with which the congregation had become affiliated. (RNS)

lished. God's ethical and moral standards must be accepted and respected again even in the churches. There must be a great recovery of the personal sense of relationship to the living Christ. This must come in renewal of the love and dedication and complete commitment to Him as Lord of our lives every day.

Christ must become the Head of the churches again. Too many churches are like Laodicea. He is outside knocking to get in. This evidenced by the splits and the tensions between churches and pastors and the breaking of fellowship and lack of love within the churches. Many have said that we have too many church members who have never been born again and who have not had a real spiritual regeneration. Dr. E. Stanley Jones sets the percentage very high of the church membership which he says needs genuine conversion.

God does bring revival and He alone can bring it. We know from reading His word that He desires it and has wanted it long ago. He is calling to His people to respond. He can only bring revival in responsive hearts. Will God bring real revival or will it be another Southern Baptist Promotional Campaign? During the next month our response to the call of God will give the answer.





**Mrs. Alice Byram**, general chairman for the "Keys to Service" workshop the Nashville Baptist Secretaries Association is holding March 14 and 15, meets with **Mrs. Louise Fox**, president of the Nashville Baptists Secretaries Association, and **Gene Kerr**, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The workshop will meet at the Southern Baptist Convention Building, beginning Friday at 2:30 p.m. The Tennessee Baptist Convention is cooperating with the Nashville Baptist Secretaries Association in planning for the workshop. Mrs. Byram is secretary to Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Fox is office secretary in Dr. Kendall's office. (Baptist And Reflector Photo)

## Room Requests Heavy for SBC Sessions In New Orleans; 6000 Already Processed

**NEW ORLEANS**—Requests for hotel-motel rooms in New Orleans for the Southern Baptist Convention are running extremely heavy, the chairman of the convention's housing committee reported here.

Already, nearly 6000 requests for rooms have been processed by the housing bureau, said G. Avery Lee, pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist church here.

Lee requested Southern Baptists who already have sent in their room applications to "please be patient" if the requests had not yet been confirmed. He explained that the housing bureau had been flooded with requests, and was processing several hundred requests daily.

**For those who plan to attend the convention but have not yet sent in a request, Lee urged such persons to do so immediately by writing the SBC Housing Bureau, 400 Royal St., New Orleans, La., 70130.**

**It is imperative to give the following specific information, he said: Date of arrival and departure, type of accommodation, names of occupants. "Not to do so will delay your confirmation," Lee said.**

He cautioned against telephoning the housing bureau, explaining that one phone call takes as much time to process as ten written requests.

The housing committee chairman said that 28 hotels and motels are already filled in New Orleans during the week of the convention, June 10-13, so late applicants may not get the place of their choice.

Some additional rooms have been available, however, and three new hotels are scheduled to open in time for the convention, he said. There are no rooms in private homes at this point, Lee added. (BP)

## New Orleans Trustees Set Fund Drive, Grant Salary Increases

**NEW ORLEANS**—The board of trustees for New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary meeting here granted across-the-board salary increases to faculty members, and heard a progress report on a \$2 million fund campaign to raise money for increased faculty salaries and for student aid.

The three-day meeting here was described as "progressive and congenial" by the trustees' president, A. Morgan Brian of New Orleans.

There was no discussion of two recent faculty resignations at the seminary, according to F. Stanley Hardee Jr., assistant to the president of the seminary.

Hardee referred to widely-publicized resignations during the past six weeks by Professors Robert Soileau and Clark Pinnock, both of the seminary's School of Theology.

Hardee said that primary consideration was given by the board to the progress report on the school's \$2 million fund campaign for increasing faculty salaries and student aid.

More than \$500,000 has been pledged or given to date in the fund drive, the trustees were told, and another \$18,000 is pending.

Hardee predicted that a victory statement would be made for the full \$2 million campaign by the time the Southern Baptist Convention meets here, June 10-13.

In addition to the across-the-board faculty raises, a study was begun to consider future faculty salary increases.

Six faculty members received promotions to new ranks on authorization by the board. They were:

Claude L. Howe Jr., (church history), and William H. Souther (church administration), both from associate professor to full professor; Clyde R. Walker (psychology and counseling), Joe H. Cothen, and Harry L. Eskew (music history), all from assistant professor to associate professor; and Randall Veazey from voice instructor to assistant professor.

Brian, an attorney for the firm of Deutsch, Kerrigan and Stiles in New Orleans, was re-elected president of the board of trustees.

Other officers re-elected were Don B. Roark, an executive with the Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corp., Yazoo City, Miss., as vice president; Cecil M. Girard, a New Orleans geophysicist, as secretary; and Edward Wood, a New Orleans financier, as treasurer.

Principal speaker at a banquet for trustees and faculty members was Charles Boddie, recently-elected professor of social ethics at the seminary. Boddie asked for the help of the faculty and trustees as he becomes the first Negro to teach in any of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.