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Six Tennessee Students Slated for Summer Work

The following students in Tennessee schools will be doing missionary work overseas this summer under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board:

Doris Elaine Housley, Carson-Newman college, East Pakistan; Nancy Elaine Kay, University of Tennessee medical unit, Tanzania; Elizabeth Carolyn Newport, Erlanger hospital, Guyana; Shirley Lynn Peterson, Memphis State university, Israel; Judy Elaine Wagner, East Tennessee State university, Jamaica, and Robert Ernest Young, Austin Peay State university, Jamaica.

The briefing sessions for the students were held recently at the Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va. Dr. Stanley A. Nelson, an associate secretary for missionary personnel, directed the sessions.

Slated to work for eight to 10 weeks this summer, the students are sponsored by the state Baptist Student Union in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board.

COVER

The renaissance of Jerusalem is bringing new vitality to Israel's capital city. The famed walls of the Old City of Jerusalem are getting a face lifting and landscaped gardens are planned for the extensive area adjacent to the walls.



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WRATH: THE OTHER SIDE OF LOVE

Text: Romans 1:18

By W. Fred, II, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Union City

A man recently said he was such a loser that he was the only man who could utilize saccharin in his diet and develop artificial diabetes. However, many people are suffering from an artificial theological concept of God's love which is inordinately sentimental and "saccharined."



Kendall, II

God's love requires his wrath as east necessitates a west. How could God really love mankind and not be dynamically opposed to evil in the world? Man had better hope God is attempting to eradicate the forces of evil in the world. I do not want my family doctor to wink at disease, nor do I (when I am completely honest with myself) desire a God who looks lightly at sin.

I have seen God's wrath in operation in the world. His wrath is not an emotional facet of his personality, but is a principle of sowing and reaping structured in the universe. I have seen it in the life of a person consumed in prejudice and hatred, the anxiety and remorse in the mind of an adulterer, and in the nation's current "teeth on edge condition" as an aftermath of slavery. I have experienced the wrath of God in my own life when God gave me exactly what I asked for—to be my own god. We can see both God's wrath and love so dramatically portrayed on the cross when for a few brief hours God revealed his true heart.

God's wrath is supposed to turn men around to walk in another direction. God's love is manifested in his wrath. The problem is that "men love darkness more than the light." Many people want a god who does not throw a pure laser beam of judgment upon their sins. How many want to be exposed for what they really are? Man seems to desire a god that is not characterized by wrath. Who would run from such a god?

However, I do not desire to go to a doctor who would not tell me about a serious condition in my physical body because he "loved me," or would not do all he could to stop an epidemic because he did not want to "curb the freedom" of the populace.

The wrath of God is a wonderful attribute of God. It is the other side of God's love. Think twice before you discard God's wrath as incongruous with God's love or resent this principle working out in your life and the world. It's there because God cares!

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A former professor of a Southern Baptist Convention seminary says that many preachers are afflicted with "Ministerial Itch."

This brings to mind variations of this malady, namely:

THE GRASS-IS-GREENER-ITCH: Usually accompanied by strong desire to move in almost any direction—so long as it is up.

In this particular variety, the "Seven-year-itch" is bad enough, but there are those who get the "two-year-itch" and "one-year-itch" to leave.

MONDAY MORNING UPSET-ITCH: After a bad and disappointing Sunday, the preacher is ready to scratch where it doesn't even itch.

NO-ONE-APPRECIATES-ME-ITCH: The preacher can irritate his ministerial skin by feeling sorry for himself and bathing himself in self-pity.

R U B S - M E - W R O N G - WAY-ITCH: The irritation is usually internal rather than external and can be cured by a double dose of love and understanding taken as often as needed.

Admissions Counselor Is Named for Union

Don Morris, of Jackson, has been elected as an admissions counselor for Union University.

Morris will work out of the college office in Jackson, and will travel mainly in western Tennessee, western Kentucky, eastern Arkansas, and southern Missouri and Illinois. He joins a staff of three full-time personnel and select part-time counselors.

In 1962 Morris received the Bachelor of Music degree from Union, and has done work toward the Master's degree at Memphis State university. He served as Band Director for the Chester County High School, and worked as a life underwriter for the Mutual Savings Life Insurance Company.

An ordained deacon of Henderson's First Baptist Church, he is presently serving as Minister of Music at the Westover Baptist Church.

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The Lord's Supper

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"This is my body . . . This cup is the new testament in my blood"—Luke 22:19-20.

It was on Thursday night of Passion Week. After the passover meal Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. A comparison of the Gospels shows that Judas had already left on his betrayal mission. The Lord's Supper is for baptized believers only. Judas most likely had been baptized; but he was not a believer (See next week's article.).

There are four different concepts of the elements used in the Supper. **Transubstantiation:** the Roman Catholic view, which says that the elements actually become Jesus' body and blood. **Consubstantiation:** the Lutheran view, which holds that His body and blood are present with the elements. **Special means of grace:** held by some groups, that by the elements one receives grace not available by any other means. **Symbolism:** held by Baptists, that the bread and cup symbolize Jesus' body and blood.

The scripture does not justify any magical act in this regard. Neither does it present the Supper as a means of grace. Jesus simply took elements at hand to teach

a spiritual truth. In the crucifixion He gave His **body** and **blood** as a sacrifice for sin. And in the elements of the Supper He gave a **picture** of such. A picture is not the real subject, only a representation of such. Only those who have been saved by grace through faith, and have symbolized that experience in baptism, are eligible to eat the Supper. In the New Testament baptism always precedes the Supper (cf. Acts 2:41-42).

Are Baptists **closed-communionists**? All Christian groups who observe the Lord's Supper (Mass or Communion) hold that only those who have been baptized are eligible to participate. Baptists hold that only baptized believers can do so. The difference is in the meaning and method of baptism. So, if anything, Baptists are **closed-baptismists**.

Baptism is administered to the believer only once. The Lord's Supper is observed repeatedly by each believer. It points back to Christ's redemptive work and forward to His second coming. It is done "in remembrance of me." "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11:26).

Nursery Facilities Set For SBC in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS—A child care center will be set up at the First Baptist church nursery here to care for pre-school children of out-of-town visitors attending the Southern Baptist Convention here, June 9-13.

The convention's nursery committee in charge of making the arrangements has established several policies regarding the child care center at the convention.

The policies state that only pre-school children of out-of-town guests can use the facilities.

Charges of \$1.50 per child, regardless of the number of children in a family, will be made for the service.

The nursery will be open 45 minutes prior to each convention session and 45 minutes following each session, Monday through Friday, June 9-13.

First Baptist church is located at 4301 St. Charles Ave., in New Orleans, about 40 blocks from the Rivergate Convention Center where sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention are to be held.

Convention officials said there is good street car service from the church direct to the Rivergate, and adequate parking facilities at the church for those who want to park at the church and ride the street car to the convention meeting site. (BP)

Johnson Elected Alabama Baptist Brotherhood Head

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—H. Mac Johnson, Jr., pastor of Clayton Street Baptist church here, has been elected secretary of the Brotherhood department of the Alabama Baptist State Convention Executive Board with offices here.

A native of Alabama, Johnson is a graduate of Samford university, Birmingham, and Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville. He is former pastor of Baptist churches in Louisville and Gadsden, Ala. (BP)

Student Work

Providing for Your Youth This Summer

Have you considered suggesting that your church call a youth worker for this summer? A recent survey of Tennessee campuses and Tennessee students on the Southern Seminary campus revealed a number of students interested in serving in a summer youth ministry.

A youth program is relatively inexpensive. Usually, the church provides lodging for the worker and a salary in keeping with what they can afford. The dividends for such an investment cannot be accounted for in dollars and cents, either in the lives of your youth or in the life of the worker.

If your church is interested in a Summer Youth Program, you may contact the Student Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, for the names of qualified students.

Negro Clergyman's Wife Sues On 'Bible' Issue

LEBANON, Tenn.—The wife of a Negro United Methodist clergyman and her sons have asked a federal court to enjoin the Wilson County schools here from holding religious exercises or reading the Bible except for instructional purposes.

The petition came as an amendment to a suit filed in Nashville by Mrs. Marcus Caldwell and Charles Caldwell. The initial action asked the mother's reinstatement as a teacher's aide and the son's as a band member, both at Lebanon High school.

Mrs. Caldwell was dismissed 28 days after Charles was dropped from the band because he refused to play "Dixie" at a pep rally. He said the song was offensive to Negroes.

The amendment to the suit was handled by the American Civil Liberties Union. It asked the court to declare that "the conduct of religious exercises, using Bible verses as inspiration messages, or reading from the Bible, except for bona fide instruction as to literary, historical or similar purposes, and prayer" violates the U.S. Constitution.

School officials planned to ask for dismissal on the grounds of "no controversy" surrounding chapel programs at the school. The principal confirmed the holding of religious exercises but said students were not required to attend and were free to leave them.

Mrs. Karen D. Ennis, the Caldwells' attorney, said that the principal, Barry D. Sutton, had early stated in a deposition that all students must attend the services though they were not required to participate.

The lawyer explained that the school services were held regularly, with the county ministerial association assigning clergymen to conduct them. (RNS)

A RENEWED CALL FOR ACTION

This appeal may come too late for some readers of the **Baptist And Reflector**. For others, there may be time for response.

A vote in the Tennessee House of Representatives scheduled for this Thursday, April 24, on a pari-mutuel betting bill for horse and dog racing in Tennessee. While no companion bill had been introduced in the Senate as of Monday, April 21, a House-passed measure could go to the Senate for approval there.

The **Baptist And Reflector**, in a front-page editorial several weeks ago, urged decisive opposition to this proposal to legalize pari-mutuel betting in connection with horse and dog racing in our state. The editorial was written then because the proposal, sponsored by Rep. Jack Comer, (R) of Knoxville, had at the time cleared handily the House state and local government committee. Some observers declared at the time there was little likelihood the measure would clear the second hurdle, the House calendar committee. But it did—again handily, and now, this week, it is scheduled for House consideration.

To come before the House for consideration means the proposal has come a long way—further than like measures in recent legislative history, we are informed. Gov. Buford Ellington has declared his opposition to the proposal. The original proposal would have earmarked revenue for educational purposes. This as we indicated, is always a good sounding argument to the non-thinker. It is made to appear that education—always a popular subject, and too often more sacrosanct a subject than is necessary—would be the chief beneficiary.

Now, Rep. Comer comes along to say that he will this week propose amendments to the measure which would return to the counties the “millions” in revenue to be derived from gambling, with the larger share to go to counties where race tracks are located. This looks remarkably like an effort to secure additional support for the measure.

We said earlier, Tennessee does not now, or at any time in the future, need any type of pari-mutuel gambling. We say it again for added emphasis. We say it again also because readers of the **Baptist And Reflector** need to voice opposition to this proposal NOW. There is not time to wait to see what will happen a week hence. The opposition should be expressed, through proper channels, to our representatives in voices which leave no doubt as to our sincerity and determination. And, we say again, it needs to be done now!

Guest Editorial

THE RETIRED PREACHER— 'THIS IS MY DAY'

Recently is a feature story on retired Baptist ministers. It seeks to give an inside glimpse of the preacher's adjustment to retirement, what he does, how he spends his time, where he lives, whether his financial needs are met, whether

his views and opinions, his outlook on life undergo a change after he retires.

It became increasingly obvious as we gathered information for the article that the preacher does not really retire, no matter what his age. He goes through the formality but continues preaching as much as ever if he is able. Among those interviewed was evidence also of a keen interest in people and events of the times.

Not once in a dozen conversations did one of these senior ministers make reference to bygone years with the words, “In my day . . .” Instead they spoke enthusiastically of the present and future. They talked of the growth of South Carolina's towns and cities, of the challenging opportunities in an urban ministry. They pointed to specific instances in which churches they had known when they were rural have now become urban as expanding cities have surrounded them.

One man was asked the leading question of the difference of the present from “his day.” Back came the hoped-for response—“This is my day, and every day for as long as I live.”

Therein lies the answer. These retired ministers are in demand because they are alert to the problems of the times. They are able to relate the gospel to man's needs. They can combine the education and experience of a lifetime with a fresh outlook on opportunities for Christian ministry. They have a compassion for sharing the gospel. Is it any wonder they are kept busy?

John E. Roberts, *Baptist Courier*

It May Happen This Way



Conference Scheduled On Christian Careers

The 1969 Christian Career Conference, sponsored by the Training Union Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Charles L. Norton, secretary, will be held May 2-4 at Camp Carson Baptist assembly, Newport.

The conference, designed for Young People and 15-16 year Intermediates, will follow the theme, "Future Unlimited," and will feature a banquet, drama presentations, a panel discussion, addresses and interest groups. The first session begins Friday afternoon with registration at 3 p.m.

Each session will feature a space motif and will be presided over by personnel of the Training Union Department: Friday evening, "Journey Into Space," Charles L. Norton; Saturday morning, "Exploring Space," Johnnie Hall, Jr.; Saturday afternoon, "Exploring Vocations," Mary Allen; and Saturday evening, "Preparation for Orbit," Mrs. Jesse Meek. The theme for the Sunday morning session will be, "Power for Orbit."

The featured speaker for the conference will be Ed Seabough, Personnel Department, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga. Seabough will speak at the Friday night banquet. His message, "Exploring the Unknown," will set the note for the entire conference.

At the beginning of each session a drama group from Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, under the direction of Carl Whiddon, director of Student Activities at Carson-Newman, will present "Worship in Drama."

Saturday morning at 9 a.m. the large group will divide into 10 smaller groups with assigned leaders, to discuss finding God's will. At this time the youth will be given an opportunity to write questions they may have concerning college which will be used Saturday night during the panel discussion, "College Briefing," led by Dr. Rabun Brantley, executive secretary, Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dave Alexander, consultant, Vocational Guidance, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak Saturday morning at 10:45 a.m. on "Tracking Stations." Bob Oldenburg, consultant, Church Recreation Department, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will also speak Saturday morning. His topic will be, "Conquering Inner Space."

At 1:45 p.m. Saturday afternoon, conferences will follow the theme, "Exploring Church Vocations," and will feature: Pastoral Ministry, led by Bruce Coyle, pastor, First church, Rogersville; Educational Ministry, led by David Ward, minister of education, First church, Knoxville; Music Ministry, led by Richard Ham, consultant,

Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Missions, led by Ed Seabough and Church Office, led by Mrs. Robert Cash, secretary, McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville.

Miss Florrie Ann Lawton, consultant, Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, one of the conference leaders for Saturday morning, will give her personal testimony during the Saturday evening session.

Ed Seabough will speak Sunday morning on "Re-Entry," summing up the weekend with a challenge to take the flight and to make a commitment to God in whatever vocation to serve Him.

Sunday School

Achievement Guides

By Wendell W. Price

The new Achievement Guides are sparking new interests in Sunday School work.

This year 32 churches have received 362 awards—286 of these are for "Merit Achievement"; 65 for "Advanced Achievement"; and 11 for "Distinguished Achievement."

There were 99 departments, 249 classes and 13 general Sunday Schools that asked for awards in the three areas.

Some workers are becoming very excited about the challenge brought through the Achievement Guides. Reach up, then reach out as you follow the Biblical injunction and measure your work by the Achievement Guides.

Distinguished Alumni Award To Be Presented Memphis Pastor Foreman



Foreman



Northcutt



Hood

A. D. Foreman, Jr., pastor, Temple church, Memphis, for the past 20 years, Roland P. Hood, retired denominational worker in pioneer missions in Oregon and Washington, and Jesse J. Northcutt, dean of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary's School of Theology and professor of preaching, will receive the 1969 Distinguished Alumni Awards from the Alumni Association of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. The awards will be presented during the seminary's alumni luncheon June 12 in New Orleans.

Foreman is a graduate of Baylor univer-

sity and Southwestern seminary with the master of theology degree. Mrs. Foreman is the former Euna Lee Scarborough, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Scarborough, second president of Southwestern. They have three children. He also holds the doctor of divinity degree from Howard Payne college.

Hood is also a graduate of Baylor university and Southwestern seminary with the master of theology degree.

Northcutt is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist university and Southwestern seminary with the master of theology and the doctor of theology degrees.

Premarital Pregnancy

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

When an unmarried young woman becomes pregnant, several major decisions must be made. Those closely associated with persons involved in premarital pregnancy sometimes can help with guidance from a Christian perspective.

Assuming that the young woman has had relations with only one boy or young man, one of the most immediate problems that they face is whether or not to marry. Also, should they make this decision by themselves or should they consult with their parents, their pastor, or some other counsellor? Ordinarily, they should share fully with the parents. Frequently, counselling with others will be helpful. It may prevent some tragic mistakes.

Parents and other counsellors should seek to lead the couple to weigh fully the choices they have. Decisions, however, should ultimately be made by the couple. It will be a big mistake for parents to force them to marry. There should not be a marriage just "to give a baby a name." Such marriages seldom succeed.

Parents and the young people themselves should know that there are several things that should determine whether or not it will be wise for them to marry. A major factor is how much of a chance there is that their marriage will be a sound one. Is there genuine love and respect for one another? Is there concern for and devotion to the well-being of one another?

There are other questions that may wisely be asked by parents, by pastors, and by the young people themselves. What is the attitude of the young man and the young woman toward the pregnancy? Does each reveal a willingness to accept his or her part of the responsibility? Or, is there a tendency to blame the other? Is there present on the part of both a real sense of repentance and at the same time a spirit of forgiveness?

The supremely important question to be asked by all who are involved, directly or indirectly, in a premarital pregnancy is: "What will be best for the child?" He or she has more at stake than anyone else in the decisions that are made.

The pastor will frequently have an opportunity to speak a word for the child. This opportunity may come when the parents consult with him or when the young woman or the couple come to him. If he is asked to perform the marriage ceremony, that will give him another chance to speak for the child. For the sake of the latter as well as for the sake of the young people involved he may decide to decline to perform the marriage ceremony. I personally believe

First of New Study Course Books Released

The first issue of the New Church Study Course books, *Providing Adequate Church Property and Buildings*, has been released by Convention Press, Nashville.

The New Church Study Course, effective in January 1970, provides courses of varying length and difficulty, varied formats and types of course materials, additional types of credit and new organization of courses.

The two series within the Study Course, the Christian Development Series and the Christian Leadership Series, are divided into subject areas.

The Christian Development Series is designed to expose church members to more comprehensive, advanced and varied learning experiences than provided through curriculum periodicals. It also provides tests

that he will be justified in performing the ceremony for such a couple only if after one or more conferences with them he is persuaded that they have a reasonably good chance of founding a home on a solid basis and of providing a wholesome environment for the child.

If the couple decides not to marry, the pastor will frequently have an opportunity to counsel with all concerned about homes for unwed mothers. He may also be asked about the wisest procedures concerning the child. Should the latter be retained by the mother, adopted by a member of the family or by someone unknown to them? Primary consideration should be given to what is best for the child. In the majority of cases it will be best from the child's perspective for him to be adopted by someone unknown to the family.

and exercises, credits, certificates of achievement and units of instruction for pre-schoolers and children.

The Christian Leadership Series provides a comprehensive series of courses organized into subject areas dealing with knowledge, understandings and skills needed for effective church leadership. It provides tests and exercises, credits and diplomas.

Foreign Boards Adds 89 To Mission Staff

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board employed 76 missionary journeymen and two missionary associates and appointed 11 career missionaries at a regular monthly meeting April 10 to bring its overseas staff to 2,466. And it heard Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, director of its mission support division, report that appointment projects for 1969 indicate that this year's total could match the record of 247 set in 1968.

Board members and visitors stood in appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Baker J. Cauthen for 30 years of service to God through the Foreign Mission Board. The Cauthens were missionaries to China from April, 1939, until he became secretary for the Orient in January, 1946. He has been the Board's executive secretary since January, 1954.

In his report Dr. Cauthen reviewed plans for a full meeting of the Board in Dallas, Texas, May 5-7, and announced that between 25 and 30 missionaries will be appointed in a service at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, in the Moody Coliseum at Southern Methodist university.

SBC Housing Not Critical, Committee Chairman Says

NEW ORLEANS—The housing situation during the Southern Baptist Convention here June 10-13 is "not yet critical," the chairman of the convention's housing committee, G. Avery Lee, said here in late March.

Lee, pastor of Saint Charles Avenue Baptist Church, reported that the convention housing bureau had placed 7000 people in 3000 rooms as of March 25, and that by the first of April, the total would increase to 8000 persons.

Lee, who added that hotel rooms during the week of the convention are filling rapidly, offered several suggestions to those making hotel reservations:

"Be patient if your confirmation is slow in coming," he said. "The housing bureau makes the assignment, then the hotel sends the confirmation, with a copy to the bureau office.

"If the hotel asks for a deposit, send it. This is standard hotel procedure. Failure to send the deposit could result in 'no room in the inn' on June 10.

"No block reservation requests will be held after April 1. All those rooms will then be returned to the pool for reassignment.

"Please do not try to switch from one hotel to another. One such request is not much of a bother, but a hundred are. If you have a confirmed room, better hold on to it." (BP)

Organization Reshaped, Streamlined By Brotherhood

MEMPHIS—The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission has streamlined its organization and realigned some of its key personnel to better serve Baptist churches in men's and boys' work, George W. Schroeder, the agency's executive secretary-treasurer, announced.

The adjustment in organization "should be instrumental in enabling the commission to meet better its responsibilities in its convention-assigned programs of work," Schroeder said. The changes were effective April 1.

The organization calls for a division manager assistant to the executive secretary, and two department directors.

New personnel assignments include Roy Jennings as manager of the program development and promotion division, which designs, carries out, and promotes the Brotherhood program. This division includes a Baptist Men's department, a Royal

Ambassador department, and six special sections of field and editorial work.

Norman Godfrey, formerly director of field services, now is the assistant to the executive secretary. Godfrey will assist Schroeder in inter-program coordination, public relations and administration.

Jay Chance, former supervisor of Royal Ambassador field services, now is director of the Royal Ambassador department which encompasses all field and editorial services for Royal Ambassadors.

W. J. Isbell, former field services consultant for Baptist Men, is director of the Baptist Men's department.

Jennings, a commission employee since 1959, will report directly to Schroeder and have major responsibility for the program content and its implementation. All field services and editorial activities of the commission will come under his supervision.

Jennings came to the agency after 10

years as a daily newspaper reporter and night city editor for the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*. He is a 1949 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism.

Godfrey occupies a new position on the reorganized staff. One of his primary duties, Schroeder said, will be to coordinate the Brotherhood program with the other program organizations of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Godfrey is a 1957 graduate of Grand Canyon college with a bachelor of arts degree and a 1960 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary in Fort Worth with a master's degree in religious education.

Jay Chance, an Oklahoman and graduate of Oklahoma Baptist university has been on the commission staff for about six years. He formerly served as minister of youth education in a Texas church and began his career at the Brotherhood Commission as a Royal Ambassador worker. He was appointed supervisor of the Royal Ambassador field services unit two years ago.

W. J. Isbell has been a field consultant in the Men's division since 1968. A former director of Brotherhood work for Alabama Baptists, he is a graduate of Auburn University, Auburn, Ala. (BP)

Opinion

Professional Envy— Enemy Number One

By James Evans McReynolds

Denominational workers, pastors, missionaries, evangelists and professors in our schools can become victims of the number one enemy of effective service—envy.

Envy was regarded as a deadly sin in the earliest years of the church. Paul warned Timothy of its harmful poison in the sixth chapter of I Timothy. Envy usually heads any list of the seven deadly sins.

The envious person is instinctively competitive, suspicious of those who differ with him. He begins to insult his opponent's position and even his character. In any discussion the accent of his voice is bitterness and not love. The source of this attitude is the exaltation of self.

Ambitious religious workers appear to suffer most from this deadly sin. This may be a freak of the spotlight.

One evangelist may cut another to pieces—when his success has not caught the same amount of glow from the spotlight. A professor in a seminary or college envies the popularity of the theology or Hebrew professor, simply because he appears to be more popular with the churches, the convention's agencies, or even the students. A pastor, although he only see his fellow pastors once or twice a month is lured into the scum-filled net of envy, simply because another just happened to baptize more people, or to be elected to an important convention office.

Envy is a deadly sin, and as such it produces death. It is one reason why we have so little originality in ministry, for envy can never be creative, only imitative. The envious man or woman is driven to join the "rat-race" of life. He or she must "keep up with the Joneses." One is forced into self-torment, for the appetite for superiority over others can never be satisfied in his own mind.

In its end, envy knows no satisfaction. It is as ugly as a trapped rat that has gnawed its own foot in an effort to escape.

When envy has taken its toll with the professional religious worker, he can no longer preach with power, nor can he communicate by the written word what his heart has to say.

The envious person can cause havoc in the Christian community as he sows his seeds of distrust and discord. Surely he has misunderstood the implications and obligations of a Christ-filled life.

Introspection is needed by all to determine whether the cancer of envy has started its ugly work. Do not look out toward others, but look inside. "Humble yourselves in the sight of God, and he shall exalt you" (James 4:10).

James Evans McReynolds is information specialist in the office of public relations, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Pastors Laud Printing Of Volume by Criswell

The Baptist Pastors of Memphis and Shelby County have voted to commend the Sunday School Board and Broadman Press for the publication, promotion, and publicity of Dr. W. A. Criswell's book, "Why I Preach That the Bible Is Literally True."

The group also voted to request Baptist Press to publish the full text of a resolution of the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, which protested the Sunday School Board's action in publishing the book, along with the names of the 64 professors who signed the resolution and the schools where they teach.

Don J. Milam served as chairman of the committee which presented the resolution to the pastors.

● **CHURCH ATTENDANCE IN U. S.**—The Gallup Poll's latest study of church attendance, based on seven national surveys during 1968, shows that 43% of all adults in the United States attend church in a typical week, or a projected 50 million persons. This is a slight decline from 1967, when 45% of adults attended. (Research Round-up)

Tennessee News Briefs

Calvary church, Chilhowee association, recently observed their 50th anniversary. The organization of the church with 33 charter members came out of a revival meeting in a large building known as the old "Mule Barn" that had served as the office building for the Alcoa Aluminum Co. **James Lauderback** is pastor.

Clifford Debety, pastor, Six Mile church, Maryville, recently observed his sixth anniversary as pastor. The church has relocated during his ministry and built a new building. The **Debety**s recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and were honored by the church with the gift of a complete set of china.

Mount Lebanon church, Chilhowee association, has called **Eugene Leamon** as pastor.

Rock Branch church, Walland, has ordained **Walter Martin** and **Wayne Everett** as deacons. **Isaac Linginfelter** is pastor.

Normal Watson, pastor, Salem church, Chilhowee association, recently underwent surgery, spent 19 days in the hospital, and is now recuperating at home.

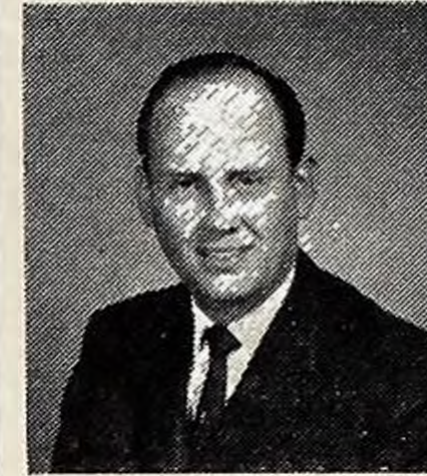
Oakland church, Grainger County association, has called **Jerry DeZern** as pastor. The **DeZern**s have two children.

G. C. Puckett has resigned as pastor of Central Point church, Rutledge. He plans to retire as an active pastor and will make his home in Piedmont. During his 15-year ministry at Central Point the church burned, a new one was built and paid for; a pastor's home has been built and paid for; there have been 200 additions to the church, 136 of these by baptism; total receipts for the church increased from \$2560 to \$7710; and total mission gifts increased from \$275 to \$1060. He served as moderator of Grainger County association for nine years.

Byerley's Chapel church, Grainger County association, has called **Lloyd Henry** as pastor. He formerly served as pastor of Pleasant Hill church in Midland association.

First church, Bradford, has called **Lawson Williamson** as pastor. For the past two years he has served as pastor of the Cherry Corner church, Murray, Ky.

William Preston Clemmons, former Southern Baptist missionary to Italy, has joined the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as supervisor of the vocational guidance section, Church Training Department.



Clemmons will direct the program of vocational guidance in interpreting the Christian meaning of vocation, providing occupational information and offering guidance with emphasis on church-related vocations.

Mrs. Isora Herrington of Memphis, a member of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc. Board of Trustees, died recently. She was an accomplished musician and soloist, had served as president of the Shelby County association Woman's Missionary Union and was active in state WMU work.

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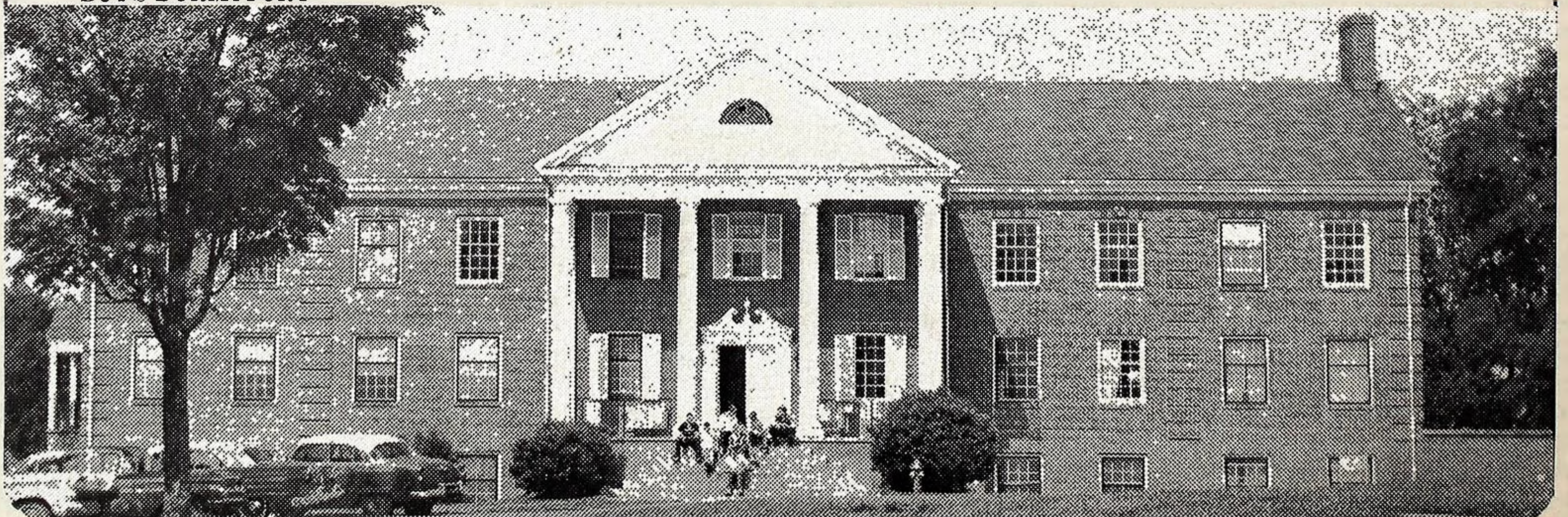
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BOYS DORMITORY



Missionaries To Cuba, Bratcher Will Address WMU Meeting

NEW ORLEANS—Two missionaries freed recently from prison in Cuba and their wives, a missionary to Vietnam, a Quaker philosopher, and the translator and illustrator of *Good News For Modern Man* will be major speakers at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union here June 9-10.

Theme for the meeting, slated at the Rivergate Exhibition Center, is "The Future is Happening," according to WMU President Mrs. Robert Fling of Pleasantville, N.Y.

The former missionaries to Cuba are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill and Mr. and Mrs. David Fite. Mrs. Caudill and her daughter, Mrs. Fite, will talk about their husbands' imprisonment in Cuba and will present their families Tuesday morning, June 10.

The missionary to Vietnam on the program is Herman P. Hayes, who speaks Tuesday morning just before the Caudills and Fites. Hayes is now on furlough in Bossier City, La.

The Quaker philosopher on the program is D. Elton Trueblood, author and professor of philosophy at Earlham college, Richmond, Ind.

Trueblood will appear twice, speaking first on the subject, "The Company of the Committed." In a later session, he will be in dialogue with his former student, Kenneth Chafin, now professor at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Robert G. Bratcher of New York, translator, and Mlle. Annie Vallotton of Paris, France, illustrator of the "Good News For Modern Man" edition of the New Testament, will appear together on Monday evening.

Bratcher, a former Southern Baptist missionary, will speak, and Mlle. Vallotton will sketch illustrations which will be projected for the audience to see.

Ten Southern Baptists missionaries are on the program. They are Mr. and Mrs. Caudill; Mr. and Mrs. Fite; Mrs. Davis L. Saunders, missionary to Tanzania on furlough in Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. David C. Dorr, missionary to Yemen on furlough in Richmond, Va.; Dan C. Routledge of El Portal, Calif.; Arlie Watson, Jr., of Salisbury, Md.; Nella Popow of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Roderick Loney of Queens Village, N.Y.

Major addresses will also be brought by Mrs. Robert Fling, president of the WMU national organization and pastor's wife in Pleasantville, N.Y.; Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary with offices in Birmingham, Ala., and William M. Pinson, Jr., professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth.

The world premiere of a new youth musical will climax the Monday evening session. The Sound of Singing Youth, 125 students from Belmont Heights Baptist church in Nashville, Tenn., will perform "Happening Now," a new musical by Bob Oldenburg, consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Eddie Lunn, a Baylor university student, Waco, Tex.

A special feature Monday morning will depict missions work in the city of New Orleans and will be brought by representatives of home missions institutions in the city.

Music for the meeting will be coordi-

nated and directed by Claude H. Rhea, music and mass communications consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

WMU President, Mrs. Fling, said that each of the five sessions will be built around a section from "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation," which was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston last June.

Session themes are "Make Us Instruments," "We Declare Our Commitment," "Enveloped in . . . a Revolution," "Christian Ventures in Human Relationships," and "The Opportunity We Face."

"This meeting will link us to the 1970's," Mrs. Fling said. "Each program participant has been invited because he can show how the Christian faith is confronting the trends which are ushering in the future." (BP)

J.N.J.—Today Not Tomorrow

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Court to Decide Finance Plan

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON—Does state-furnished low-cost financing to a sectarian college violate the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment prohibition of state aid to religion?

The United States Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments on this question in its session next fall. A case dealing with the issue has not heretofore been decided by the court.

At issue is the Educational Buildings Financing Agency Act of the state of Vermont. This act created the Educational Buildings Financing Agency "to finance buildings and associated facilities for any nonprofit university, college or secondary school in the state."

Only one other state, Massachusetts, has a similar law.

The case before the U. S. Supreme Court arose when Daulton Mann, head of the

Vermont financing agency refused to execute a plan approved by the agency to aid a building program of the College of St. Joseph the Provider (a Roman Catholic School) at Rutland, Vermont.

Among other powers the Vermont agency is authorized to issue bonds for the financing of building projects for private colleges and schools. The state, however, is not liable for payment of the bonds, which are payable only out of the funds of the agency. Also the income of the bonds is exempt from taxation by the state.

The funds for repayment of the bonds come from the lease or rental fee charged to the school for the facilities. The rental does not exceed the amount of the payments of the bonds. When the bonds are paid off the property becomes that of the school.

In the arrangements between St. Joseph's and the Vermont agency, the buildings and the lots which they were to occupy were to be leased by the school to the agency and then subleased back to the school.

Although there are no tax grants or even state loan of funds to St. Joseph's, the plan provides a low cost financing plan by

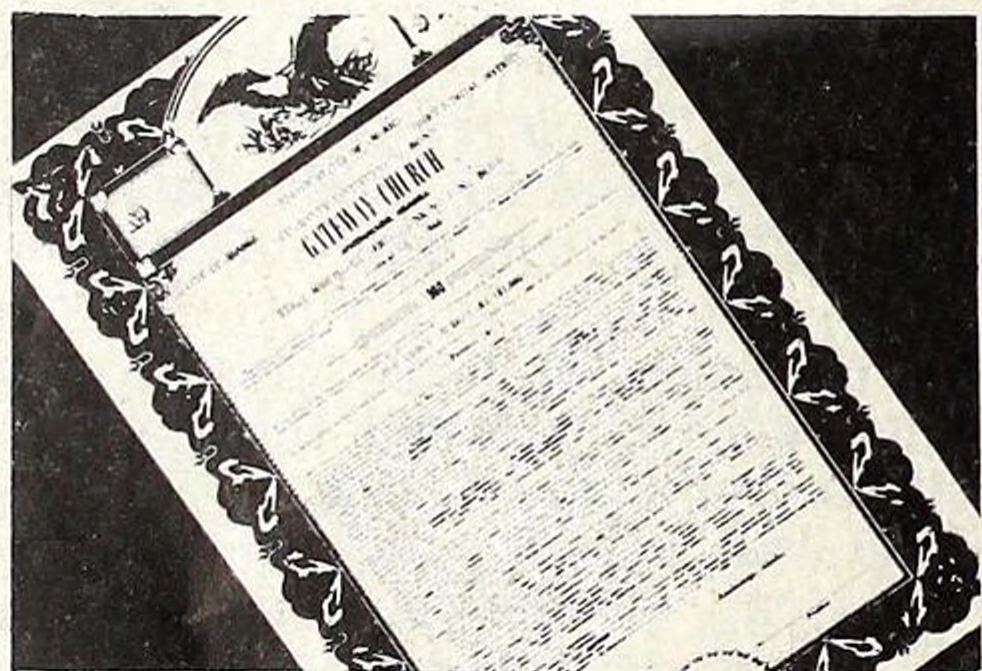
the state for private colleges and secondary schools.

Mann, upon advice of legal counsel, challenged the constitutionality of this arrangement with religiously connected schools. Both the Bennington County Court of Chancery and the Vermont Supreme Court upheld the act and the actions of the agency.

However, since there is no ruling on the question from the U. S. Supreme Court, the bonds remain unmarketable and the building program is at a standstill. Mann is seeking a federal court ruling on the constitutional questions involved for guidance in developing future financing plans with private schools.

The case now before the Supreme Court may have much wider implications than its effect on Vermont law. The law in Massachusetts could also be affected. Other states that may be contemplating similar provisions could receive guidance as to what the court might do in cases arising from laws they might enact.

Specifically, the questions that may be decided by the U. S. Supreme Court are: (1) Does a state financing plan for sectarian schools, such as the one in Vermont, constitute state aid to religion; (2) Does a plan such as the one developed for St. Joseph's constitute aid to religion by the state; and (3) Is such "aid" invalidated by the First Amendment prohibition against the "establishment of religion?" (BP)



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NASHVILLE—Special 70th anniversary diplomas, signed for the first time by the Southern Baptist Convention president, are being distributed to those who complete church study courses during 1969.

The certificates for this last year of the church study course program are imprinted in gold with "70th Anniversary" and include the signature of SBC President W. A. Criswell.

The successor to the church study course will be implemented in January, 1970. (BP)

LEADING ASSOCIATIONS IN GIVING REVEALED

The 10 associations in the Tennessee Baptist Convention which reported the highest giving in dollars and the 10 highest in per capita giving through the Cooperative Program during 1968 are shown in the following table:

HIGHEST IN DOLLARS

\$905,020.82	Shelby
700,604.68	Nashville
566,363.67	Knox
434,353.36	Hamilton
287,113.30	Holston
214,968.75	Chilhowee
147,439.01	Clinton
147,291.42	Madison-Chester
116,889.46	Gibson
100,571.40	Big Emory

HIGHEST PER CAPITA

Nashville	\$10.06
Chilhowee	8.88
Robertson	8.74
Hamilton	8.37
Madison-Chester	8.03
Gibson	8.01
Shelby	7.81
Duck River	7.54
Bledsoe	7.50
Western District	7.25

*Based on 1968 Convention Minutes

Eastern Education Group to Preview 1970 Innovations

Church staff members will get an early preview of all new 1970 programs and materials at the Eastern Religious Education Association meeting at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly next July 23-24, 1969.

Program leaders from the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission will attend and personally interpret all the innovations scheduled to begin October 1, 1970.

"Because of the major changes being proposed in all educational resources, we are pleased that so many denominational leaders will be present to interpret all of the new approaches and materials," said Howard B. Foshee, president of the Eastern Religious Education Association. "We will get to see the new resources almost six months before their formal preview in state conferences," Foshee said.

The meeting begins at 1 p.m. on July 23, and closes at 3 p.m. on July 24.

Associational Missionaries To Confer at C-N May 7-9

JEFFERSON CITY—Sixty Associational Baptist Missionaries from across the state will hold their annual conference on the Carson-Newman college campus May 7-9, Dr. N. C. Bettis, Carson-Newman's Extension Director, has announced.

The conference will begin with registration on May 7th at 3:00 p.m. The first session will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The State Missions department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is directed by Leslie Baumgartner.

Preacher Important as Sermon

Beware who fills your pulpit on Sundays when your regular pastor is sick or away.

This warning was sounded at a quarterly district meeting of Baptist churches in Wales. A speaker said too much importance is attached to simply having a sermon. Some churches are careless about whom they select to substitute for their resident minister.

Churches have, in some cases, used substitutes who have no denominational connection at all. Others have called upon someone who was unfit, or whose methods are unscrupulous. (EBPS)

HOUSEPARENTS needed at Baptist Children's Home, Franklin. Call L. W. Hart, AC 615-794-6648, or write P. O. Box 519, Franklin, Tennessee 37064.

Ten Girls Win Creative Writing Contest Honors

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Ten girls from nine states have won recognition in a creative writing contest sponsored by *Tell*, monthly missions magazine published for girls by the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

Seven awards were given for poetry and three for articles. Winning entries will appear in the November, 1969, issue of *Tell*.

Poetry entries were judged in categories according to age of the authors. Winners are Linda Barker, 9, Enid, Okla.; Paula Mallory, 10, Covington, Ky.; Tracie Watson, 11, Miami, Fla.; Julie Taylor, 12, Greensboro, N.C.; Trudy Moody, 13, Charleston, S.C.; Rhonda Tankersley, 14, Gainesville, Ga.; Sandra Wayand, 15, Fredericktown, Mo.

Girls writing winning articles are Janet

Skinner, 9, Waco, Tex.; Renee Gollehon, 12, Kingsport, Tenn.; Rita Long, 14, Concord, N.C.

This is the first year *Tell* has sponsored a writing contest, according to Miss Betty Jo Corum, director of editorial services for the Woman's Missionary Union. It will be conducted again next year. (BP)

LIBRARY ORGANIZATION MEETING

The eighth annual convention of the Tennessee Baptist Library Organization will be held at the Second Baptist church, Union City, April 16-18, 1970. An earlier story in the **Baptist And Reflector** reported that the Convention would be held in Memphis during an earlier week.



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Showdown Vote Held Likely This Week On Pari-Mutuel Betting Measure

The Tennessee House of Representatives headed for a showdown vote on Thursday, April 24, on a far-reaching measure to legalize pari-mutuel betting on horse races and dog races.

Apparently in the face of growing opposition, a final House vote on the measure had been postponed last Wednesday, the first time in recent years that a pari-mutuel gambling law proposal has proceeded that far in the legislative process.

Opponents of the bill said the delay was due to a lack of support in the House for the bill, contending that fewer than 20 of the 99 representatives would have voted for it if it had been brought up for a roll call.

Rep. Jack Comer, Knoxville Republican and chief sponsor, told the House he wanted to postpone the vote for two other reasons.

Divided To Counties, Cities

Comer said he needed time to prepare amendments which strike original provisions under which gambling tax revenue would have been earmarked for education, a proposal which has helped to intensify the opposition by those who feel such money should not be used to finance operation of the public schools.

The lawmaker said he planned to propose that the tax revenue, which he has estimated will run into the millions if the bill is enacted, would be divided under a complicated population formula between all cities and counties to be spent in any manner the local governments determines. Counties and cities in which race tracks might be located, he said, would get a larger share of the proceeds.

Comer also said officials of the Tennessee Education Association, the Tennessee Thoroughbred Association and "the quarter horse people" had made a number of inquiries about the bill and that he wanted to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, April 22.

Comer, despite the obvious lack of support and the fact that the Senate has not received a companion measure on the subject, still predicted a 50-50 chance of obtaining House approval.

If it should be adopted by the House, the bill would go to the Senate for action by committees and possibly a vote on the floor.

Sees More Support

Legislative observers were surprised that Comer had pushed the controversy-ridden bill through the House committees with as little difficulty as was indicated. The State and Local Government first recommended

the bill for passage and then the House Calendar Committee, without opposition, scheduled it for a final vote on the floor.

Comer expressed optimism that the additional time provided by the delay he requested, and which was granted routinely, would give him an opportunity to round up more support.

Opponents differed with that argument, contending the extra time only enhanced the opposition. They also said the measure obviously does not meet with favor in Gov. Buford Ellington's administration. Ellington earlier had issued a strong statement deploring the idea that gambling tax revenues should be used for education.

In other action, the Senate delayed for another week the House-passed bill to restrict political activities of state employees. Lt. Gov. Frank Gorrell, who said the Republican-sponsored bill would "deprive state employees of their constitutional rights as citizens," offered his own measure and predicted that a "little Hatch Act" in some form would be approved by the lawmakers.

Prohibit Sex Education

Rep. W. L. Scholes, and Sen. James Roberson, Nashville Democrats, introduced a bill to prohibit the teaching of sex education in the public schools.

Joined by Sen. Jerry Agee of Nashville, Rep. James McKinney of Nashville, six lawmakers from Memphis and another from Clinton, Scholes and Roberson proposed that the General Assembly ban the teaching of sex education as it relates to human beings in elementary, junior high and senior high classes.

Specifically permissible, however, would be references to sex in biology, health and

psychology courses in general high school classes attended by only members of the same sex.

Roberson said the proposal is aimed toward halting a proposed sex education course, including materials prepared and recommended by the United States Sex and Information Council (SIECUS), under study in Nashville.

Nashville's governing body, the Metropolitan Council, had voted 26 to 12 earlier in the week to request the Board of Education to drop the plans prepared by a curriculum committee it named on July 23, 1968. It also requested a county-wide referendum on the subject if the board decides to proceed with the plan.

California Governor Praises Students For Flood Cleanup

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—California Gov. Ronald Reagan has commended a group of students at California Baptist college here for shoveling mud, scrubbing walls, and hosing down floors in a cleanup campaign following mud slides and flooding in California.

The students, working through the Baptist Student Union, spent their Saturdays and weekends helping clean up homes with three and four feet of mud on the floor in the area of Mira Loma, Calif.

In widely published news reports in California, the disaster coordinator for the area praised the students, saying "their effort . . . has had a heartening effect on the morale of Mira Loma residents. . . . It's wonderful that they care."



Three Tennessee girls have been appointed journeymen by the Foreign Mission Board. They are L to R Phyllis Cornwell of Greeneville, to Semarang, Indonesia; Rose Horn of Jackson, to Davao and M'lang, Philippines; and Katherine Smith Short (Mrs. Arthur Bert, Jr.) of Memphis, to Hong Kong.

New Books

The God-Players by Earl Jabay; Zondervan, \$3.95, 151 pp. The author gives a sympathetic look at the human predicament, and shows what people really are like, how they play god to themselves and others—and how they defy authority.

By Life or by Death by James C. Hefley, Zondervan, \$4.95, 208 pp. A story of violence and martyrdom in Viet Nam where nine were killed and five captured in the line of duty.

The Creative Theology of P. T. Forsyth edited by Samuel J. Mikolaski, Eerdmans, \$6.95, 264 pp. The reader is introduced to major themes of Forsyth such as, theology of the Atonement, and with vital Christian experience in contrast to formal religion, Religious Authority, History and Revelation, the Church, the Sacraments, the Person of Christ, and Art.

One World, One Lord, One Witness edited by Cyril E. Bryant, Word, 167 pp. Official Report of the Seventh Baptist Youth World Conference, Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968.

The World Not Bound by John Killinger, Word, \$3.00, 125 pp. A play in one act. The discovery of one man that God's Word is somehow heard through human words, so that the preacher's obligation, before all else, is to be human.

The Centrality of Preaching in the Total Task of the Ministry by John Killinger, Word, \$3.95, 123 pp. An integrated view of preaching and living . . . of how preaching is interrelated with all other activities of a minister and his church . . . how it can avoid many time consuming, insignificant problems that rob a minister of his time.

Who's Out of Focus? by Daniel R. Seagren, Baker, \$1.50, 103 pp. Dialogs for young adults who like to think.

'YOUTH HAS WON'

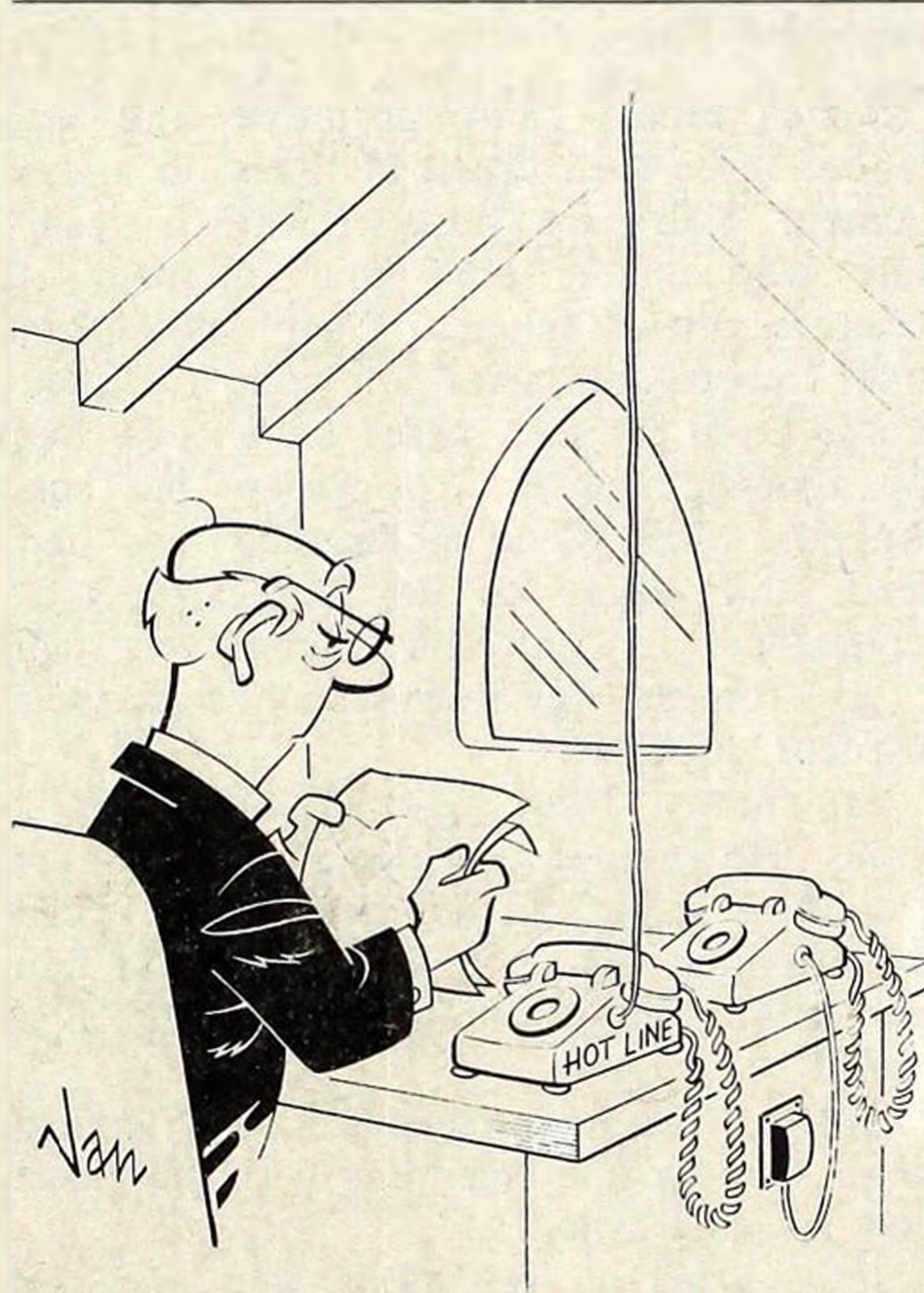
ZURICH—Youth has won the battle of the generations, according to the youth director for German Baptists.

Says Karl-Heinz Walter of Hamburg, Western Germany, "To be young is everything. Politicians are now saying 'Yes' to the young people as they never have before."

The "generation conflict" has been replaced among youth by an "orientation conflict," in Walter's opinion. "What youth—by that, I mean those under 30—lack is a guiding passion, a moral vision. Youth does not know what it wants, but it does know what it doesn't want." (EBPS)

Make Up Your Mind by J. Daniel Baumann, Baker, \$1.50, 59 pp. Challenges for young Christians.

1800 Quippable Quips by E. C. McKenzie, Baker, \$1.00, 81 pp. Helpful for one who is called upon to give talks for business or social occasions.



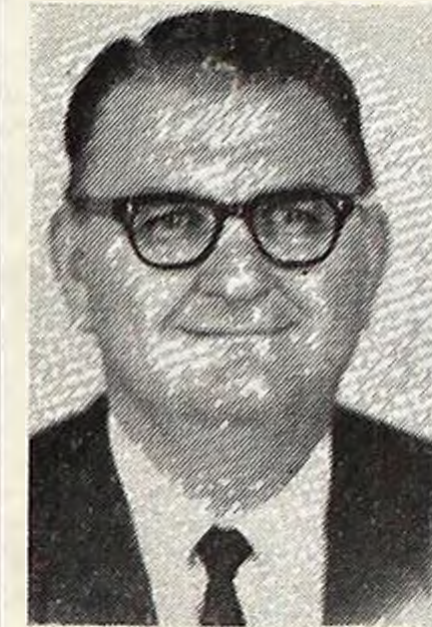
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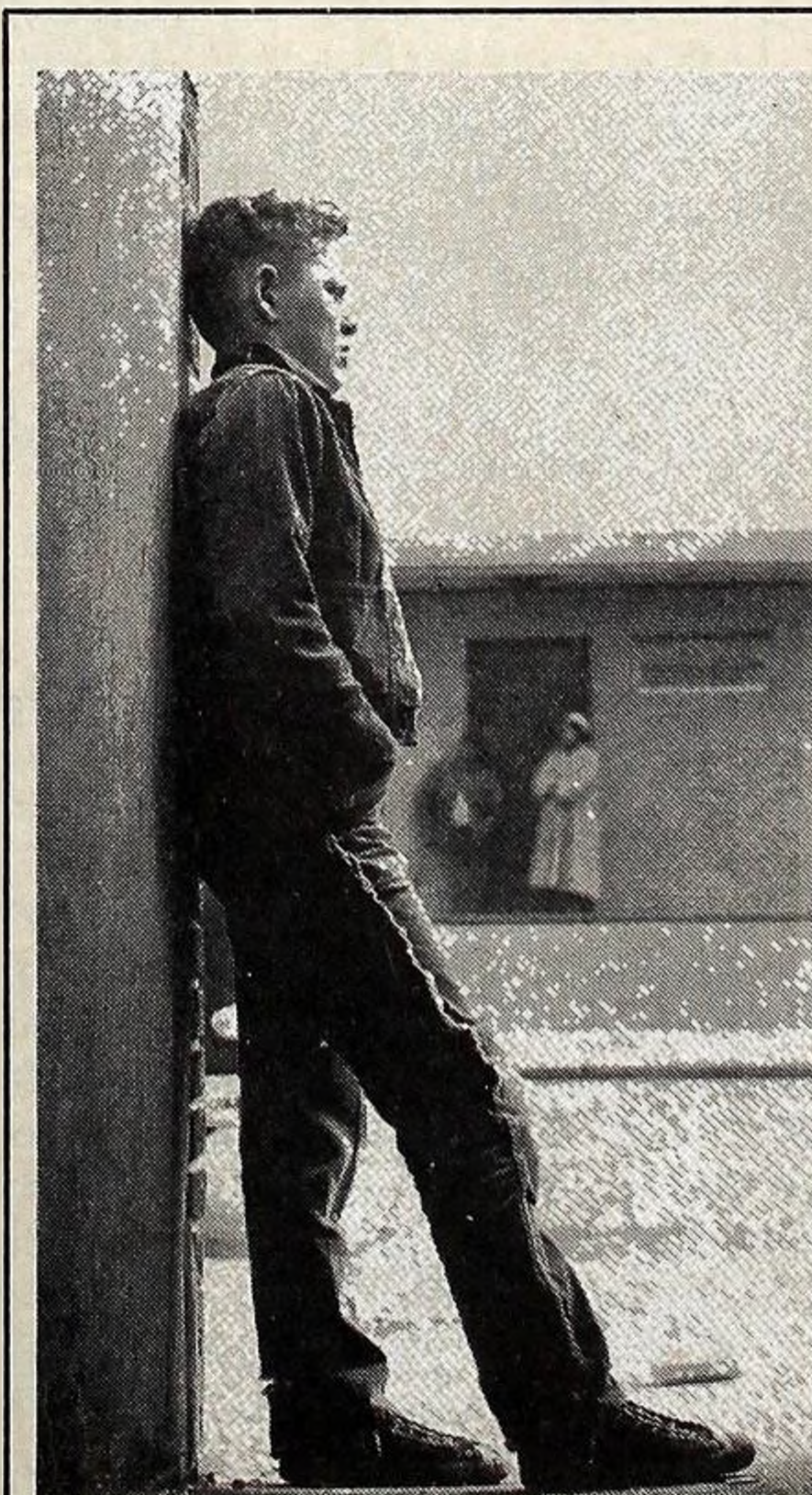
By James M. Gregg

A most interesting story is told by Charles H. Spurgeon concerning the orphanage which he sponsored. At one of the London markets a produce peddler stopped him and said, "Here are six dozen bunches of turnips for the orphans. I hope someone else will supply the mutton." When Brother Spurgeon arrived at the Home, there stood a farmer waiting with a sheep that he had fattened, killed and dressed for the children. A coincidence—because neither knew the other, but who ordered it? The Father of the fatherless ordered that meal to provide for His own.

Give what you have and trust the Lord to supply the rest. Your gift on **Mother's Day** for the Children's Homes is important and necessary. This is for the operational needs of your four Homes—for 500 children. These funds will be used for food, clothing, utilities, medical needs, education, salaries and a thousand other things. Free offering envelopes and other promotional materials are available for your church from my office. Thank you and God bless you.



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it unto me."
Matthew 25:40

A Ministry Of Compassion

Basic Passages: Mark 14:3-9; John 8:1-11; Luke 23:55 to 24:1

Focal Passages: John 8:1-11; Luke 23:55 to 24:1

Compassion is when our whole inner being goes out in deep concern for others because of some need which exists. When our soul is drawn out to the needy, distressed, unfortunate, oppressed and victims of tragedy to the point when we will do something about it, then real compassion is present.

Even compassion can be misdirected and unwisely bestowed. It can be like casting pearls before swine. They have no conception or appreciation for the value of pearls. In fact swine do not need pearls. We sometimes bestow values on people which have no meaning to them. At other times we exceed that which they need or can use wisely.

Too often we give money when we should give clothing or food. What we give is often used to buy either liquor or narcotics.

There are times when real mercy, understanding, and evidence of genuine care are more important than any material benefit. Encouragement of and faith in people is frequently the best expression of compassion we can show.

HEARTLESS LEGALISM

John 8:1-5

We swing from one extreme to the other. Some of us can remember when prejudice was so great against the violation of law that an offender stood little chance of receiving serious consideration much less mercy. Society was for quick and drastic enforcement of law. It was a period of reaction against frontier lawlessness.

We have the other extreme today. We not only have a bill of rights to protect the innocent but to give those who are guilty a fair trial. That is all good, but we have gone so far as to make it very difficult to get a conviction for not only the guilty, but for the habitual violator of law.

There was a law against adultery. A woman who was guilty beyond a doubt was to be stoned. A woman known to be guilty of adultery was brought to Jesus to see His reaction to her sin. These hypocrites were not interested in purity or enforcing the law. They were interested in putting Jesus on the spot. Evidently they were practicing the inexcusable custom of a double standard for men and women themselves. They wanted to embarrass the Lord.

AN UNEXPECTED COMPASSION

John 8:6-11

Social orders both primitive and advanced have been cruel, at times, to fallen women. There are those who are basically pure who under some great moment of weakness have fallen. Their subsequent inner revolt and sense of guilt for their moral lapse in such cases have been like the agonies of hell. Yet society has suspended a black cloud of disgrace over their heads and refuses to lift it regardless of repentance. Evidently this woman was such a type from the way Jesus responded to their insistent demands.

Apparently Jesus ignored them for a while. He stooped down and wrote on the ground as if He did not hear them. Then He lifted up His eyes and said, "Let him who is without sin among you cast the first stone."

This hit their consciences with a terrible thud. One by one beginning with the eldest they sneaked away.

Jesus lifted up His eyes again and saw no one but the woman. He wanted to know if no one condemned her. She replied in the negative.

Jesus then lifted the black cloud of shame from over her head and let the sunshine of loving forgiveness fill her wretched soul. "Neither do I condemn thee. Go thy way and sin no more." These words of Jesus introduced the dawn of a new day. Mercy won because the compassion of Jesus led Him not only to forgive but to provide the ground of forgiveness by offering up His life.

COMPASSION MADE BEAUTIFUL BY DEVOTION

Luke 23:55 to 24:1

An affluent friend, Joseph of Arimathea, had taken care of the body of Jesus after the best custom of the day. Yet some women who had followed Jesus from Galilee made up their minds to pay their tribute of loving compassion. A small floral offering may express more love, sometimes, than a large expensive one.

These women observed closely where the body of Jesus was buried. They prepared spices and ointment for Him. Then they rested on the Sabbath according to the law

awaiting the dawn of the first day of the week.

Early on Sunday they came to the sepulchre finding the stone rolled away from the door. They entered in and approached His tomb. To their astonishment they found it empty. Two men dressed in white announced His resurrection.

Brotherhood

**By Roy Gilleland
Brotherhood Secretary**

Darrell C. Richardson, director of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, Ridgecrest, N. C. the past three years, has been named assistant editor of special materials for the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis.

Prior to his employment by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Ridgecrest, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Ky., for five years. During the Korean war

Ministers' Wives Slate Mini-Mardi Gras Lunch

NEW ORLEANS—Several hundred wives of Southern Baptist ministers will meet here June 11 during sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention for a "Mini-Mardi Gras" Luncheon.

The 12:45 Wednesday luncheon will be held at the Royal Orleans Hotel, only a few blocks from the Rivergate Auditorium where the convention will hold its sessions.

The program will feature soloist Martha Branham of Dallas and comedian Grady Nutt of Louisville, Ky.

Tickets for the luncheon will be on sale at the convention hall beginning Monday, June 9 at a cost of \$4.75. (BP)

BIBLE SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE

NEW YORK—The Rev. Dr. L. Venchael Booth, executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and pastor of Zion Baptist church, Cincinnati, Ohio, has been named a special secretary for church relations of the American Bible Society.

He will assume his new position July 1. His appointment was announced by the Rev. Dr. Robert T. Taylor, a general secretary of the Bible society.

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet in New Orleans June 10-13. The last time it met in New Orleans was in 1937.



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It will probably be attended by a near record group of messengers. At this later date many can attend who could not come while school is in progress.

I want to talk about messengers. That term has been used by Baptists through the years. It was probably adopted by the churches as they first sent messengers to the associations. They sent messengers who carried a letter or "message" to the association. It carried greetings from the church and also gave a report of the progress of the work of the church during the last year.

Much discussion has been engaged in as to the difference between messengers and "delegates". Several things have entered into the discussion. It has been argued that Baptist churches cannot delegate authority. Early groups felt there was a danger of creating an organization that would invade the local autonomy of the churches. They did not want to create any kind of hierarchical system which would have authority over the churches.

Others have presented the idea of the competency of each individual soul before God. They have refused to send "instructed delegates" because they felt that individual messengers ought to be free to act under the freedom of the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The association or convention is a deliberative assembly and as the facts and differing viewpoints are presented the messenger is to be free to act as he feels led under the leadership of the Spirit. It is felt that he has fuller information and all of the viewpoints and ought to be in position to make much wiser decisions.

It is an honor to be a messenger from your church to the Southern Baptist Convention. Messengers are elected or appointed by the church in business session. Messenger cards are filled out and signed by the pastor or church clerk as the credentials the messenger is to bring for registration at the Convention. Please note the information which has already been given in the **Baptist And Reflector** concerning requirements for registration.

Each church which is in friendly cooperation with the Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work may have one messenger. One additional mes-

On Matters of Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Children Shouldn't Be Key To Preserving Ties

If a couple is staying together "for the children's sake," they should separate for the children's sake, findings of a five-year study conducted by Dr. Werner Hammerschmitt, prof. of applied psychology at Univ. of Munich, indicate.

Children may hold an unhappy marriage together, but the parents' quarreling tears the children apart, Dr. Hammerschmitt and his colleagues found. Fully 75% of the offspring of 150 couples who were continuing their marriages only for the children's sake were suffering "serious psychological damage," the study showed. Each couple had two or more children.

"These children are growing up with warped personalities because of the extreme tension under which they live," the psychologist told a congress of marriage counselors. "It would be far better for the children if their parents had made the honest decision and obtained a divorce."

Youngsters from the homes studied showed behavior patterns very different from those of children whose parents were normally happy with each other. They were often deeply depressed and fearful, extremely sensitive and given to erratic outbursts of aggression.

● **PEACE CORPS**—The Peace Corps maintains 13,800 volunteers in 59 countries abroad and expects this year to raise the number of trainees from 7500 to 8500. The proportion of men to women is approximately two to one, and about one fifth of the overseas volunteers are married couples.

senger is allowed for every 250 members and for each \$250.00 paid to the work of the Convention during the past year preceding the annual meeting. No church may appoint more than 10 messengers. Messengers shall be appointed and certified to the Convention. Each messenger must be a member of the church from which he is appointed.

We urge every church to get messenger cards from Program Services office here at state office building, 1812 Belmont Blvd. Those who do not have their registration card must go before the credentials committee and this takes time. The record registration was 16,000. Registration is a colossal task. **BRING THE REGISTRATION CARD. PLEASE! !**

Historically From the files

50 YEARS AGO

First Baptist church, Oxford, Miss., called Roland Q. Leavell, native of Oxford, as pastor.

First Baptist church, Dallas, Tex., was packed on a recent Tuesday night as the pastor, Dr. George W. Truett, spoke to his people for the first time upon his return from Europe. While on tour men stood ten deep around their huts in France, in pouring rain, to hear Dr. Truett preach.

20 YEARS AGO

Reports from 1948 reveal that Vacation Bible schools were held in 1479 of the 2484 churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention, representing a percentage of 59.5. One thousand five, or 40.5 per cent of the churches in the 66 associations did not report having a school. There were 2757 conversions reported in 1113 schools—an average of 2.5 per school. Approximately 12,492 boys and girls who do not attend Sunday School were reached. The Cooperative Program received \$6100 from 1281 schools, and \$7098 was given to designated causes.

10 YEARS AGO

T. J. Tichenor observed his tenth anniversary as pastor of Seventh Street church, Memphis. During this period there have been 2538 additions to the church; 41 young men have surrendered to the ministry and 25 others have volunteered for missionary or other special service.

Over 2200 Tennessee Royal Ambassadors attended the Royal Ambassador Congress in Springfield, April 3-4. Newly-elected officers included Billy Highsmith, of Springfield, as Steward.

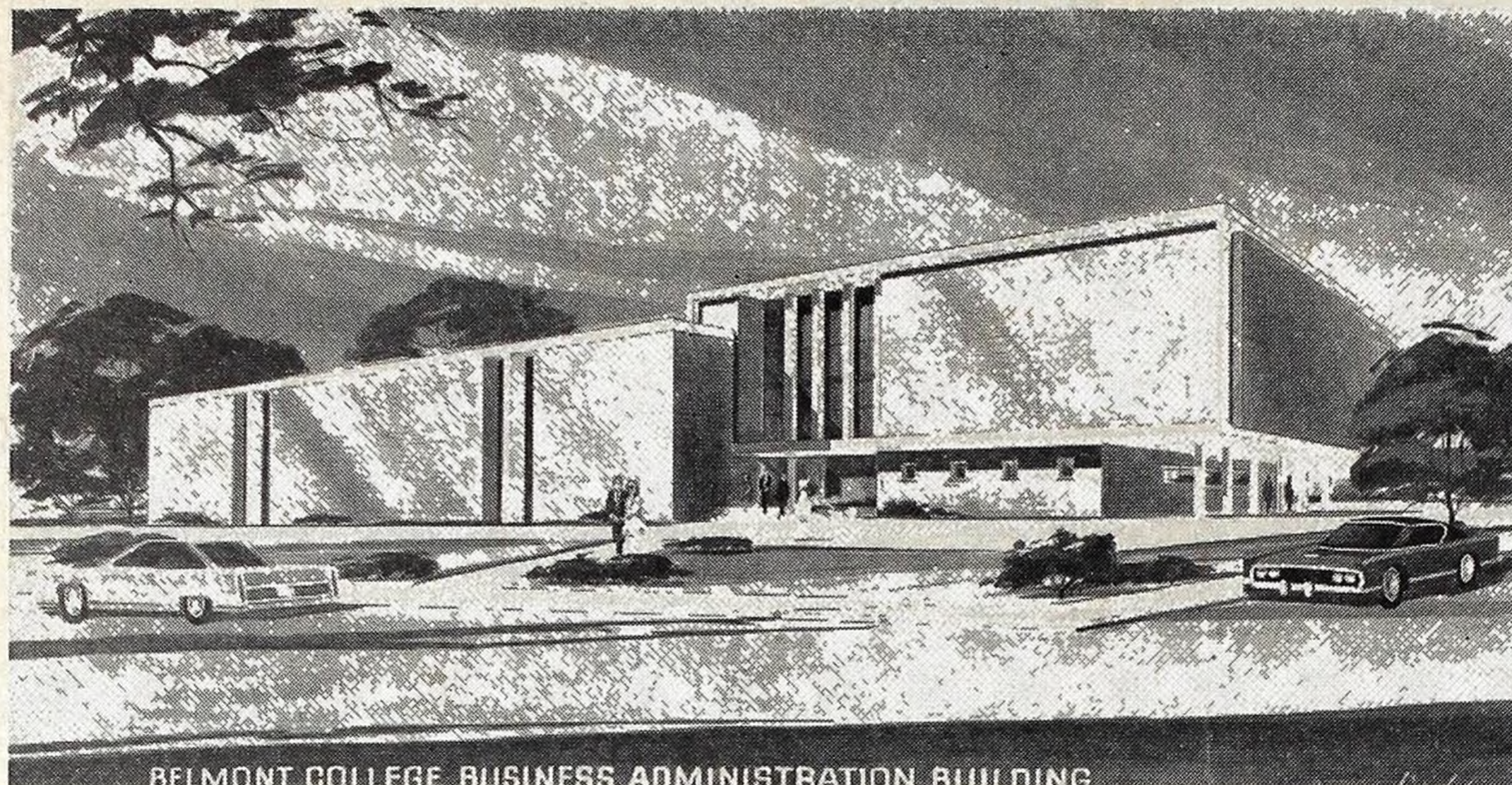
BAHNER CHOSEN AS A FELLOW

Dr. Carl Bahner, Director of Research at Carson-Newman college, has been chosen as a Fellow by the American Institute of Chemists.

An internationally known scientist, Dr. Bahner was chosen for the honor because of his expertise as a chemist.

A native of Conway, Arkansas, Dr. Bahner came to Carson-Newman in 1937 to head up the college's Chemistry Department. He was made Director of Research in 1967.

Belmont to Construct Business Administration Building



The new business administration building for Belmont college, Nashville, is to be constructed on a lot directly across from the campus. It is expected to cost \$1,000,000 including equipment. This will be the fifth new building added to the campus since 1962.

President Herbert C. Gabhart said that the new business administration building, which will be a fire resistant structure and built of handmade brick to match other campus buildings, will consist of two five-tiered pit classrooms seating 125 each, 12

classrooms with a capacity of 50 each, a computer center, offices, lounges, and snack area, and will have a distinctively different decor.

The building will serve not only the college and its program, but also the business community. It will be available for the scheduling of classes in management, selling, real estate, and other related subjects. Review courses for those planning to take CPA and CLU examinations, will be offered as needed. Seminars for executives and sales schools will also be scheduled.

Of the 1000 students enrolled in Belmont, 246 are majors in some area of business, and for the last five years the largest number of majors has been in the field of business administration.

The Jack C. Massey family offered to give \$1,200,000 to Belmont on a matching basis. Additional gifts of \$25,000 and two gifts of \$50,000 each from Belmont friends have been announced by Dr. Gabhart.

In response to the Massey offer, and after approval of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the trustees launched a three-year T.N.T. (Today not Tomorrow) campaign for 1.5 million dollars, under the direction of Dr. Gabhart. The intensive part of the campaign began March 1 and will end Oct. 31.

Of the 1.5 million dollars expected to be raised, \$500,000 is needed to match the Massey gift of \$500,000 already made available for the beginning of the construction of the new building. \$500,000 is to be used to upgrade Belmont's total academic offering for a well-balanced curriculum. This will match the \$500,000 promised by Massey at the rate of \$50,000 per year for 10 years toward securing and stabilizing a competent faculty.

Belmont will raise another \$500,000 for the acquisition of property adjacent to the campus and development of property and facilities already acquired.

SBC Sunday School Board Files to Stop Tax Assessment

SANTA FE, N.M.—The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has filed a complaint against the tax assessor, the Board of Commissions and the treasurer of Santa Fe County, following the placement of Glorieta Baptist Assembly on the county assessment list at a value of ten million dollars.

The complaint, filed in the district court in Santa Fe County, calls for a judgment acknowledging that the assembly property and all its buildings are Southern Baptist church property used for religious, charitable and educational purposes and thus exempt from taxation under the New Mexico Constitution.

The board is also asking for an injunction against the collection of any tax on the Glorieta property or the listing of the property on the Santa Fe County tax rolls pending the final outcome of the litigation.

Further, a permanent injunction is requested restraining the County from assessing the property or collecting or

attempting to collect any real property tax as long as the property is owned and possessed by the Sunday School Board, and continues to be used for religious, charitable and educational purposes.

The board's complaint states that the "valuation of ten million dollars was done without any appraisal and is completely arbitrary and void as a matter of law."

The assessment is termed "discriminatory because similar educational and religious institutionally owned and used property within the state of New Mexico and within the County of Santa Fe is not subject to taxation and said taxation and assessment for taxation is contrary not only to laws, Constitution of the State of New Mexico, but also the Constitution of the United States.

In commenting on the suit, James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board, stated:

"We regret the necessity for this action, but have no alternative in view of our charter purposes and the laws as we under-

stand them. In all of our operations throughout this country, we pay full taxes, without protest, on every piece of property that is nonrelated to our specific religious responsibilities."

"But we feel that the law clearly calls for exemption of that property which we use for religious, charitable and educational purposes. Attempts to tax such properties move us dangerously close to violation of sound principles of church-state separation."

As nearly as can be determined by Baptist Press, this is the largest valuation ever placed on Southern Baptist properties which are used specifically for religious, charitable and educational purposes. A valuation was placed on such Sunday School Board properties in Nashville in 1960.

This valuation, according to Sullivan, was more than the actual cost of the properties involved. This taxation attempt on property used for religious purposes was challenged by the board and finally taken to the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee.

The ruling favored the Sunday School Board, in that only the employee parking lots and employee cafeteria were ruled subject to property taxes in addition to those already being paid by the board. (BP)